

# Facial Eczema Risk Bulletin

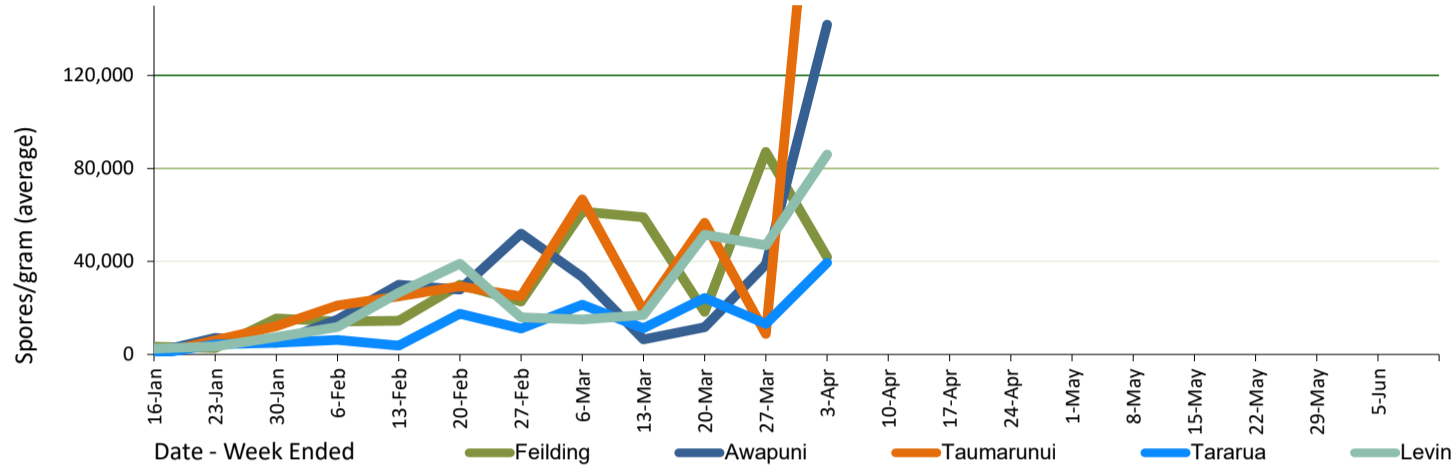
For week ended 2 April 2026



	Feilding	Awapuni	Tararua	Taumarunui	Levin
No. of sites monitored:	11	8	9	2	10
Average Spore Count:	40,000	40,000	40,000	285,000	85,000
Highest Spore Count:	210,000	445,000	115,000	550,000	310,000
Lowest Spore Count:	0	5,000	0	20,000	30,000
Facial Eczema Risk Rating:	<b>HIGH</b>	<b>HIGH</b>	<b>HIGH</b>	<b>HIGH</b>	<b>HIGH</b>
		(BASED ON AVERAGE SPORE COUNT)			

Although the temperature has started to cool down overnight, the soil temperature and environmental conditions in some areas has been ideal for spore development. Some new hot spots have popped up and are detailed in the table below. Now is not the time to be complacent. Animals with clinical signs are being seen by our vets. Though there is no cure for the condition there are some products available to help ease symptoms. Call us if you are seeing symptoms and refer to the links in our website for more information on what to watch out for.

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											
	Halcombe	5,000	0	5,000		5,000	65,000	10,000	30,000	0	40,000	15,000											
	Makino	0	0	5,000	0	5,000	0	5,000	0	0	20,000	0	5,000										
	Cheltenham Run-off	5,000		0	0	0	10,000	20,000			20,000	15,000	10,000										
	Ohakea	0		20,000	0		10,000		85,000	0	10,000		210,000										
	Pohangina Taonui Rd		0	0	0	5,000	10,000	5,000	60,000	55,000	10,000	5,000											
	Pohangina Awahou		5,000	0	0	5,000	30,000	15,000	30,000	55,000	70,000	60,000	20,000										
	Colyton		0	10,000	0	0	0	5,000	0	50,000	15,000	5,000	20,000										
	Rongotea		5,000		0	5,000	0		60,000	30,000	40,000	155,000											
	Bulls Irrigated			10,000	10,000	0	5,000	50,000	5,000	30,000	0		0										
	Bulls Non Irrigated			35,000	85,000	105,000	30,000	150,000	50,000	10,000	10,000			40,000									
	Bunnythorpe/Kelvin Gr			0	0	0	5,000	0	5,000	5,000			140,000	10,000									
	Lockwood Road		0	15,000	0	0	0	60,000	20,000	25,000	60,000	25,000	40,000										
	Reids Ln West Irrigated			0	0	10,000	0	10,000	0	5,000	0	0	0										
	Reids Ln West Non Irrigated			0	0	0	0	5,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	15,000	45,000										
	Awahuri			20,000	130,000	20,000	160,000	65,000	605,000	730,000		700,000											
AWAPUNI	Puke Puke	0	0		0	0	20,000	5,000	5,000	0	0	10,000	5,000										
	Kair Nth	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	10,000	5,000											
	Kair Sth	0								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										
	Opiki	0	0	10,000	35,000	10,000	90,000	35,000	50,000	5,000	0	30,000	445,000										
	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										
	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										
Kaitawa			0	0	0	0	25,000	0	0	5,000	0	0	35,000										
Hamua		5,000	10,000	10,000	0	0	10,000	10,000	0	0	5,000	0	10,000										
Ballance		0	10,000	0	5,000	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										
Ruawhata		5,000	5,000	10,000	5,000	0	70,000	45,000	90,000	10,000	110,000	25,000	75,000										
Kohinui			5,000	5,000	10,000	30,000	5,000	15,000	25,000	10,000	0	5,000	5,000										
Kumeroa		5,000	0	15,000	0	0	5,000	5,000	15,000	10,000	10,000	35,000	60,000										
TAUMARUNUI	Ngapuke		0	10,000	10,000	20,000	60,000	50,000	190,000		80,000	5,000	550,000										
	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											
	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												
	Manunui			0	55,000																		
	Ongarue		0	5,000	10,000	10,000	5,000	5,000	0	10,000	5,000	0	20,000										
	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										
	Ihakara	0	5,000	15,000	5,000	10,000	30,000	10,000	15,000	35,000	100,000	100,000	310,000										
	Foxton	0	10,000	10,000	5,000	30,000	20,000	20,000	10,000	20,000	45,000	15,000	90,000										
	Moutoa	0	0	5,000	10,000	5,000	15,000	20,000	10,000	30,000	30,000	20,000	30,000										
	Waitarere	5,000	0	5,000	75,000	105,000	140,000	20,000	35,000	30,000	95,000	125,000	150,000										
	Levin	0	0	0	0	15,000	5,000	25,000	20,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	35,000										
	Ohau	15,000	20,000	20,000	10,000	25,000	30,000	0	20,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	45,000										
	Manakau	5,000	0	10,000	10,000	70,000	50,000	35,000	20,000	20,000	100,000	65,000	60,000										
	Otaki	0	0	5,000	0	0	55,000	0	0	0	50,000	35,000	45,000										
	Te Horo	0	0	5,000	15,000	0	25,000	15,000	5,000	10,000	40,000	75,000	45,000										

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.

# FACIAL ECZEMA MONITOR SITES BY BRANCH

