WANTED DEAD OR ALIVE chalkbrood



This disease is caused by the notorious perpetrator ascosphaera apis. The fungus survives best in hives which are exposed to cold or moisture. It can be recognized by the presence of mummified larvae inside the cells. Chalkbrood is transmitted when spores are consumed by young larvae.

WANTED FOR: mummifying numerous honey bee larvae

If found: chalkbrood typically only lasts for a short period of time and will clear up quickly once the nectar flow starts.