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Whangarei grower meeting

KVH Chief Executive, Stu Hutchings and Biosecurity Manager, Matt Dyck will be hosting a Whangarei grower meeting Thursday 4 October to meet with growers and discuss a recent Psa positive result on a third orchard (which is currently under investigation). They will also discuss a possible change in regional status and the plant movement pathway. All Whangarei growers and post-harvest representatives are welcome to attend.

Where: A'Fare Function & Catering, 197 Lower Dent Street, Whangarei

When: Thursday 4 October 2018, 10.30am to 12.30pm, with coffee and savouries on arrival

Read more [here](#).

GoldFutures project reviews

South Auckland and Waikato growers involved in the GoldFutures project met early September to review data from year two of this four-year Psa research project. Tauranga, Te Puke and Edgecumbe growers similarly met in August to discuss their results and workshop orchard specific improvements for the 2019 season. The GoldFutures project is led by Phillip Elmer and Stephen Hoyte from Plant and Food Research and includes 10 orchard pairs, all with challenging environmental conditions for Psa.

Read more [here](#).

Reporting Psa symptoms

If Psa-like symptoms are found for the first time on an orchard they must be reported to KVH on 0800 665 825. Growers can also contact their pack-house technical representative for advice and sample collection if required. Hill Laboratories carry out routine Psa testing weekly on Wednesday only but can process samples urgently at KVH request.

Read more [here](#).

Our most unwanted pests

Fruit flies and Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) are considered two of the biggest biosecurity threats to the kiwifruit industry and from September they are both in their highest-risk period for entry into New Zealand. Here is a quick reminder of the damage these unwanted pests can do and what to look out for.

Read more [here](#).

Biosecurity buzz at roadshows

KVH took part in the most recent Zespri Grower Roadshows, meeting and speaking with growers about new developments and recent biosecurity activity we've been undertaking.

Chief Executive Stu Hutchings presented at the roadshows on Spotted Lanternfly (SLF), a pest native to China that is now wreaking havoc in Pennsylvania, USA. Heading into the high-risk season for Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB), Stu also shared with growers a video demonstrating the impacts of the bug on kiwifruit in Italy.

Read more [here](#).

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Know your orchard weeds: cleavers

Orchard owners, managers and their teams are, year-by-year, battling a range of weeds within the orchard, ensuring they don't take over. It's good to know a bit more about the plants we often battle.

You know early spring has arrived when the weed known as cleavers grows up into and from shelter belts. This scrambling annual weed is a native of temperate Europe and Asia and was one of our earliest established weeds – first noticed about 140 years ago. It is a nuisance plant but one that can completely smother lower trunks and branches of especially shelter trees.

Read more [here](#).

Managing the BMSB risk

KVH continues to advocate strongly on behalf of the industry for strict biosecurity border controls which will make it harder for the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) to make its way here. There have been additional measures for the high-risk Vehicles, Machinery and Equipment Pathways introduced. The measures now target risk goods from 16 countries. New measures have also been introduced for vehicles from Japan after the high number of interceptions on this pathway last season.

Read more [here](#).

New seasonal wall charts out now

A reminder that the Psa-V Seasonal Management Wall Chart 2018-19 is now available to view or download from the KVH website. A fold-out copy was included in the most recent Zespri Kiwiflier delivered to all growers.

Read more [here](#).

Biosecurity agenda at international kiwifruit meeting

KVH Chief Executive Stu Hutchings discussed New Zealand's biosecurity activities at the 37th International Kiwifruit Organisation (IKO) meeting in France last week. As part of the trip, Stu witnessed first-hand the devastation that recent hail, frosts and flooding had caused and the large amounts of Psa that subsequently developed in some orchards following this. He also saw Brown Marmorated Stink Bugs (BMSB) at many sites.

Read more [here](#).

Don't be afraid to report suspect finds

We understand that reporting a potential biosecurity threat can create anxiety for some growers, who may worry about potential implications or movement controls that may result. The sooner you alert us to anything unusual, the more we can do to help you. Early detection is key to eradication.

