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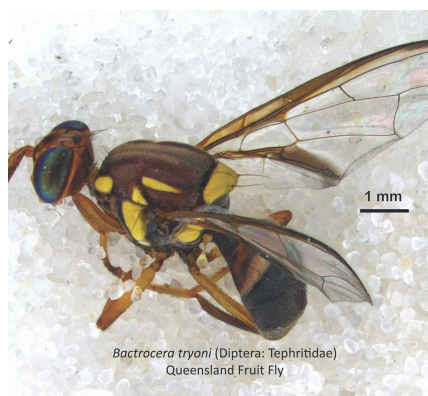
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Fruit fly response update



Controls on the movement of fruit and vegetables in the Auckland suburbs of Devonport and Otara are being lifted after no further fruit fly have been found there.

The decision follows several weeks' of intensive trapping and inspections of hundreds of kilograms of fruit leading to the conclusion that there are no breeding populations of Queensland Fruit Fly (QFF) in the Devonport area, or Facialis fruit fly in Otara. [Read more here.](#)

Confidence in system: fruit fly detections



In a statement provided to all media, Stu Hutchings - KVVH Chief Executive and Chair of the Fruit Fly Council - has said New Zealand fruit and vegetable growers should continue to have confidence in the ongoing investigation into Auckland fruit fly detections.

The responses that were set up in Otara, Devonport, and Northcote have run well and have followed the pre-agreed operational plans established and tested in previous responses. [Read more here.](#)

Post-harvest biosecurity for pack-houses



The post-harvest protocols have been updated for 2019 and are now available on the KVVH website. Any changes to Biosecurity Risk Management Plans must be signed off and emailed to karyn.lowry@kvh.org.nz.

All bins in all regions must be clear of plant material and sanitised pre-season and between orchards. For sanitiser options refer to the KVVH information sheet. [Read more here.](#)

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Whangarei Controlled Area removed

In late 2015 KVH established a 'Whangarei Controlled Area' to help prevent the spread of Psa in the region.

Psa has now been identified on further orchards in the Whangarei region and with the change in situation, KVH has removed the Whangarei Controlled Area and lifted the accompanying Notice of Direction issued to growers in the area. [Read more here.](#)

KVH attends Forest Owners Association conference

The New Zealand forestry sector have a long history of biosecurity, having run a forest surveillance programme for over 60 years.

Their annual biosecurity conference - which has been running for almost 20 years - was early March and was attended by members of forestry and science communities as well as the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) and other primary sectors including KVH. [Read more here.](#)

What does Banana Panama disease have to do with kiwifruit?

There's a lot the kiwifruit industry can take from the learnings Australian growers have had dealing with Banana Panama, a soil-borne fungal disease that growers and industry are focussed on containing through aggressive on-farm biosecurity.

KVH Board member Simon Cook is a Nuffield scholar who recently travelled to tropical north Queensland as part of his scholarship travels, to learn more about the disease and the way it has been managed. [Read more here.](#)

Welcome overseas visitors - not hitchhikers

As the kiwifruit industry gears up for harvest, and the corresponding annual influx of overseas workers, it's time to consider the risk to the biosecurity of our industry presented by overseas workers - or more accurately - their clothing, footwear and tools. [Read more here.](#)

Latest BMSB finds

Since the start of the high-risk season in September 2018, there have been 179 live Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) finds in association with goods or people entering New Zealand or post border.

More detail can be read in the new risk update. [Read more here.](#)

Keep the reports coming

We often get phone calls and emails from growers and members of the public who think they may have found an unusual disease symptom, or a pest from our most unwanted list. This is a good thing – it's exactly the type of behaviour we want to see as it shows people are on the lookout and aware of not just biosecurity risk in general, but also of the look and size of the organisms that are considered the highest risk to the kiwifruit industry. [Read more here.](#)

Fruit fly detections

The latest fruit fly risk update has been published on the KVH website. As well as the finds in Auckland, the fruit fly update details detections at the border, the national fruit fly surveillance programme, and recent international responses to this unwanted pest. [Read more here.](#)

Samurai Wasp says 'smell ya later'

We came across a new and interesting video last week about Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) and the biological control option provided by the Samurai Wasp. Made by a science education website in the USA, the video explains (with fantastic, close-up video footage) the damage BMSB can do to crops and homes.

The video and accompanying article also describe the work underway by scientists in Oregon – where the Samurai Wasp has settled – to learn more about how they can be used as a biocontrol tool. [Read more here.](#)

Biosecurity training piloted

A small group of around 20 came together at a trial workshop last week to learn more about the importance of on-orchard biosecurity and how good plans can manage the threat posed by unwanted biosecurity threats. [Read more here.](#)

We're on the move

It's all go in the KVH office at the moment as we prepare for our big shift to the new Zespri premises where we will be located from Monday 1 April.

If you're popping in to meet with us you'll see our reception area at our new street address, 25 Miro Street (the back of the Zespri building, near the corner of Matai St).

All our other address details remain the same, as do our contact phone numbers.