

The Status of American Foulbrood Disease and other Bee Pests in Jamaica

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[Abstract]

Although the present outbreak of American Foulbrood disease (AFB) has been affecting Jamaica since 1989, an island wide inspection of apiaries has not been done since 1984. In an effort to determine the status of the disease in the country, 3901 hives in 185 randomly selected apiaries were inspected in successive dearth periods, August-December, 1996 and June- August 1997. The results of the survey suggest that the disease is still not wide spread as it was only found affecting 43 hives in three apiaries; all in the parish of Manchester. Wax moth was the most frequently found and widely distributed pest, affecting 39 apiaries.