

Division  
of Agriculture  
P.O. Box 3004  
Wellington C.I.

Yasman  $\frac{27}{64}$   
R.M.D.  
Upper Mautee  
July 9<sup>th</sup> 1951.



Dear Sir

I herewith wish to make an application for the necessary authority to import from the United States of America

Six Tested Caucasian Queens-Mountain Grey. Name & Address of Breeder is: Caucasian Research Division, Three Rivers Texas U.S.A.

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Trusting my application will be granted

Yours faithfully  
J. H. Addison

CAUCASIAN

CASTLEBERG ALABAMA

sent 2/18/51

Route 7 Box 3914  
Sacramento, Calif.  
June 20, 1951

Mr. J. H. Addison  
Upper Moutere, N. Z.

Dear Mr. Addison:

Replying to your letter of April 9th, will say that we ship queens beginning about March 20th of each year, and ending about the middle of September, depending on the season.

We have had Caucasians since 1928 and exclusively since 1942. We have found that they will consistently produce about 20% more honey than Italian bees. When the going gets tough, I have seen Italians starve to death, while Caucasians were actually storing a surplus. I have seen Caucasians working almond blossoms in a drizzling rain at 43 degrees Fahrenheit.

We have 3500 honey producing colonies of bees in California, Nevada and Alberta, Canada. They are all Caucasian. I don't think that I would care to keep bees any longer, if I had to go back to Italians.

As for Pro,olis, we agree that they do use more of it, especially as a sort of curtain across the entrance of the hive. But we have failed to find that this trait is any drawback. Rather, it is their manner of restricting the entrance to their own requirements.

Very truly yours,

*Thos. S. Davis*

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P.O. Box 3004,  
Wellington, C.I.

19th July, 1951.

Mr. J.H. Addison,  
Tasman,  
N.Z.D.,  
HORTICULTURE.

Dear Sir,

I have received your letter of 9th July making application for authority to import Caucasian bees, with literature published by overseas breeders of this race of bees, attached.

Though pure strains of Caucasian bees are gentle to handle, hybrids of mixed Caucasian and Italian bees, after the first cross, are such savage stingers as to be extremely difficult to handle for ordinary apiary management purposes.

Successful development and maintenance of good strains of Italian bees which are considered best for New Zealand conditions generally, by the great majority of beekeepers in this country, would be impossible if dark coloured strains of bees are allowed to be imported.

In the circumstances I am unable to recommend that authority be given to import Caucasian bees.

Yours faithfully,

**COPY.** (SIGNED)  
*for*  
(T.S. Winter)

for Director, Horticulture Division.

Horticultural Superintendent,  
NELSON.

For the information of the Apiary Instructor concerned. The letter under reply reads as under:-

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1 Mr. King

2 Mr. Morrison

to 2/29/51  
2/31/51

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