

MPI update

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Ministerial priorities

- Apiculture sector an important contributor to NZ economy
- Importance of sector resilience
- Government and industry both have roles

What I will cover today....

- Nation-wide bee health initiatives
- Update on the changes under the Food Act for our domestic producers
- “Ease of business” initiatives
- Exporting – and the importance of protecting NZ’s reputation overseas

Understanding bee health

- Bee health is important
- Three key initiatives:
 - Bee Pathogen Programme
 - National Apiculture Surveillance Programme
 - NZ Colony Loss Survey

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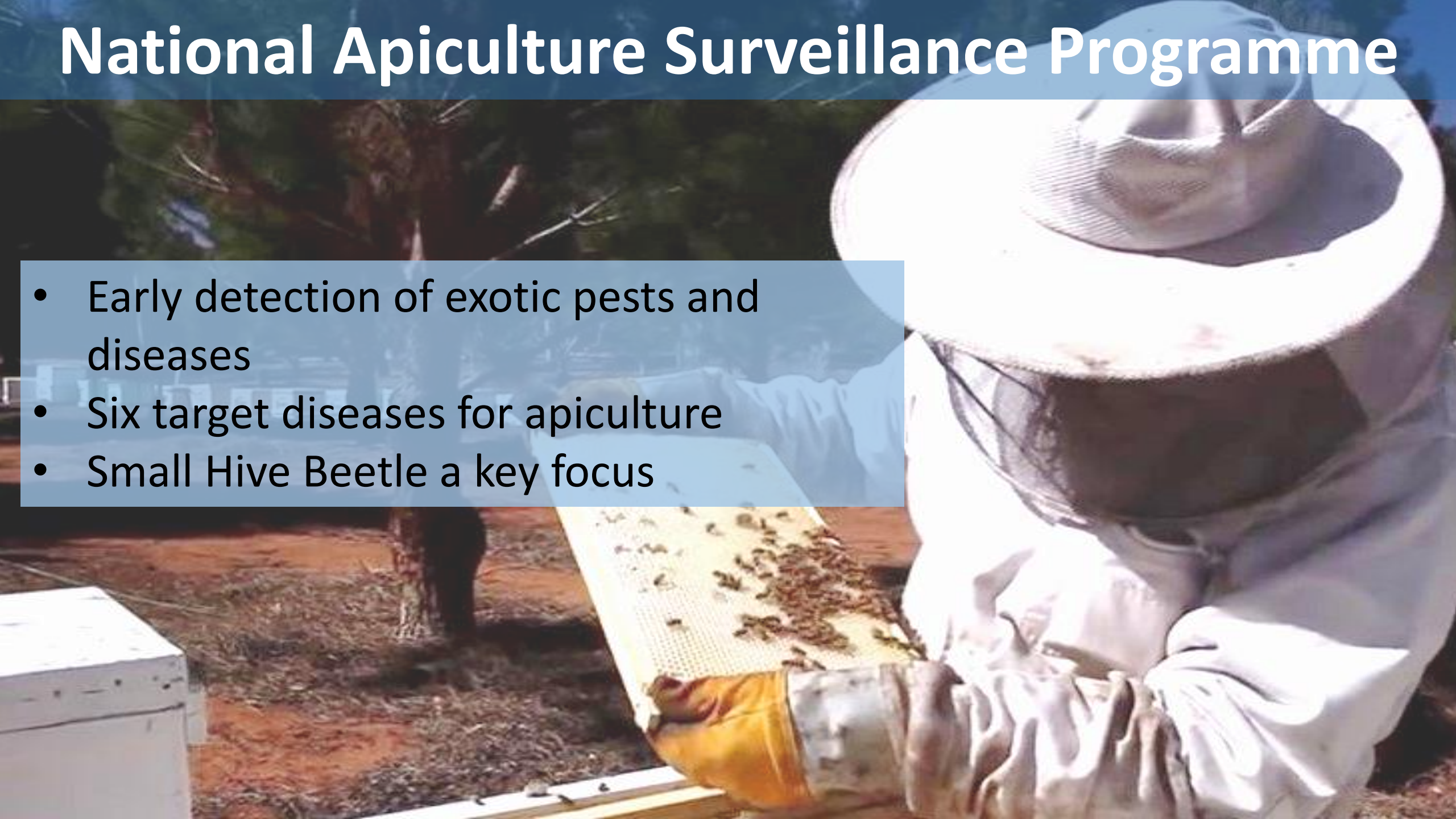
Bee Pathogen Programme

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- Investigate bee pathogen prevalence and incidence
- Largest bee health study done in NZ
- Results available in 2-3 months
- Your participation was critical

National Apiculture Surveillance Programme

- Early detection of exotic pests and diseases
- Six target diseases for apiculture
- Small Hive Beetle a key focus



NZ Colony Loss Survey (1)

- Quantifies winter colony losses
- Online/opt-in survey
- Comparison with national and international information

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NZ Colony Loss Survey (2)

- NZ overall hive loss average relatively low – 10.2%
- NZ has high participation rates

Thank you for your support

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Ensuring safe food in NZ

- Transition to Food Act is now complete
 - 3 years
 - 31,000 food businesses
- Risk-based - significant culture change
- All three key pieces of food safety legislation now aligned



Food Act implementation

- Also meant changes for MPI
- Customer-centric approach to implementation:
 - wide-scale direct engagement
 - common templates
 - visual and interactive focus



Other new initiatives

- 'Ease of Business' focus
- Simplifying requirements for the Apiculture sector
- Online tools for Food Act operators



Exports – protecting our reputation

- NZ exports to over 190 countries:
 - 80% of our primary production
 - Differing requirements
- **Trust is everything!**
- **Protecting our reputation is a joint role for industry and government.**



Exporter Regulatory Advice Service

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Advisors work directly with you to:

- help navigate the export regulatory environment as it relates to you
- better understand what works and what doesn't

Thank you!



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