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MPI to get tough on stink bug ships

With the support of KVH, biosecurity officials at the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) are promising to take tough action against cargo vessels believed to be infested with the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) during the upcoming risk season. If an arriving ship is infested with stink bug it will be prevented from discharging its cargo and directed to leave New Zealand. There is a very low threshold for determining contamination.

Read more [here](#).

Reminder of pruning and tying down timeline

Growers are reminded that one of the requirements within the National Psa-V Pest Management Plan (NPMP) is that orchards are pruned and tied down by 1 October yearly. KVH is aware that pruning and tying down is still being completed on some orchards.

Read more [here](#).

Biggest grower biosecurity update of the year

Growers are invited to join KVH and Zespri, as well as special guest speakers, for a day dedicated to learning more about the initiatives underway to protect our industry from unwanted pests and diseases.

The day will cover KVH readiness activities and how these relate to Tauranga Moana Biosecurity Capital and the national This Is Us TV campaign; research into soil-borne diseases and the importance of traceability; BMSB preparedness and on-orchard management; and latest news and lessons from offshore with guest presenters, including Dr Anne Neilsen from Rutgers University in New Jersey.

Read more [here](#).

Free orchard signage

Good biosecurity practice includes managing risk by restricting access to orchards. As part of this, growers should check that contact details on orchard gate signs are up-to-date.

KVH has produced free new signage highlighting the need for visitors to make contact before entering and the biosecurity risk posed by plant, vehicle and people movements.

Read more [here](#).

Mandatory monitoring underway

All growers in Exclusion regions and all growers with 'Not Detected' orchards in all regions are required to carry out a round of Psa mandatory monitoring between now and Monday 15 October, with results due to KVH by Wednesday 31 October.

Read more [here](#).

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Psa research update videos

Continuing the battle on kiwifruit vine disease Psa, Zespri's innovation team and KVH hosted a Psa R&D update on 21 August 2018 which saw scientists share with growers and industry insights into their research on Psa. Videos from the day are now available for growers to watch.

Read more [here](#).

Helping boards respond to a biosecurity crisis

Every Board must consider risk to their business, the impact it will have and how to mitigate it. But what happens when a risk has not been identified as significant and it hits? Biosecurity events have blindsided businesses over the years and the threats to our primary industries are increasing. These threats impact primary producers as well as their suppliers and customers. How Boards can prepare for and react to crises of this nature was discussed recently at a Bay of Plenty Institute of Directors (IOD) panel event.

Read more [here](#).

Travelling overseas these school holidays?

Kiwifruit growers travelling during the school break (starting Friday 28 September) may find they experience more interventions when returning to New Zealand. This is because Quarantine Officers consider occupation as part of their risk assessment. KVH has put together a useful one page fact sheet outlining everything growers can do to help reduce biosecurity risk and what they can expect through border control when returning home.

Read more [here](#).

The KVH Snapshot provides you with short, interesting, biosecurity messages that you are welcome to reproduce and share. Contact lisa.gibbison@kvh.org.nz for more information on any of the topics listed, images, or to add others to the Snapshot distribution list.



You're invited to the Kiwifruit Biosecurity Grower Day

Join KVH and Zespri, as well as special guest speakers, for a day dedicated to learning more about the initiatives underway to protect the New Zealand kiwifruit industry from unwanted pests and diseases.

The day will cover KVH readiness activities and how these relate to Tauranga Moana Biosecurity Capital and the national This Is Us TV campaign; research into soil-borne diseases and the importance of traceability; BMSB preparedness and on-orchard management; and latest news and lessons from offshore with guest presenters, including Dr Anne Neilsen from Rutgers University in New Jersey.

Lunch will be served at midday, during a drone display as part of the toolkit being developed by Scion for biosecurity responses in urban environments. There is also a more technical update during the afternoon that growers are welcome to attend. More details will be provided closer to the time.



Thursday 18 October, 9am - midday with lunch provided
The Orchard Church, Te Puke
RSVP to events@zespri.com by Friday 12 October