

Facial Eczema Risk Bulletin

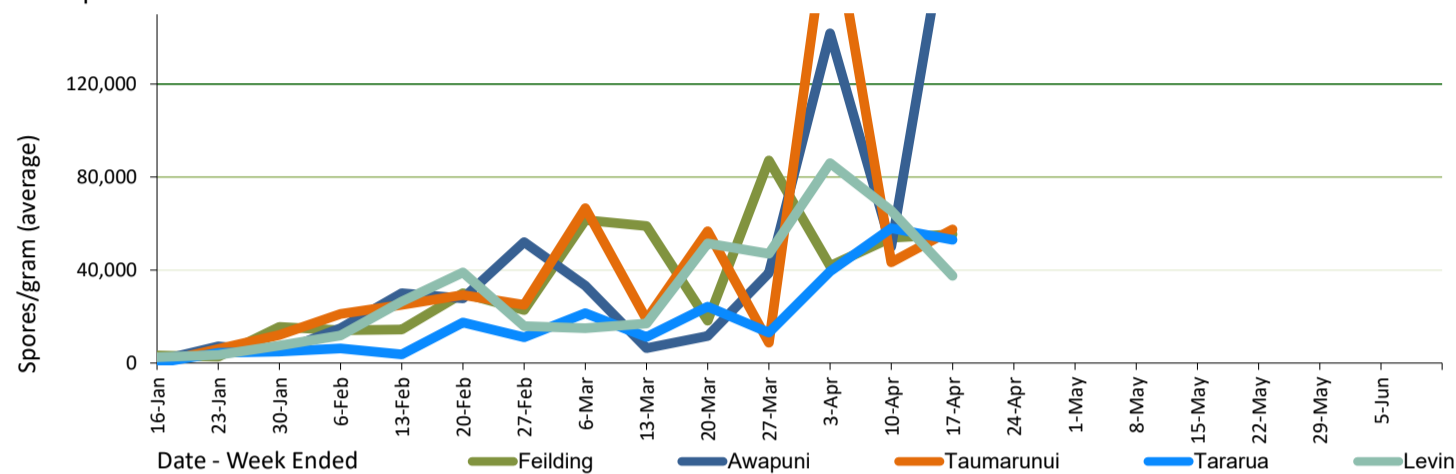
For week ended 17 April 2026



	Feilding	Awapuni	Tararua	Taumarunui	Levin
No. of sites monitored:	14	1	5	4	10
Average Spore Count:	55,000	205,000	55,000	60,000	40,000
Highest Spore Count:	215,000	205,000	95,000	150,000	100,000
Lowest Spore Count:	0		0	5,000	0
Facial Eczema Risk Rating:	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH
	(BASED ON AVERAGE SPORE COUNT)				

The average for all areas remain HIGH again this week. Weather conditions and paddock aspect dictate spore production and warm overnight temperatures are keeping spore production going on a lot of farms. Clinical cases have been seen in both cattle and sheep, so animals with inadequate zinc levels are at risk of developing clinical signs and may have already been experiencing subclinical production losses.

