



National Bee Unit

Number of Honey Bee colonies inspected in England and Wales by MAFF (Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food) and Defra (Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) appointed bee inspectors between 1952-2004, and recorded incidence of foul brood disease over the same period

Year	Number of honey bee colonies inspected in England and Wales	Number of honey bee colonies found infected with American foul brood disease	Number of honey bee colonies found infected with European foul brood disease
1952	85,800	1,204	101
1953	93,409	1,360	119
1954	79,298	1,247	78
1955	77,486	699	84
1956	75,528	888	138
1957	73,405	888	82
1958	71,549	859	85
1959	94,025	820	72
1960	87,523	698	342
1961	91,641	926	172
1962	100,732	611	168
1963	93,185	538	133
1964	91,411	536	128
1965	93,742	548	160
1966	95,485	607	98
1967	84,473	507	103
1968	84,828	497	103
1969	85,499	672	56
1970	81,980	802	105
1971	86,757	496	161
1972	81,320	723	267

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1973	78,481	729	235
1974	83,937	759	171
1975	84,310	504	138
1976	80,568	477	88
1977	76,734	620	190
1978	76,941	525	332
1979	69,998	385	60
1980	71,076	679	147
1981	73,865	494	198
1982	75,936	591	162
1983	72,924	543	210
1984	74,878	727	342
1985	73,907	482	481
1986	70,673	316	136
1987	59,692	282	159
1988	34,304	212	267
1989	36,701	314	373
1990	34,931	224	556
1991	35,291	266	809
1992	31,861	127	601
1993	33,997	110	556
1994	28,431	102	740
1995	26,423	202	616
1996	22,592	79	812
1997	21,173	166	748
1998	22,628	229	879
1999	25,874	148	865
2000	27,082	103	1,041
2001	22,055	111	839

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2002	24,387	265	667
2003	25,134	107	673
2004	25,698	82	691

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