

Chapter Ag 15

BEES, AMERICAN FOULBROOD

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**Ag 15.01 Quarantine.** Whenever an inspector shall have determined to his satisfaction that any colony of bees, or has reason to believe that any bee material, appliances, structures or building, or any honey or wax is infected or likely to be infected with American foulbrood (*Bacillus larvae* White) such colony of bees, the hive body, supers, and all appurtenances attached thereto and all other materials, appliances, structures, etc. suspected of being infected with American foulbrood shall be immediately placed in quarantine and a printed notice to that effect signed by the inspector attached thereto. Such quarantine shall remain in effect until the inspector shall destroy or sterilize the material or otherwise determine that the danger of spread of the disease has passed.

**Ag 15.02 Prohibitions.** No person shall move, cause to be moved, tamper with, handle, or otherwise disturb any quarantined colonies, material, appliance, or structure except in emergency resulting from accidental disturbance not under the control of the owner or manager in which case only such action shall be taken as will prevent immediate spread of the disease, without a written order from the inspector or unless the inspector is present and is directing the work of burning or sterilizing.

**Ag 15.03 Clean-up.** When a quarantine has been placed upon any colony or other bee material, the inspector shall proceed to clean up the disease and lift the quarantine as promptly and expeditiously as the weather and his other duties permit, provided that should the owner or manager object to immediate action a grace period of not exceeding 10 days may be allowed.

**Ag 15.04 Procedure.** The procedure to be followed by an inspector, with such assistance from the beekeeper as the inspector may need in handling colonies, used bee equipment or other material infected with American foulbrood shall be as follows:

(1) In counties where an area clean-up campaign is in progress, and has been in progress for a full year or more and within 2 miles of the borders of such counties:

- (a) All infected colonies shall be killed;
- (b) The dead bees and all combs and frames in or on infected hives shall be buried, or burned and buried;
- (c) The hive body, supers, top and the bottom board shall be scraped and scorched with fire or boiled in lye water;
- (d) Other portions of the hive, and used bee appliances, or structures, where scorching is not practicable, shall be scrubbed with hot lye solution made by dissolving 1 pound of lye in 30 gallons of water.

(2) In counties where an area clean-up campaign is not in progress, the inspector may direct such measures as seem adequate except that

- (a) In those portions of said counties situated within 2 miles of an area clean-up county, and
- (b) As a condition to the issuance of a permit to sell or move any colony of bees or used bee material, the same procedure as in (1) shall be followed.