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Transport of reject fruit



Although covering loads of reject fruit in a Recovery region is no longer a KVH requirement, the risk of loose plant material and fruit falling out during transit must still be managed.

Plant material presents the highest risk of spreading Psa and other pathogens, and fruit lost in transit could possibly contribute to the development of wild kiwifruit plantings if seed germinates. [Read more here.](#)

Reminder to order nursery plants in advance



When we visit nurseries as part of the Kiwifruit Plant Certification Scheme (KPCS), we're reminded of how important it is to nurseries that growers order their plants well in advance. Without a reliable estimate on anticipated demand for the next season, nurseries take a conservative approach to avoid getting left with unsold stock.

Growers should order plants as far in advance as possible – preferably a year – to avoid any shortage in supply. [Read more here.](#)

Hygiene guides online



While we're in harvest season, a reminder that KVH has biosecurity pocket guides available which have been translated into several languages to promote harvest hygiene messages.

These tools are quick, step-by-step visual reference guides for use by all growers, on-orchard harvest workers, auditors, transporters, post-harvest and harvest contractors. Everyone in contact with orchards at this time of the year must be fully aware of best practice orchard hygiene. [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 and images related to the topics listed, or to add others to the Snapshot distribution list.

Top tips for harvest hygiene

Harvest season presents a high-risk period for spreading Psa or other biosecurity risks between blocks, orchards and regions because of the numbers of vehicles, machinery and people movements involved.

Growers are responsible for protecting their orchards, and others, by ensuring the movement of harvest equipment, people and bins onto and around their orchard is minimised.

[Read more here.](#)

Help dig out new wood-boring beetle

The public is being asked to report any sign of the granulate ambrosia beetle. This unwanted pest has been detected in five Auckland areas since 20 February 2019.

Kiwifruit is not known to be a host, but it does feed on a wide range of broadleaf trees and can spread fungal diseases.

[Read more here.](#)

Auckland fruit fly detections

Controls on the movement of fruit and vegetables in the Auckland suburb of Northcote have been reintroduced following the detection of a further Queensland Fruit Fly (QFF). The single male fruit fly has been found in one of an enhanced network of traps.

Despite this latest find, there is still no evidence of a breeding population. This latest fly showed indications it was relatively elderly for a QFF, suggesting it may be from the same cohort as the earlier detections. [Read more here.](#)

New import standards proposed

MPI is currently consulting on two recently-reviewed Import Health Standards (IHS) – one for the import of vehicles, machinery, and equipment; and the other for the import of sea containers.

Proposed changes include extending the list of countries that have requirements to treat vehicles, machinery and equipment imports before they arrive in New Zealand. All imported cargo related to vehicles will need to be treated offshore, including sea containers. In the past, only uncontainerised cargo required treatment before arrival. [Read more here.](#)

We've moved!

You will now find us on the ground floor of the new Zespri building, just up the road from our former premises in Mount Maunganui. We have our own entrance at 25 Miro Street. Please feel free to pop in and see us anytime.

Final report - Nuffield scholarship

The final report covering KVH grower director Simon Cook's Nuffield Scholarship research is available now. It covers the importance of on-farm biosecurity vigilance. [Read more here.](#)

Footwear can spread pathogens

MPI's Border Space newsletter this month contained a photo of dirty jandals that were presented at the border by a traveller who was entering New Zealand to work in horticulture.

These jandals had been used on a tomato farm in the Pacific Islands the previous day and could have contained various soil-borne pathogens. Fortunately, in this instance the traveller did the right thing and declared the dirty footwear to border staff upon arrival. [Read more here.](#)

Phytophthora workshop

Phytophthora are a genus of pathogens responsible for some of the most significant biosecurity incursions around the world. They could have disastrous impacts on New Zealand's horticulture, forestry and natural ecosystems. KVH and MPI are undertaking a joint readiness programme to consider how we should prepare for an incursion and how we would respond should this occur. [Read more here.](#)

Budwood

KVH has updated the KVH Protocol: Budwood which is now available on the KVH website.

The movement of plant material such as budwood presents the greatest risk of spreading pathogens over long distances. This is relevant to Psa, as well as other known (and unknown) pathogens that may be present in the plant. [Read more here.](#)

Latest unwanted finds



The latest fruit fly and Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) risk updates - for April - have been published on the KVH website. These KVH risk updates are published monthly and cover any new detections; national surveillance activities; and recent international news and responses to these unwanted pests.

[Read more here.](#)

KiwiNet stars fight fruit flies



KiwiNet members have contributed more than 165 staff days to the Auckland fruit fly responses, and the feedback KVH has received is that kiwifruit industry people are well trained, well prepared, and ready to 'muck in' and do whatever is required to help.

KVH has created two profile pieces on KiwiNet members which are being promoted across the kiwifruit industry and through the national MPI and This Is Us communication channels.

[Read about Lori Tipene from OPAC and Sheryl Flett from EastPack on the KiwiNet website page here.](#)