



New York State Beekeeper Tech Team
American Foulbrood Verification and Reporting Policy

The NYS Beekeeper Tech Team policy for American foulbrood (AFB) verification and reporting is as follows:

1. Field technicians who perform colony inspections for the NYS Beekeeper Tech Team will perform a visual check for AFB as part of the standard colony inspection.
2. Any colony with symptoms of AFB will be tested in the field using a Vita Test Kit.
3. If the test kit results are positive, the field technician will immediately inform the beekeeper if s/he is present in the apiary and Emma Walters. If the beekeeper is not present in the apiary at the time of the diagnosis, Emma will contact the beekeeper immediately to inform them that AFB has been identified in their apiary.
4. Emma will then call the State Apiculturist, Joan Mahoney, to report the finding.
5. Joan Mahoney will connect with the beekeeper to schedule a time to send an apiary inspector out to the operation to 1) verify the presence of AFB, 2) inspect the rest of the colonies in that yard for AFB, and 3) oversee the destruction of infected colonies, in compliance with state law.

Beekeepers must accept this policy in order to participate in, and receive services from, the NYS Beekeeper Tech Team.