



Re: Sentinel Apiary Programme 2021

21/04/2021

Dear Beekeepers,

The Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) in consultation with the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, Northern Ireland initiated a Small Hive Beetle (*Aethina tumida*), Tropilaelaps Mite and Asian Hornet Sentinel Apiary Monitoring Programme on an all-island basis in 2015. The programme followed a similar format in the Republic of Ireland as well as Northern Ireland. In both jurisdictions the programmes rely heavily on volunteer beekeeper cooperation.

I am now writing to you seeking a list of contact details for 22 experienced beekeepers, based in the Republic of Ireland, who would be willing to volunteer to use two of their hives as monitoring hives. Each volunteer will be provided with a kit to facilitate their monitoring. The kits will include training materials, Small Hive Beetle traps, Asian Hornet traps, sampling equipment and pre-paid envelopes for sample submission. The volunteers will be requested to maintain a simple Sentinel Apiary Log to record their activities and to submit samples to the Department as part of the monitoring programme. Please see the attached information guide for volunteers.

Those who volunteer to participate for the current beekeeping season will be able to opt out at the end of the season if they wish however DAFM's aspiration is that those involved would also be willing to continue to monitor their hives as part of the programme over future years.

New for 2021:

- After each sample submission a sample report will be sent to the submitting beekeeper.
- For beekeepers convenience and to enhance the programme samples will be also checked for Varroa.
- At the end of the 2021 programme a report on the results of the programme will be published on the DAFM website.
(Overall results only, volunteer beekeeper details will not be published, General Data Protection Regulation information can be found at the end of this document).

The samples will be analysed by Dr Mary Coffey and the Bee Health laboratory team at DAFM's Plant Health Laboratories, Backweston Laboratory Campus, Celbridge, Co Kildare.

Having consideration for pest risk as well as the need for a random element to provide geographical spread DAFM is seeking volunteers maintaining hives as set out overleaf.



Locations:

Region where Volunteer's Hives are Located	Number of Volunteers Sought	Comments
		In addition to considering geographical spread within Counties geographical apiary spread between adjoining counties should also be considered.
North Dublin – City or County	3	If possible including some close to Dublin Port / Airport / Swords area
Co. Wexford	3	If possible one close to Rosslare, one in North Wexford and the other geographically dispersed from these
Co. Waterford	3	If possible including some close to Waterford Airport and Belview Port
South Kilkenny	1	
Co. Tipperary	2	If possible geographically dispersed
Cork – City and County	3	If possible including some close to Cork Airport / Ports , south side of Cork City with the balance geographically dispersed throughout the county
Co. Kerry	1	If possible close to Tralee
Co. Limerick / Co. Clare	1	If possible close to Foynes / Shannon Airport
Co. Galway / Co. Mayo	1	
Co. Sligo	1	If possible close to Sligo
Co. Roscommon / Co. Longford / Co. Westmeath / Co. Offaly / Co. Laois / Co. Kildare	1	
Co. Meath	1	If possible close to Slane / Kells
Co. Louth	1	If possible close to Greenore

If desired a Beekeeper's Association Apiary or a Workplace Apiary may be used as a Sentinel Apiary, however one person will have to be nominated to act as contact point and take responsibility for the hives involved in the monitoring programme.

DAFM would appreciate a list of volunteer's names, postal (and if possible email) addresses, phone numbers and proposed apiary locations **by Friday May 7th** to beekeeping@agriculture.gov.ie.

If you have any queries or require any clarification please do not hesitate to contact me at beekeeping@agriculture.gov.ie. I wish to thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Yours sincerely,
Declan Harty
Agricultural Inspector

Horticulture and Plant Health Division, Beekeeping and Honey Section,
Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine,
Backweston Administration Building, Stacumny Lane, Celbridge, Co. Kildare, W23 X3PH.



Data Protection

a) Requirement for submission of personal data

The personal data sought from the data subject (volunteer) is required to operate the Sentinel Apiary Programme and to correspond with the volunteer.

b) Use of data held by the Department

This data has been provided by the data subject and the use of this data is to avoid the requirement for the data subject to re-submit this data and also in the interest of administrative efficiency to facilitate the Sentinel Apiary Programme.

Such data may include: Name, Address, Email Address, Phone number

c) Use of data received from external source

The Department may use data received from an external source (beekeeping association) in relation to the volunteer in order to operate the Sentinel Apiary Programme.

d) Period of Data Storage

The data submitted for the Sentinel Apiary Programme will be retained by the Department for a period of seven years from the closing date from receipt of volunteers. This period has been set by the Department based on business needs. When the period has expired the data will be destroyed/archived in line with the guidance from the National Archives Office.

e) Right of access, rectification, erasure, restriction, objection to processing, portability.

The data subject has the right to request from the Department access to and rectification or erasure of personal data, or restriction of processing concerning the data subject or to object to processing as well as the right to data portability. However, where the data subject requests the Department to rectify or erase personal data required for processing an application or restricts the processing concerning the data subject required for processing an application, the application cannot be processed. The Department is also required to retain data where this data is required for the purposes of Audits authorised by the Department or the European Commission.

f) Further Processing of Personal Data

The Department may wish to use personal data provided by the data subject for a purpose other than the processing of the Sentinel Apiary Programme. Data may be used for statistical, research or analysis purposes. By submitting to be included as a volunteer the data subject is deemed to consent to their personal data being used for statistical, research or analysis purposes. If necessary the consent of the data subject will be sought in advance of any further processing of personal data.

g) Withdrawal of consent

Where the data subject has given consent to use personal data for a purpose other than Sentinel Apiary Programme (e.g. for statistical, research or analysis purposes) that consent can be withdrawn by notifying the Department using the contact details set out under Condition 1.9.

h) Right of Complaint to the Data Protection Commissioner

The data subject has the right to lodge a complaint to:

Data Protection Commissioner

Canal House

Station Road

Portarlinton

Co Laois

R32 AP23

Tel: 0761 104800

e-mail: info@dataprotection.ie