

KVH Snapshot

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The kiwifruit industry: winners of the 2020 Biosecurity Awards Special Award for commitment to biosecurity



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Kiwifruit industry celebrated at national awards



Representatives from the kiwifruit industry have been awarded in recognition of outstanding contribution towards protecting New Zealand from pests and diseases. At the annual New Zealand Biosecurity Awards Linda Peacock was awarded the Minister's Biosecurity Award for services to the kiwifruit industry, and KVH accepted the New Zealand Biosecurity Special Award for outstanding commitment to biosecurity, on behalf of the kiwifruit industry.

[Read more here](#)

Pathway Plan progress update



KVH consultation on the proposed Pathway Plan for the kiwifruit industry continues, with wide-ranging and constructive feedback on the proposal received so far. With the consultation period open for a few more weeks (until Friday 11 December) we thought it would be useful to check-in with the industry by summarising what we have heard so far and how we propose to address this feedback.

[Read more here.](#)

BMSB on TV



Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) awareness ads are running on Choice TV and HGTV – helping us reach out to our target audience of gardeners and home DIYers. Sponsored nights are running throughout November and December on Thursdays (Choice TV) and Sundays (HGTV), 7.00pm – 10.30pm, including pop-ups appearing on screen showing BMSB crawling across people's TVs!

[Read more here.](#)

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Strengthening our biosecurity team

The Tauranga Moana Biosecurity Capital (TMBC) initiative celebrated another year of leading biosecurity excellence in the region, with its annual symposium in early November. Around 100 members from across the biosecurity community attended the day which had a theme of 'Impact, learnings and new thinking for biosecurity as a result of COVID-19'.

[Read more here.](#)

New app makes reporting pests easy

Reporting the unusual has been made easier with the new Find-A-Pest app, free to download from the Apple and Google app stores. Users can easily submit photos, and any additional information (i.e. where pests were found, damage, size) straight from their phones. To ensure it is functional for our growers and kiwifruit community, we have allowed for offline reporting, which means if you are out of Wi-Fi range or mobile reception, your report will be uploaded when you return to service.

[Read more here.](#)

High-risk pests kept away

We're now in the high-risk season for fruit flies and the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) – some of the kiwifruit industry's most unwanted pests. The latest updates for each are available on the KVH website, detailing detections since the start of the high-risk season in September. The BMSB and fruit fly risk updates are produced by KVH each month.

[Read more here.](#)

KVH Christmas hours

The KVH office will be closed from 5.00pm on Wednesday 23 December 2020 and will reopen at 8.30am on Tuesday 5 January 2021.

[Read more here.](#)

Hill Labs testing over the holidays

With the upcoming Christmas holiday period, the last date for Psa samples arriving in the lab at Hills will be Tuesday 15 December 2020. Psa testing will resume on Tuesday 5 January 2021. Only KVH pre-arranged Psa testing will be accepted between these dates.

[Read more here.](#)

Linda Peacock a Syngenta award finalist

Amid improved agri conditions, a complicated global market and a pandemic, there has never been a more important time to promote leadership in agriculture, according to Syngenta's Paul Luxton, when he announced the finalists of the 2020 Growth Awards - one of whom is our very own Linda Peacock, Industry Liaison & Technical Specialist here at KVVH.

[Read more here.](#)

Successful industry biosecurity day

KVVH and Zespri jointly hosted a Kiwifruit Biosecurity Industry Day, providing the opportunity for everyone to learn more about work underway to protect the industry from unwanted pests and diseases. Key research findings, and practical examples of research the industry has been taking part in were discussed in detail – as were biosecurity responses at a national level, by John Walsh from Biosecurity New Zealand.

[Read more here.](#)

Up to 43,000 visitors in the Bay a day

Did you know that during peak season there are a whopping 43,000 visitors per day out-and-about in the Bay of Plenty? And even during the low season the number is still a huge 21,000! Tourism Bay of Plenty mentioned the figures at the Biosecurity Week Symposium, when they talked about their aim of making sure subtle examples of best biosecurity practice are included in future videos and promotional material.

[Read more here.](#)

South Island orchard monitoring

KVVH recently completed a monitoring round of 10 South Island orchards who supply budwood to North Island nurseries, Zespri and other growers. An additional eight orchards will be monitored by AgFirst in early/mid-December.

[Read more here.](#)

Latest research now available

KVVH makes decisions and bases advice on key research learnings, industry knowledge and experience. Two new research reports have been added to the KVVH website, on pollen as a means of pathogen spread, and kiwifruit trunk disease.

[Read more here.](#)

More Psa after difficult weather



Many growers are reporting this spring as being a more difficult Psa season than seen for the previous two years. Last year's summer drought has likely created additional plant stress on some sites, possibly reducing vine resilience to disease, but difficult weather conditions have also played a part.

[Read more here.](#)

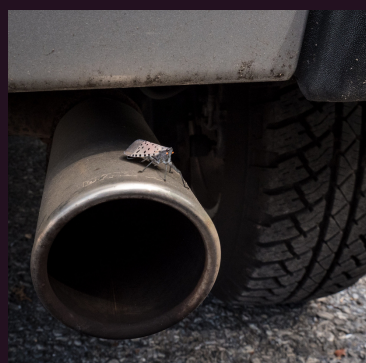
Buying seeds online? Do your homework first



Many of us will know that sinking feeling. The photos were beautiful. The price was great. Alas, that online offer did seem too good to be true. Imported seeds and plants, perhaps from a dodgy dealer, could have potentially immense and long-term dangers to the kiwifruit industry.

[Read more here.](#)

Spot the Spotted Lanternfly



Hopefully by now everyone knows what an adult Spotted Lanternfly (SLF) looks like, but could you spot one at pace? These hitchhikers are super crafty and can hold on tight – in fact, adult lanternflies can apparently keep a grip on cars going as fast as about 55k per hour!

[Read more here.](#)

Darshan and his family know biosecurity matters



The kiwifruit industry has a new video star in Hume Pack-N-Cool's Darshan Singh, who features in the industry's latest contribution to the national Ko Tātou This Is Us biosecurity campaign. KVH worked with Darshan and his family to produce the clip on their five-hectare Katikati orchard.

[Read more here.](#)

New Port biosecurity kits



All staffrooms, portacoms and other frontline workers spaces are now equipped with basic biosecurity kits, thanks to the Port of Tauranga Biosecurity Excellence programme, run by the Port, KVH and local Biosecurity New Zealand office. The kits are a simple and useful tool to help frontline staff who work within the Port community.

[Read more here.](#)

Free 2021 calendar



If you or your organisation would like one of the fantastic, bright and colourful Port of Tauranga Biosecurity Excellence 2021 unwanted pest calendars (created by KVH, Biosecurity New Zealand and the Port of Tauranga) send us an email letting us know your postal address and we'll get one in the mail to you.

[Read more here.](#)