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KVH Snapshot

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Spot the Spotted Lanternfly



There are four Spotted Lanternfly egg masses on this tree – can you spot them all? It isn't easy and goes to show how important it is to be on the lookout for this pest and its eggs because the sooner we find out about its possible presence, the more we can do to stop it establishing and spreading far and wide.

[Read more here.](#)

Advice for orchard events and field days



On-orchard field days and events are an opportunity to share valuable information; however, they can also lead to the spread of unwanted pests and diseases through the movement of people, machinery, tools and goods. KVH has developed a best practice poster to help reduce biosecurity risk when hosting or visiting an orchard event; and to explain the simple and easy steps people can take to protect kiwifruit orchards.

[Read more here.](#)

Coronavirus news page for the kiwifruit industry



Resources and up-to-date information about Coronavirus are available on the NZKGI website. The page has been set up to make it easier for people across the kiwifruit industry to get updates on COVID-19 for all things kiwifruit related, such as information for backpackers, an overview of the governments financial package for packhouses, orchard owners and employees, as well as information from Zespri on food safety.

[Read more here.](#)

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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 risk of harvest equipment, people and bins onto and around their orchard is minimised.

[Read more here.](#)

Latest BMSB finds

Since the start of the high-risk season on September there have been 56 stink bugs found, less than a third of what was found at this time last season. Over the last few weeks there were four of the unwanted bugs found post-border (mostly in residential properties of recent travellers). All were reported and investigated, with no further sign of any insects.

[Read more here.](#)

Showcasing biosecurity at open farm events

The Malley's recently hosted a sellout Open Farm Day at their orchard in Whangarei to showcase to the public how kiwifruit and berries are produced. Open Farms are about providing a better understanding about food production and helping bridge the urban rural divide that has become a polarising issue in recent media and political campaigns.

[Read more here.](#)

Fruit fly finds at the border

We're still in the high-risk season for fruit flies, with close monitoring and high-risk site trapping continuing. Latest data from Biosecurity New Zealand includes recent border detections of fruit fly larvae in mangoes and figs.

[Read more here.](#)

Gisborne region: change in boundary

KVH has extended the boundary of the Gisborne region northward by 30kms to now include all plantable land at Tolaga Bay as there has been a recent greenfields development in the area. The status of Gisborne as a KVH recovery region remains unchanged.

[Read more here.](#)

Psa Not Detected orchards and Red 19

KVH has written about the Red 19 license release to orchards our records show are currently listed as Psa Not Detected.

The licensed Red 19 budwood that is being supplied by Zespri this winter is from orchards recorded as having a status of Psa positive within the Recovery region. Under the National Psa-V Pest Management Plan, plant material cannot move from orchards that are Psa positive status to Not Detected status orchards

[Read more here.](#)

Bumblebox at Momentum

Were you at the recent Zespri Momentum conference visiting the Plant & Food Research stall? The team there had a Bumblebox on display which generated a lot of discussion amongst growers.

[Read more here.](#)

Record setting BMSB campaign

In February the Biosecurity New Zealand pest hotline received 323 calls about Brown Marmorated Stink Bugs (BMSB) - easily a record for a single month, by about 50 calls.

[Read more here.](#)

Surveillance programmes: finding things early

The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) is always looking for pests and diseases that might have arrived from overseas. Finding them early is vital for successful biosecurity responses and a new publication explains more about the what, where and why of our nation's surveillance programmes, including fruit fly in the Bay of Plenty.

[Read more here.](#)

Kiwifruit Phytophthora survey

KVH, Zespri and Plant & Food Research are currently working together on a survey of Phytophthora pathogens in kiwifruit orchards throughout New Zealand. This project will support New Zealand's biosecurity by better understanding our current baseline of Phytophthora species associated with kiwifruit.

[Read more here.](#)