



# Varroa mite

EMERGENCY RESPONSE



## Factsheet

### Reimbursement for registered commercial beekeepers in the surveillance (purple) zone

NSW Department of Primary Industries (NSW DPI) is continuing efforts to contain and eradicate Varroa mite. If you are a registered commercial beekeeper in the surveillance zone there are two voluntary options for financial reimbursement:

- Euthanise and wrap your own hives and receive reimbursement per euthanised hive
- Or
- Receive a reimbursement for forgone honey for each hive.

An Authorised Officer will arrive on site and work closely with you, recording details of the hives, taking photos and completing the relevant paperwork. This may have already occurred.

Reimbursement will be managed by the NSW Rural Assistance Authority (RAA). The Authorised Officer on site will provide a link to the RAA application form to apply for reimbursement.

You must be a registered commercial beekeeper with DPI NSW, have an Australian Business Number (ABN) and be a trading entity with tax returns to be eligible for reimbursement.

#### Reimbursement for registered recreational beekeepers

There is no reimbursement available for registered recreational beekeepers in the surveillance (purple) zone. These beekeepers are able to work their hives and can apply for a movement permit if needed.

#### Euthanasia of bees

Honey may be harvested from the hives before euthanasia.

Euthanasia is ideally performed in the evening when bees have returned to their hive. Hives are to be euthanised by beekeepers under the instruction of Authorised Officers. Hives will then be wrapped in plastic for 21 days until they can be cleaned to ensure they are not robbed by wild European honey bees.

#### Euthanised reimbursement within the purple zone

Item	Single item value
Nucleus Colony (inc 5 frames)	\$290.00
Additional frames up to maximum of 8 per hive	\$7.85
Additional frames up to maximum of 10 per hive	\$7.85

#### Forgone honey reimbursement within the purple zone

Item	Single item value	
Honey foregone	Honey foregone per hive	\$117.00

#### More information

For more information on the Varroa mite response and this reimbursement program, visit

[www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/varroa](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/varroa)