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001 Definitions.

001.01 The definitions of terms contained in the Nebraska Apiary Act shall apply to such terms when used in these regulations.

001.02 Africanized honey bees shall mean Apis mellifera scutellata.

001.03 Alcohol shake shall mean a detection method for Varroa mites where approximately 400 bees are collected in a glass jar and treated with alcohol to dislodge any mites present.

001.04 Ether roll shall mean a detection method for Varroa mites where approximately 400 bees are collected in a glass jar and treated with ether to dislodge any mites present.

001.05 Varroa mites shall mean Varroa jacobsoni.

002 Certification by the Department. A person owning or in charge of an apiary shall not receive a certificate from the Department to move or sell such apiary or any part thereof, unless such person has paid all appropriate fees as set out in 25 NAC 1-004 and his or her apiary is apparently free from infectious or contagious bee diseases, parasites, or pests.

002.01 An apiary is apparently free of American foulbrood as follows:

002.01A An apiary shall be immediately deemed to be apparently free of American foulbrood if less than 3% of the colonies in the apiary are infected with American foulbrood provided that the owner or person in charge removes any infected colonies from the apiary.

002.01B An apiary shall be deemed to be apparently free of American foulbrood if more than 3% of the colonies in the apiary are infected with American foulbrood, provided that:

002.01B1 The apiary is not moved for at least 30 days;

002.01B2 All American foulbrood infected colonies are removed from the apiary;

002.01B3 Treatment measures have been taken; and,

002.01B4 The Department has reinspected and released the apiary.

002.02 An apiary is apparently free of Varroa mites as follows:

002.02A The owner or person in charge of the apiary has placed an EPA approved acaricide in the colonies to control any Varroa mites present prior to the Department's inspection.

002.02B Ether roll or alcohol shake methods done by the Department indicate Varroa mites are not present in the apiary.

002.03 An apiary is apparently free of Africanized honey bees if the bees in the apiary are the descendants of breeding stock which is certified as European stock. Breeding stock certification shall be done by the Fast Africanized Bee Identification System.

003 Certificate Fee.

003.01 All persons must request a certificate as provided for in sections 81-2,172 and 81-2,173 of the act.

003.02 Prior to the issuance of a certificate, there shall be paid to the Department a certificate fee, to be paid in the following amounts:

003.02A $150 for the inspection of 1 to 250 colonies;

003.02B $200 for the inspection of 251 to 500 colonies;

003.02C $300 for the inspection of 501 to 1,000 colonies; and,

003.02D $400 for the inspection of more than 1,000 colonies.

004 Annotation. Neb. Rev. Stat. Sections 81-2,165 to 81-2,180 (Reissue 2008).