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KVH Snapshot

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Remove unpicked kiwifruit from vines



Growers are reminded that unpicked kiwifruit must be removed from vines by 1 July. Unpicked fruit can increase the amount of wild kiwifruit plants establishing in nearby areas of native bush or forestry, as fruit ripening over the winter months provides a food source for birds such as white-eyes. Birds spread seed through their droppings, together with a small fertiliser package. A proportion of this seed can readily germinate.

[Read more here.](#)

BOTRY-Zen now has a full claim against Psa



The biological BOTRY-Zen now holds a full registration through ACVM as a biological control option for Psa.

A limited label claim was initially achieved in 2013. Plant & Food Research is the research provider for Botry-Zen (2001) Ltd and has carried out field trials that have contributed to ACVM granting label claims for the product, for the control of Psa in kiwifruit.

[Read more here.](#)

BMSB awareness campaign proves it worth



Every New Zealander has a role to play in managing the risk of Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB). During the most recent high-risk season (September 2019 through to April 2020) KVH co-funded a nationwide summer BMSB education campaign with Biosecurity New Zealand and other horticultural sectors to lift public awareness around the damaging impacts of the pest and increase the likelihood of early detection through surveillance.

[Read more here.](#)

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Movement of mature plants

Growers may wish to move mature kiwifruit plants from areas where they have double planted. The movement of plant material is considered a high-risk biosecurity pathway for the transmission of unwanted organisms and it is important that any such movements are given careful consideration.

[Read more here.](#)

Express freight survey shows low biosecurity risk

A recent Biosecurity New Zealand survey shows risk from express freight is being well managed. Carried out from December 2019 to February 2020, the survey found express freight items arriving in New Zealand were almost 100% (99.996%) compliant with biosecurity requirements.

[Read more here.](#)

How do growers get advice?

Manaaki Whenua - Landcare Research is conducting a survey on how advice and advisory services are used across the primary sector on behalf of the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI), to help improve services and support for producers and advisors. The survey covers all types of land-based primary industry and for every grower that completes it Manaaki Whenua - Landcare Research will donate \$10 to the Rural Support. There are also two \$250 grocery vouchers being given away.

[Read more here.](#)

Reduce biosecurity risk when replacing plants or putting in new blocks

Winter is the time when growers look to replace plants on their orchards or plant new blocks. This is a reminder that if these plants are being moved between properties there are biosecurity requirements that must be met to reduce the likelihood of spreading pests and diseases including Psa. As a general rule, plants may only be sourced from nurseries that meet the requirements of the Kiwifruit Plant Certification Scheme (KPCS).

[Read more here.](#)

Colder temperatures bring higher Psa risk



Recent cold snaps in most regions have brought welcome winter chill and a good start to leaf drop, but there are also reminders that autumn conditions heighten Psa risk. For some Waikato orchards -5 degree frosts were recorded last week, and on Psa challenged blocks this sudden dip in temperature has triggered Psa expression

[Read more here.](#)

Stink bug in tech winners' sight



KVH Chief Executive Stu Hutchings was part of the judging panel at this year's Ag Tech Hackathon, where an innovation and technology company with a track record for coming up with high-tech solutions to industry problems claimed the win for their device that has the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) in its sights.

[Read more here.](#)

Latest research published



Scientific research publications that drive KVH policies and management advice are added to our website as they are finalised. Growers are encouraged to look them up and have a browse of the many different reports we make available. The following reports have recently been added to the KVH website:

[Read more here.](#)