KRTP Accepting *Varroa* & *Nosema* Samples by Mail

While registration for the 2023 KRTP Bee Health Monitoring Program is now closed, the KRTP allows beekeepers to mail in samples for Varroa and/or Nosema counts, until further notice, at rates comparable to those charged by Manitoba Veterinary Diagnostic Services. Rates are as follows (no additional tax will be charged):

Varroa: $20/sample. Nosema: $20/sample

Beekeepers wishing to submit samples must first contact Matthew Polinsky at krtpmb@gmail.com

A sample submission form must also be included along with the samples and individual samples should be labeled with an appropriate Colony or Apiary ID using a felt marker (see sample submission form here: \_\_\_\_

**Varroa samples** should contain roughly 300 bees (~1/2 Cup) collected from the brood nest.

**Nosema samples** require a minimum of 100 bees, collected from an outer frame or around the colony entrance. For nosema, a pooled sample: 10 bees per hive from 10 hives = 100 bees, will provide results representative of a given beeyard.

Samples should be kept frozen until just before shipping, and whenever possible, shipped with ice packs.

Payment by e-transfer can be arranged by contacting the MBA Treasurer at nlmba@outlook.com ;or a cheque made out to the Manitoba Beekeepers’ Association may be included with the samples.

Please mail samples, cheque, and your complete sample submission form to:

Attention: KRTP
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