

DAERA advice on foulbrood diseases of honey bees

- Beekeepers carrying out spring brood inspections are asked to remain vigilant for symptoms of American Foulbrood and European Foulbrood.
- Beekeepers are requested to submit suspicious brood samples to AFBI:

Bee Health
Agri-Food & Biosciences Institute
AFBI Headquarters
18a Newforge Lane
Belfast
BT9 5PX
Telephone: +44(0)7824556706
Email: bee.health@afbini.gov.uk

Further information on sampling is available on the AFBI website:

<https://www.afbini.gov.uk/publications/testing-honeybee-pests-and-diseases>

- If a sample is found to be positive, DAERA will contact the beekeeper with regard to actions required in their apiary.
- EFB LFD kits will be made available by DAERA to individual beekeepers and through local associations on request, when EFB is suspected. Due to a global supply chain shortage of a key component, it is expected that AFB kits will not be available this season.
- DAERA can be contacted in relation to bee health queries at:

Telephone: 028 9052 4168
Email: beehealth@daera-ni.gov.uk



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