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Notification of *Nosema ceranae* detection

URGENT ADVICE - forward to all beekeepers

This is to advise all beekeepers, that the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF) has just confirmed the first ever detection of *Nosema ceranae* in New Zealand in hives on the Coromandel.

At this point in time there is limited information available, including how widespread it is and how long it may have been in New Zealand. It is also too early to speculate on any downstream impacts of this find.

MAF is continuing to take further samples and is establishing what work needs to be done to establish a clear picture of this issue, but Federated Farmers wanted to let you know as soon as possible about this issue.

We hope to have more information today about what MAF's intends to do in coming days and we will update you as soon as we know more. In the meantime, however, we ask that beekeepers with hives on the Coromandel - do not move them until we can provide more information.

If you have any hives on the Coromandel, you may be approached by MAF to provide samples, as they try to discover the extent of *Nosema ceranae*. Federated Farmers Bees would appreciate your cooperation if you are approached.

As noted above we will update you as soon as we know more from MAF.

For more information:

MAF exotic pest and disease hotline

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