

Facial Eczema Risk Bulletin

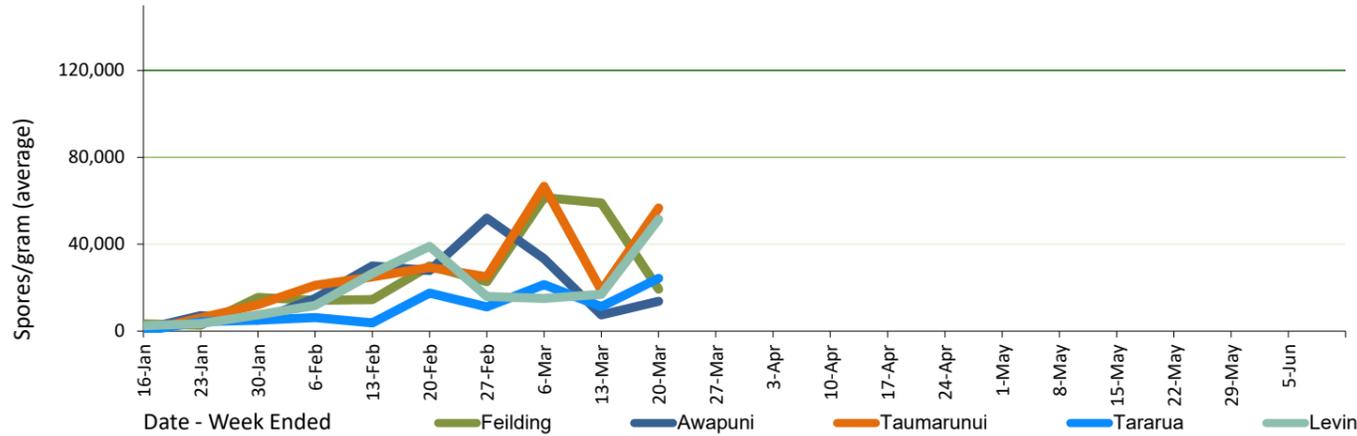
For week ended 20 March 2026



	Feilding	Awapuni	Tararua	Taumarunui	Levin
No. of sites monitored:	14	4	7	6	10
Average Spore Count:	20,000	15,000	25,000	55,000	50,000
Highest Spore Count:	70,000	40,000	110,000	210,000	100,000
Lowest Spore Count:	0	0	0	0	10,000
Facial Eczema Risk Rating:	MED-HIGH	LOW	MED-HIGH	HIGH	HIGH
	(BASED ON AVERAGE SPORE COUNT)				

We have seen a sudden spike in spore counts at multiple sites this week, across both the north and south areas. There have been increases at the drier sites too. Recent warm weather will be driving spore counts upwards. All stock should be receiving some form of zinc supplementation, and some may be coming up due for their second bolus. If you have used zinc boluses in your stock, it would pay to double check the calendar and see when they had their first bolus, so that they don't end up with a lapse in protection with zinc.

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												
	Halcombe	5,000	0	5,000		5,000	65,000	10,000	30,000	0	40,000												
	Makino	0	0	5,000	0	5,000	0	5,000	0	0	0												
	Cheltenham Run-off	5,000		0	0	0	10,000	20,000															
	Ohakea	0		20,000	0		10,000		85,000	0	10,000												
	Pohangina Taonui Rd		0	0	0	5,000	10,000	5,000	60,000	55,000	10,000												
	Pohangina Awahou		5,000	0	0	5,000	30,000	15,000	30,000	55,000	70,000												
	Colyton		0	10,000	0	0	0	5,000	0	50,000	15,000												
	Rongotea		5,000		0	5,000	0		60,000	30,000	40,000												
	Bulls Irrigated			10,000	10,000	0	5,000	50,000	5,000	30,000	0												
	Bulls Non Irrigated			35,000	85,000	105,000	30,000	150,000	50,000	10,000	10,000												
	Bunnythorpe/Kelvin Gr			0	0	0	5,000	0	5,000	5,000													
	Lockwood Road	0	15,000	0	0	0	60,000	20,000	25,000	60,000	25,000												
	Reids Ln West Irrigated		0	0	10,000	0	10,000	0	5,000	0													
	Reids Ln West Non Irrigated		0	0	0	0	5,000	10,000	10,000	10,000													
	Awahuri			20,000	130,000	20,000	160,000	65,000	605,000	730,000													
AWAPUNI	Puke Puke	0	0	0	0	0	20,000	5,000	5,000														
	Kair Nth	0	0	0	0	0	0			0													
	Kair Sth	0								0													
	Longburn	0		0	5,000	0	30,000	85,000	10,000	10,000													
	Linton/Tokomaru	0	10,000	0	45,000	15,000	10,000	45,000	70,000	15,000	10,000												
	Opiki	0	0	10,000	35,000	10,000	90,000	35,000	50,000	5,000	0												
	Okuku Sth	10,000	5,000	15,000	5,000	180,000	30,000	90,000	20,000	15,000	40,000												
	TARARUA	Eketahuna	0		0	20,000			5,000														
Alfredton			5,000	5,000		0	15,000	10,000		50,000	35,000												
Kaitawa			0	0	0	0	25,000	0	0	5,000	0												
Hamua		5,000	10,000	10,000	0	0	10,000	10,000	0	0	5,000												
Ballance		0	10,000	0	5,000	0	0	0	0	0													
Woodville		0	0	0	10,000	0	10,000	10,000	20,000	5,000	10,000												
Ruawhata		5,000	5,000	10,000	5,000	0	70,000	45,000	90,000	10,000	110,000												
Kohinui			5,000	5,000	10,000	30,000	5,000	15,000	25,000	10,000	0												
Kumeroa		5,000	0	15,000	0	0	5,000	5,000	15,000	10,000	10,000												
TAUMARUNUI	Ngapuke		0	10,000	10,000	20,000	60,000	50,000	190,000	80,000													
	Ohura/Matiere			45,000	45,000	65,000	110,000	70,000	125,000														
	Owhango			0	25,000	15,000	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												
	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												
	Ihakara	0	5,000	15,000	5,000	10,000	30,000	10,000	15,000	35,000	100,000												
	Foxton	0	10,000	10,000	5,000	30,000	20,000	20,000	10,000	20,000	45,000												
	Moutoa	0	0	5,000	10,000	5,000	15,000	20,000	10,000	30,000	30,000												
	Waitarere	5,000	0	5,000	75,000	105,000	140,000	20,000	35,000	30,000	95,000												
	Levin	0	0	0	0	15,000	5,000	25,000	20,000	10,000	10,000												
	Ohau	15,000	20,000	20,000	10,000	25,000	30,000	0	20,000	15,000	15,000												
	Manakau	5,000	0	10,000	10,000	70,000	50,000	35,000	20,000	20,000	100,000												
	Otaki	0	0	5,000	0	0	55,000	0	0	0	50,000												
Te Horo	0	0	5,000	15,000	0	25,000	15,000	5,000	10,000	40,000													

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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