

NUMBER OF HONEY BEE COLONIES INSPECTED IN ENGLAND AND WALES BY MAFF AND DEFRA APPOINTED BEE INSPECTORS BETWEEN 1952-2004, AND RECORDED INCIDENCE OF FOUL BROOD DISEASE OVER THE SAME PERIOD

(MAFF: Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food)
 (Defra: Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs)

| 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 |
| 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 |

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