

Bee Virus X & Bee Virus Y

Causative Agent: Virus

Range: Primarily in Great Britain but cases have been reported in North America & Australia

Life cycle/ Symptoms:

- Both viruses are typically encountered with Nosema infections
- Bee Virus X is only found in the winter, is more common then and is less virulent then Bee Virus Y
- Bee Virus Y occurs in May and June in Great Britain
- Dead bees accumulate beneath and surrounding the hive.

Management:

- Manage to reduce Nosema

Misconceptions:

Other Useful Sites:

References used:

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