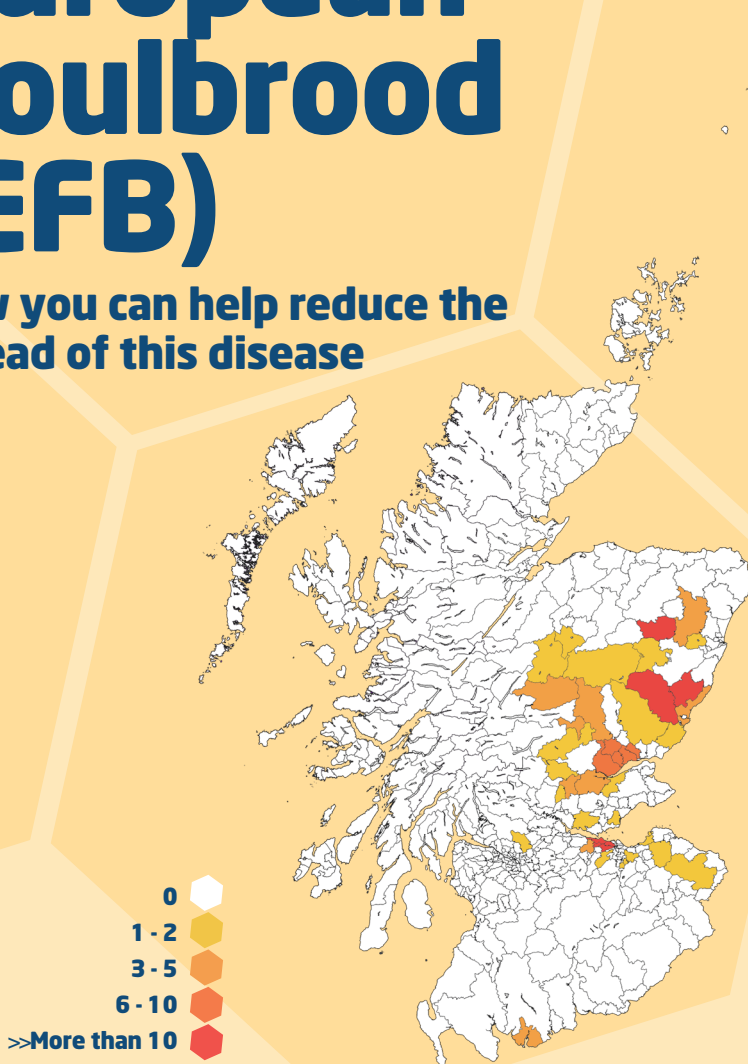


European Foulbrood (EFB)

Confirmed cases of EFB in Scotland from 2021 to 2023

How you can help reduce the spread of this disease



EFB is a notifiable disease of honey bees under The Bee Diseases and Pests Control (Scotland) Order 2007 (as amended). Beekeepers in Scotland have a legal requirement to report any suspicion of a notifiable disease or pest to the Scottish Government Honey Bee Health Team.

EFB is extremely detrimental to the health of the colony and can be highly infectious to neighbouring apiaries. You can reduce the spread of this disease and help ensure a healthy population of honey bees through the following actions:

- Register and keep the locations of your apiaries up to date on BeeBase so you can be alerted if there is a disease outbreak in your area
- Ensure you know how to recognise the symptoms of EFB and conduct two disease inspections per year, in spring and late summer. Apiaries in higher risk locations should be inspected more regularly
- Maintain strict biosecurity measures and hygiene procedures to reduce the risk of infection. Old and second-hand equipment should be thoroughly cleansed and sterilised before use.

For more information on
hive cleaning and sterilisation scan here



- Isolate swarms of unknown origin in a quarantine apiary for a minimum of six weeks and inspect for signs of disease before they are brought into contact with other colonies
- Source colonies, nucs and packages of bees responsibly asking the seller about its history before purchasing
- Report any suspicion of disease to the Honey Bee Health Team by emailing Bees_mailbox@gov.scot

For further information, please visit BeeBase at
www.nationalbeeunit.com - or scan here

