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Tough Psa conditions for some Hayward sites

For many later flowering Hayward sites, recent wet weather following on from periods of damaging wind has resulted in a rapid rise in leaf spot symptoms. Leaf spot and flower bud infection points will continue to add to the inoculum load through high-risk weather periods and affected growers are recommended to apply coppers at summer rates as soon as flowering is through to help manage risk.

Read more [here](#).

Latest Psa research now available

The scientific research publications that drive our policies and management advice are added to our website as they are finalised. You are encouraged to look them up and have a browse of the many different reports we make available. Two papers relating to Psa (fruit quality attributes for Hayward and Gold3 kiwifruit treated with Aureo Gold, and a paper on efficacy of Novel Elicitors) have been recently published.

Read more [here](#).

All go for Aureo Gold

New Psa product Aureo Gold is now registered for use on kiwifruit and has BioGro certification. Just approved by the Agricultural Compounds and Veterinary Medicines Group (ACVM), Aureo Gold was discovered and isolated from an Otago apricot by Plant & Food Research scientists and since then extensive field trials have demonstrated its protectant efficacy.

Read more [here](#).

A plant pathway for all regions

Regional boundaries and classifications are important to protect areas with little or no Psa and manage risk from new or evolving forms of the disease. Following consultation with growers, KVH has released a new pathway standard that will continue to manage this risk, but also enable more growers to access kiwifruit plant material, especially new varieties.

Read more [here](#).

Biosecurity across Tauranga Moana

KVH attended the November Tauranga Moana Biosecurity Capital (TMBC) meeting, the first get-together since the successful Biosecurity Week for the region in October. At the meeting KVH discussed activities the kiwifruit industry and growers contributed to during the week, and how KVH plans to continue to have a lead role in this first-of-a-kind regional initiative. Discussions focused on finalising a three-year plan for the initiative that specifically aims to lift biosecurity awareness and advocate for better biosecurity for the region.

Read more [here](#).

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On the lookout for fruit fly

There were a couple of fruit fly finds at the border during October. One interception was of Oriental Fruit Fly eggs on a consignment on papaya being imported, and another was of Fijian Fruit Fly larvae found on a guava placed in an airport amnesty bin. There have not been any interceptions of the Queensland Fruit Fly this high-risk season.

Read more [here](#).

New biosecurity fines to be introduced

From early next year arriving vessels, transitional and containment facilities and cruise ship passengers will face new infringement offences for sloppy biosecurity practices that expose New Zealand to risk from harmful diseases and pests. The new offences will introduce fines of \$400 for individuals and \$800 for other entities, such as companies, for low-level offending that is not significant enough to warrant prosecution.

Read more [here](#).

BMSB over winter results

For the first time KVH, alongside the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) and other industry groups through the GIA partnership, ran a Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) awareness campaign over the autumn/winter period to create awareness with the general public about looking out for BMSB overwintering in homes. New advertising was created, to focus on BMSB coming indoors to overwinter and infest a house, and channels includes print, social media, digital displays, videos, and 'out of home' activity like shopping malls.

Read more [here](#).

Springing into BMSB season

With spring well underway summer is now knocking at the door, as is the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) threat to New Zealand. Every summer KVH, alongside the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) and other industry groups through the GIA partnership, goes on high alert to keep this stinky pest out of New Zealand. This year is no different, with an advertising campaign running ads online, in magazines, greeting arrivals at airports, and displaying posters in garden centres.

Read more [here](#).

Latest BMSB finds

Since the start of the high-risk season in September, there have been 23 Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) finds. More detail can be read in the November KVH risk update for BMSB, which includes latest data reported by the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI).

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KVH wins biosecurity award

KVH has won a national biosecurity award for its contribution to the biosecurity integrity of the New Zealand kiwifruit industry. KVH accepted the Industry Award at the 2018 New Zealand Biosecurity Awards in Auckland on Monday 12 November.

The Ministry for Primary Industries said the award recognised KVH's contribution to the recovery of the kiwifruit industry following the devastating discovery of PsA in 2010, and its subsequent responsibility for managing all biosecurity readiness, response and operations for the industry.

Read more [here](#).

Help us help you: take our survey

We're running a short survey about the ways in which we share information with you, and how often.

We're working to raise awareness about good biosecurity practice, the benefits these can bring, and the potentially devastating impacts of another incursion on our orchards. In doing this, we need to learn more about the ways you prefer us to keep in touch with you and how we can get important information under your nose.

Read more [here](#).

Destroy pampas now

There has been a significant increase in the number of pampas seeds detected on fruit in the 2018 packing season. Any seed attached to fruit is a reject factor and may cause market access issues if found within a shipment or container. Pampas seed finds went from 50 in 2016 to 543 in 2018.

Read more [here](#).

Building biosecurity capability through education

KVH attended a pilot programme in the Hawkes Bay in early November to help test and provide feedback on a recently developed New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) micro-credential on biosecurity.

The focused course is designed to enhance industry biosecurity capability, and targets grower owner-operators and supervisors/managers. Content builds an understanding of biosecurity and provides a framework to identify, prioritise, and manage biosecurity risks on orchards and farms.

Read more [here](#).

Be careful when importing seeds

We were pleased to see a column in the NZ Herald from Federated Farmers highlighting the importance of following the law when importing any seed. Whether you're a home gardener or large company importing stock, everyone needs to make sure they meet all requirements. KVH is aware of international websites offering several varieties of kiwifruit for sale. This is concerning not only because buying seeds online for import into New Zealand could risk introducing a plant disease, but also because websites are often falsely declaring contents on the packaging.

Read more [here](#).

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Pollen season upon us

KVH is aware that there are several new pollen mills operating this year. All kiwifruit pollen operators - defined as "every person or entity collecting, milling, selling, distributing and/or artificially applying pollen" - must register with KVH annually via the KVH website.

Read more [here](#).

Watch grower day videos now

If you missed out on the Kiwifruit Biosecurity Grower Day during Biosecurity Week and want to watch the presenters in action, you can view videos from the day on the Zespri Canopy.

More than 120 people attended the day covering readiness activities; research into soil borne diseases and the importance of traceability; BMSB preparedness; a fruit fly incursion market access simulation; and a presentation on the new Ko Tatou This Is Us national advertising campaign.

Read more [here](#).

Listen to the latest news

Snapshot is the podcast from KVH. Every month the KVH team will bring you a summary of recent news and activities, seasonal orchard management advice, feature pests to be on the lookout for, and reminders of upcoming events. The Snapshot is free and available on SoundCloud or from Apple iTunes.

Read more [here](#).

Flower collecting for pollen milling

Contractors are out in force collecting flowers for pollen milling. It's important to select flowers for milling that are as clean as possible, to reduce the risk of spreading Psa via pollen. For the past 3 years, KVH has been collecting pollen samples from Recovery regions and had them tested by Hill Laboratories for Psa.

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