FE Spore Count Trend 2026



Facial Eczema Monitor Sites 2026		One-off spore counts are not included here																				
Wk ended	16-Jan	23-Jan	30-Jan	6-Feb	13-Feb	20-Feb	27-Feb	6-Mar	13-Mar	20-Mar	27-Mar	3-Apr	10-Apr	17-Apr	24-Apr	1-May	8-May	15-May	22-May	29-May	5-Jun	
FEILDING	Apiti			5,000	5,000	5,000	10,000	5,000	15,000	15,000	0	5,000		10,000	0							
	Halcombe	5,000	0	5,000		5,000	65,000	10,000	30,000	0	40,000	15,000		75,000								
	Makino	0	0	5,000	0	5,000	0	5,000	0	0	20,000	0	5,000	0	30,000							
	Cheltenham Run-off	5,000		0	0	0	10,000	20,000			20,000	15,000	10,000	25,000								
	Ohakea	0		20,000	0		10,000		85,000	0	10,000		210,000		170,000							
	Pohangina Taonui Rd		0	0	0	5,000	10,000	5,000	60,000	55,000	10,000	5,000			25,000							
	Pohangina Awahou		5,000	0	0	5,000	30,000	15,000	30,000	55,000	70,000	60,000	20,000	75,000	40,000							
	Colyton		0	10,000	0	0	0	5,000	0	50,000	15,000	5,000	20,000	30,000	20,000							
	Rongotea		5,000		0	5,000	0		60,000	30,000	40,000	155,000		160,000	100,000							
	Bulls Irrigated			10,000	10,000	0	5,000	50,000	5,000	30,000	0		0	0	0							
	Bulls Non Irrigated			35,000	85,000	105,000	30,000	150,000	50,000	10,000	10,000		40,000	50,000	10,000							
	Bunnythorpe/Kelvin Gr			0	0	0	5,000	0	5,000	5,000		140,000	10,000	40,000	65,000							
	Lockwood Road	0	15,000	0	0	0	60,000	20,000	25,000	60,000	25,000	40,000		70,000								
	Reids Ln West Irrigated		0	0	10,000	0	10,000	0	5,000	0	0	0		5,000	5,000							
	Reids Ln West Non Irrigated		0	0	0	0	5,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	15,000	45,000		55,000	45,000							
	Awahuri			20,000	130,000	20,000	160,000	65,000	605,000	730,000		700,000		160,000								
AWAPUNI	Puke Puke	0	0		0	0	20,000	5,000	5,000	0	0	10,000	5,000	20,000								
	Kair Nth	0	0	0	0	0	0					10,000	5,000									
	Kair Sth	0										5,000	200,000									
	Longburn	0		0	5,000	0	30,000	85,000	10,000	10,000		65,000	70,000									
	Linton/Tokomaru	0	10,000	0	45,000	15,000	10,000	45,000	70,000	15,000	10,000	50,000	45,000	70,000								
	Opiki	0	0	10,000	35,000	10,000	90,000	35,000	50,000	5,000	0	30,000	445,000	45,000								
	Okuku Sth	10,000	5,000	15,000	5,000	180,000	30,000	90,000	20,000	15,000	40,000	135,000	165,000	95,000	205,000							
	TARARUA	Eketahuna	0		0	20,000		5,000					35,000									
Alfredton			5,000	5,000		0	15,000	10,000		50,000	35,000	40,000	115,000	175,000								
Kaitawa			0	0	0	0	25,000	0	0	5,000	0	0	35,000	25,000	70,000							
Hamua		5,000	10,000	10,000	0	0	10,000	10,000	0	0	5,000	0	10,000	20,000								
Ballance		0	10,000	0	5,000	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0								
Woodville		0	0	0	10,000	0	10,000	10,000	20,000	5,000	10,000	0	20,000	0								
Ruawhata		5,000	5,000	10,000	5,000	0	70,000	45,000	90,000	10,000	110,000	25,000	75,000	40,000	95,000							
Kohinui			5,000	5,000	10,000	30,000	5,000	15,000	25,000	10,000	0	5,000	5,000	50,000								
Kumeroa		5,000	0	15,000	0	0	5,000	5,000	15,000	10,000	10,000	35,000	60,000	80,000								
TAUMARUNUI	Ngapuke		0	10,000	10,000	20,000	60,000	50,000	190,000		80,000	5,000	550,000	40,000	150,000							
	Ohura/Matiere			45,000	45,000	65,000	110,000	70,000	125,000			30,000										
	Owhango			0	25,000	15,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	25,000	0	5,000							
	Town - West			10,000	15,000	50,000	5,000	10,000	15,000	25,000	20,000											
	Town - East			10,000	15,000	5,000	5,000	0	70,000	40,000	25,000				10,000							
	Manunui	0			55,000																	
	Ongarue	0		5,000	10,000	10,000	5,000	5,000	0	10,000	5,000	0	20,000	90,000	65,000							
Kirikau		0	5,000	5,000	10,000	20,000	40,000					210,000										
LEVIN	Shannon	0	0	0	0	5,000	20,000	0	15,000	0	30,000	10,000	50,000	0	25,000							
	Ihakara	0	5,000	15,000	5,000	10,000	30,000	10,000	15,000	35,000	100,000	100,000	310,000	145,000	45,000							
	Foxton	0	10,000	10,000	5,000	30,000	20,000	20,000	10,000	20,000	45,000	15,000	90,000	180,000	100,000							
	Moutoa	0	0	5,000	10,000	5,000	15,000	20,000	10,000	30,000	30,000	20,000	30,000	155,000	55,000							
	Waitarere	5,000	0	5,000	75,000	105,000	140,000	20,000	35,000	30,000	95,000	125,000	150,000	45,000	90,000							
	Levin	0	0	0	0	15,000	5,000	25,000	20,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	35,000	5,000	0							
	Ohau	15,000	20,000	20,000	10,000	25,000	30,000	0	20,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	45,000	25,000	10,000							
	Manakau	5,000	0	10,000	10,000	70,000	50,000	35,000	20,000	20,000	100,000	65,000	60,000	45,000	45,000							
	Otaki	0	0	5,000	0	0	55,000	0	0	0	50,000	35,000	45,000	10,000	0							
	Te Horo	0	0	5,000	15,000	0	25,000	15,000	5,000	10,000	40,000	75,000	45,000	45,000	5,000							

Spore counts can vary greatly between properties and even between paddocks. We encourage farmers to bring in grass samples to get a more accurate idea of the facial eczema risk on their own property. Contact your local Totally Vets, Tararua Veterinary Services or Levin & Horowhenua Veterinary Centre branch if you would like more information on bringing in your own samples for testing.

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