

NEW ZEALAND FOREST OWNERS ASSOCIATION

2004-2005 FOREST HEALTH SURVEILLANCE SCHEME

The NZ Forest Owners' Association is strongly committed to the success of the Forest Health Surveillance Scheme which is designed to identify as early as possible new forest pests and diseases. The Association believes that, if anything, the need for such a scheme is more important than ever as highlighted by the number of recent incursions of exotic pests and diseases which, if they become established, could seriously jeopardise our forest estate.

In addition to providing for the early detection of any exotic disease or pest incursion, the National Forest Health Surveillance Scheme also provides:

- Data to meet New Zealand's international forest reporting requirements.
- Forest health management information to individual forest owners.
- Assurances to forest industry investors and shareholders.

At present the majority of the exotic plantation estate is surveyed under the Forest Health Surveillance Scheme. However, a significant area of exotic forests are not covered, including some high risk areas around airports.

To be fully effective in detecting any new exotic pests or diseases before they become established, it is important that the vast majority, if not all, forests are regularly surveyed. The Association therefore urges all forest growers to participate in the Scheme.

Each year the Association negotiates with the providers on the surveillance rates for the following year. The appointed providers and surveillance prices for the eight zones for 2004-2005 are as follows:

Zone	Provider	Price per ha
1	Forest Health Dynamics	63c
2	Forest Health Dynamics	52c
3	Vigil	52c
4	Vigil	45c
5	Forest Health Dynamics	52c
6	Forest Health Dynamics	52c
7	Vigil	59c
8	Vigil	54c

The above prices are exclusive of GST.

In addition to the actual surveillance prices as noted in the table above, the programme also includes: data entry of 4.7 cents/hectare; diagnostic services of 11 cents/hectare; and Forest Health Research levies of 31 cents/hectare. While there has been some adjustments to the specific elements of the surveillance programme, the overall costs to forest owners are very similar to last year.

In addition to undertaking the surveillance of pests and diseases new to a particular forest, the surveillance scheme provides for individual forest owners to negotiate separately with their provider

to have further work undertaken for their particular forest health management purposes at a fee agreed between the forest owner and the provider.

Forest growers should contact their zone provider to arrange for the timing of the survey and, if required, to discuss the nature of any additional forest health assessments and reports.

The contact details of the two providers are as follows:

Forest Health Dynamics - Zones: 1, 2, 5 and 6

Contact: Mr Don Hammond/Helen Chapman
 Forest Health Dynamics Ltd
 P O Box 165, Rotorua
 Ph: (07) 3323454 Fax: (07) 3323464
 E-mail: don@fhd.co.nz, helen@fhd.co.nz or foresthealth@clear.net.nz

Vigil Forest Health Advisory Service - Zones: 3, 4, 7 and 8

Contact: Mr Mark Self
 Vigil Forest Health Advisory Service
 P O Box 6262, Whakarewarewa, Rotorua
 Ph: (07) 3435834 or 0274 938149 Fax: (07) 3501440
 E-mail: mark.self@vigil.co.nz

Each year an independent auditor reviews the work of the two providers and reports to the NZFOA Forest Health Committee. The costs of the auditing function are met by the NZ Forest Owners Association.

Surveillance Zones

The following are the eight surveillance zones:

ZONE ONE		ZONE FIVE	
AK	Auckland	HB	Hawkes Bay
ND	Northland	RI	Rangitikei
CL	Coromandel	WA	Wairarapa
		WI	Wanganui
		WN	Wellington
ZONE TWO		ZONE SIX	
WO	Waikato	BR	Buller
TOK	Taupo Kinleith	KA	Kaikoura
BPC	Bay of Plenty Coastal	MB	Marlborough
		NN	Nelson
		SD	Marlborough Sounds
		WD	Westland
ZONE THREE		ZONE SEVEN	
BPF	Bay of Plenty Foothills	MC	Mid Canterbury
GB	Gisborne	NC	North Canterbury
		SC	South Canterbury

ZONE FOUR		ZONE EIGHT	
TO	Taupo Plateau	CO	Central Otago
TK	Taranaki	DN	Dunedin
		FD	Fiordland
		MK	Mackenzie
		OL	Otago Lakes
		SI	Stewart Island
		SL	Southland