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THIS IS US BIOSECURITY 2025

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'Xylella fastidiosa – the Apocalypse of Salento' is an award-winning look (and short documentary-style 15-minute film) into the devastating effects of this deadly disease on historic olive trees in Puglia, Italy. As well as Italy, Xylella is now found in France, Portugal, and Spain, and \$10 billion annual production losses are estimated if spread continues throughout the European Union.

[Read more here](#)

New role for KVH Chief Executive



It was with sadness that we recently announced our Chief Executive Stu Hutchings will leave the organisation in April to take up the role of Biosecurity New Zealand's Chief Biosecurity Officer. Stu joined KVH in April 2018, coming to the kiwifruit industry from the world of animal health, and in his three years at the helm he has been particularly impressed with the leadership demonstrated across the industry.

[Read more here.](#)

BMSB campaign hitting hard



This high-risk season's Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) awareness campaign is off to a great start, with results so far showing people are seeing our promotional material about the unwanted bug, and then hunting out more information. The campaign hit the airwaves when the high-risk season began in September.

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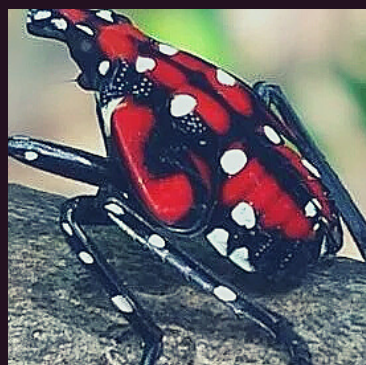
The cost of dirty footwear



In late November an agricultural machinery dealer and farmer was issued a \$400 fine plus ordered to pay costs and an additional \$500 to Biosecurity New Zealand for not declaring dirty boots. As we all know, footwear and the soil that may be with it, can be a major vector for pests, diseases and weeds into and within a country/region.

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Fun Fact



None of us would exactly use the word 'fun' to describe 2020, but it was different and unexpected – for humans and animals – and has resulted in some weird and wonderful facts. With less human activity amid the COVID-19 pandemic, lions and penguins playfully roamed free; farmed mink appeared to rise from the dead; Spotted Lanternflies prompted quarantines; and "Murder hornets" flew into the headlines.

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Borders are closed - has risk gone away?



While borders are closed, cruise ships berthed, and incoming trade not always its usual volume, biosecurity risk still exists, especially from the spread of kiwifruit pathogens that may already be here in their latent (not showing symptoms) form. Coronavirus has clearly illustrated the challenge of managing pathogens during the latency period, where they can spread silently between asymptomatic hosts.

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