

Facial Eczema Risk Bulletin

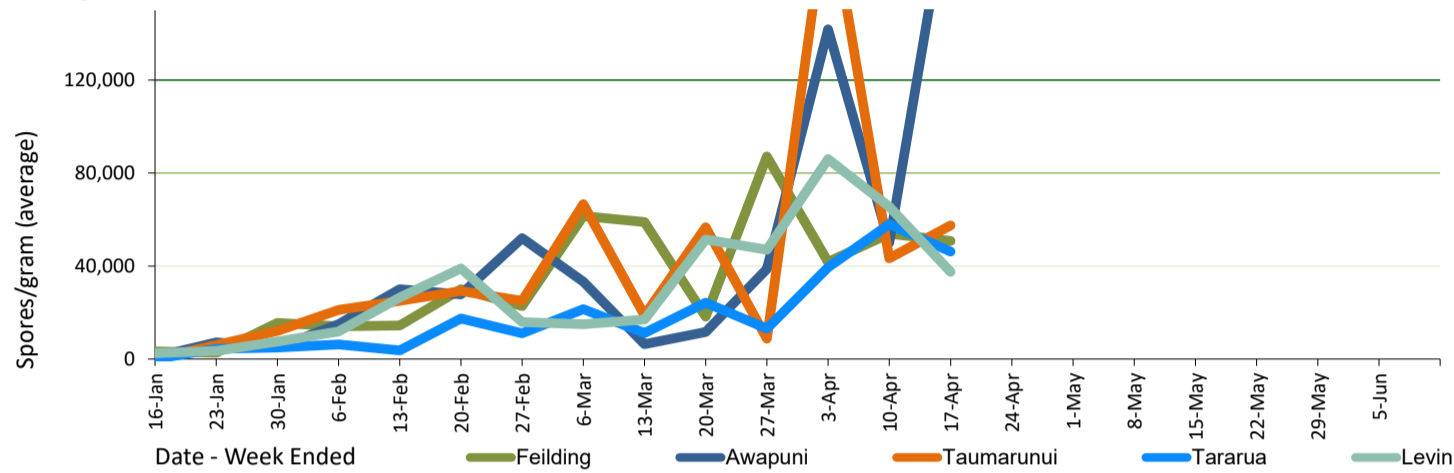
For week ended 17 April 2026



	Feilding	Awapuni	Tararua	Taumarunui	Levin
No. of sites monitored:	12	1	4	4	10
Average Spore Count:	50,000	205,000	45,000	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 spore count across the region has continued to trend further down from last week, however, many of the northern sites remain above the danger thresholds and sites like Waitarere have doubled since last week. Soil temperatures at the northern sites were 16.2°C on average, and the southern sites were 17.2°C on average; these temperatures combined with the rainfall experienced across the region in the last week may provide appropriate conditions for continued spore production. Multiple clinical cases have been seen in both cattle and sheep recently, so animals with inadequate zinc levels are at risk of developing clinical signs and may have already been experiencing subclinical production losses. If you started dosing with zinc early in the season, we can process blood samples for zinc testing to identify risk of zinc toxicity. Talk to us if you want to know more.

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								
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								
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						10,000	5,000								
Kair Sth												5,000	200,000								
Longburn			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	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								
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	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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