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Update on *Nosema ceranae* investigation

Initial field visit has been completed

The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF) has advised that their initial field visit has been completed by its active surveillance field team in the Coromandel.

Both a MAF Biosecurity New Zealand Incursion Investigator and anASUREQuality apiculture officer visited the property where *Nosema ceranae* was found. They examined affected and unaffected apiary sites and made a clinical assessment of the situation. Samples were taken for *Nosema ceranae*, *Nosema apis*, Israeli Acute Paralysis Virus (to be processed later) and external mites.

Brood all appeared to be normal and back and forward risk was also explored.

The samples from this investigation are currently in the lab being processed and MAF does not expect results for *Nosema ceranae* until later this week.

Three survey sampling projects were requested from the ASUREQuality operations team on Friday, 24 September, covering a zone around the four known infected apiaries, extra-beekeeper tracing and contacts along with additional samples from the index beekeepers' most outlying sites.

As the results of these tests are needed to help define the problem, it is really important for these to be collected quickly and your help is much appreciated.

There will be a technical advisory group meeting next week and Federated Farmers will let you know when this is set up and who will be attending.

Full information on *Nosema ceranae* and the corresponding Nosema disease can be accessed [by clicking here](#).

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