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Better plan for managing kiwifruit industry risk



KVH is looking at a new regulation framework to better manage biosecurity risk to the New Zealand kiwifruit industry.

Grower and industry views are being sought on a proposed new Pathway Management Plan, which would offer better protection, more value for money, and ensure the right settings are in place for early detection of new threats.

[Read more here.](#)

Whangarei new positives



In early November KVH completed a monitoring round in the Whangarei region of 14 orchards around the current positive orchards. A further three orchards were confirmed Psa positive through Hill Laboratories testing, bringing the total of positive orchards in the region to nine.

[Read more here.](#)

Industry practices prepping for fruit fly



New Zealand is one of the only countries in the world that has a major horticultural industry and is free of economically important fruit fly, such as Queensland Fruit Fly.

To help inform the kiwifruit industry on the likely sequence of events should a fruit fly be found in a production region, KVH and Zespri have been visiting post-harvest companies running fruit fly simulations.

[Read more here.](#)

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No new flies found in Auckland response

Auckland fruit fly response efforts are continuing – a 12-week long spring baiting programme in the Northcote controlled area to kill any fruit flies that may have overwintered was completed early November.

The focus of the response's operational activities now remains on intensive trapping and movement controls. As we continue into the warmer months, the response will also be preparing for a range of scenarios.

[Read more here.](#)

New fruit fly grower guide

KVH has developed a helpful new guide for growers, detailing the likely sequence of events if a fruit fly response was to occur in a kiwifruit growing region, to allow for business continuity planning at orchard level.

[Read more here.](#)

Latest BMSB finds

Since the start of the high-risk season in September, there have been 15 live Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) finds. Over the last few weeks there were 10 of the unwanted bugs found at the border and post-border. All were reported and investigated, with no further sign of any insects.

[Read more here.](#)

BMSB hitches ride in shopping

Reminding us all how close-to-home the stink bug risk is, a local post-harvest staff member recently had a mail package arrive from Virginia in the USA, complete with what looked like a Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB). Knowing exactly what to do, they caught the bug in a plastic container and reported it to Biosecurity New Zealand.

[Read more here.](#)

Air New Zealand onboard with new video

The in-flight biosecurity video, reminding travellers about the importance of protecting our country from unwanted pests and diseases, will now be screened on all international Air New Zealand flights.

[Read more here](#)

Spare a few minutes for our survey

We're running a short survey on biosecurity and hygiene practices among those who spend the most time working on and managing kiwifruit orchards. We need help to learn more about the level of understanding of biosecurity amongst growers, what practices are used on orchards and whether there are any common limitations to putting practices in place.

[Read more here.](#)

Building awareness with local schools

KVH partnered with others from the Tauranga Moana Biosecurity Capital (TMBC) initiative early in the month to join students from Te Puna School at their camp, which included sessions on learning more about the importance of biosecurity and protecting native bush and rivers.

Local students taking part in biosecurity activities and being on the lookout can provide early warning of unwanted threats that could affect kiwifruit orchards so are an important part of the biosecurity team.

[Read more here.](#)

Zespri rep on KVH Board

From December 2019 Craig Thompson will replace Nathan Flowerday as the Zespri representative on the KVH Board.

KVH is not entirely new to Craig, as he has previously held the supplier representative position on the Board.

[Read more here.](#)

Short videos on keeping industry free of pests and diseases

If you or your growers missed out on the Kiwifruit Biosecurity Grower Day and want to watch the presenters in action, you can now view videos from the event on the KVH YouTube channel. More than 80 people attended the day, covering readiness activities; the impacts of the soil-borne disease *Ceratocystis fimbriata* in Brazil; latest BMSB and Spotted Lanternfly research; and the new iteration of KVH's 'most unwanted' list of pest and disease threats.

[Read more here.](#)

Hill Laboratories testing over the holidays



With the upcoming Christmas holiday period, the last date for samples arriving in the lab at Hills will be Friday 13 December 2019. Testing will resume on Monday 6 January 2020.

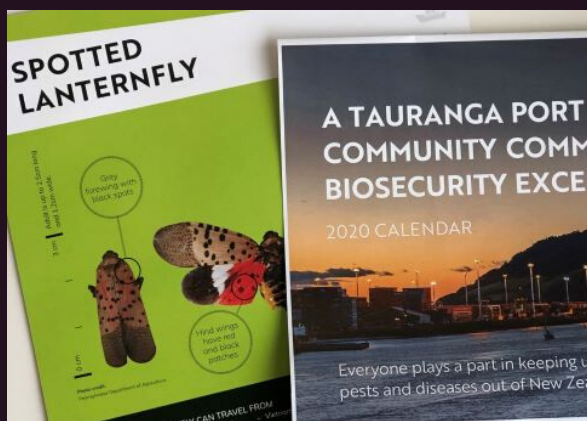
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KVH Christmas hours



The KVH office will be closed from 5.00pm on Friday 20 December 2019 and will reopen at 8.30am on Monday 6 January 2020. If any urgent issues arise during this period, please contact Chief Executive Stu Hutchings on 0274 787 901.

Last few 'unwanted pest' calendars



We're down to the last handful of 2020 calendars from the Port of Tauranga Biosecurity Excellence Partnership. If you, your office, workplace or school would like one please get in touch and we'll happily post one out to you. Contact us at info@kvh.org.nz or 0800 665 825.