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Single BMSB detections

Over the Christmas period there were two instances of single Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) discoveries post-border, highlighting how close to home the risk to our orchards, businesses, and lifestyles is.

A single male BMSB was found inside a Mt Maunganui house in mid-December and reported to the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) biosecurity hotline. The area where it was found has been inspected and traps were set prior to Christmas. The traps have been checked multiple times and fortunately no more stink bugs have been found.

Read more [here](#).

Minister thanks Mount locals

Minister for Biosecurity, Hon Damien O'Connor was in Mount Maunganui recently meeting staff who have been involved in the investigation into the December Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) detection. Minister O'Connor showed his thanks for the work that was undertaken by biosecurity officials and the public over the Christmas period.

Read more [here](#).

Promoting biosecurity across the Bay of Plenty

Two videos have been produced by the Tauranga Moana Biosecurity Capital (TMBC) team, to raise awareness as to how forest users can help keep kauri dieback from entering the forests of the Bay of Plenty. The videos are around a minute long and include dramatic and majestic visuals of kauri and the way people can protect this national treasure.

Read more [here](#).

Myrtle rust risk still high

Remember to check myrtle rust plants this summer to help track the spread of the disease. Myrtle rust is likely to be more active during warmer weather and is likely to spread to new areas where it hasn't been seen before.

As of December 2018, the disease has been confirmed on more than 800 properties across most of the North Island and upper areas of the South Island. The Bay of Plenty, Taranaki, and Auckland are the most seriously affected areas.

Read more [here](#).

Fruit fly interceptions

Latest border interception information on fruit flies has been published in the KVH risk update, showing that one of our biggest threats – the Queensland Fruit Fly (QFF) – was intercepted at the border in December. This is the only QFF find since the start of the high-risk season in September 2018.

Read more [here](#).

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Reminder to report unusual symptoms

KVH reminds growers to report any unusual symptoms they see on their orchard. This is so we can investigate and take necessary action to minimise potential impacts to your investment, or the wider industry. In most instances early action is the easiest way to mitigate impacts.

In 2018 KVH began investigating a group of unusual symptoms on some South Island orchards which were reportedly getting worse from one year to the next. Symptoms include cankers, some scion collapse and some dead vines on the worst sites. Sampling and diagnostics have been undertaken - this is not Psa and there is no evidence to suggest these symptoms are associated with a new biosecurity incursion.

Read more [here](#).

Latest pest detection information always available

Each month during the high-risk summer season, KVH publishes updates on two of kiwifruit's most unwanted pests – the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) and fruit fly.

These updates include the latest data from the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI), detections at the New Zealand border, actions being taken by MPI and industry groups to manage the risk posed by BMSB and fruit fly, and international research updates.

Read the latest updates [here](#).

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We all need to play our part in protecting our precious landscapes and waterways from pests and diseases. Go to thisisus.nz to find out how you can get involved. Ko Tātou This Is Us.

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