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KVH Snapshot

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Sky high surveillance



Early winter, when leaves turn yellow, is the best time to detect wild kiwifruit vines from the air.

Aerial surveillance has recently been undertaken for the Te Puke gullies and pine blocks from No 4 Road to Paengaroa. About 250 infestations were detected in the Te Puke area – sometimes there were multiple infestations on one property (e.g., through a pine block).

[Read more here](#)

Updated Weather & Disease Portal now live



The Weather & Disease Portal (available via the KVH website) is an important and useful digital decision tool used daily across the kiwifruit industry. It is the central point of access for the Psa Risk Model, chill units, and latest weather forecasts across all major growing areas.

The new update builds on this existing functionality to introduce an advanced IBM Weather Company Forecast.

[Read more here.](#)

KVH AGM coming soon



Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) is now only a few weeks away and will take place Wednesday 18 August 2021, at the Trustpower Arena in Mount Maunganui.

The meeting starts at 9am and will include guest speaker Ian Proudfoot, KPMG Global Head of Agribusiness.

[Read more here.](#)

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New Annual Update out now

The KVH Annual Update 2020/21 has been published.

Growers have told us that they are interested in knowing more about what we do across the biosecurity system so this year we have focused our stories on the integrated layers of pre-border, border, and post-border, to highlight our work within New Zealand and internationally, and how these all connect with each other to improve biosecurity resilience for growers and industry businesses.

[Read more here.](#)

Last call for biosecurity champions

Entries are open for a few more days for the 2021 New Zealand Biosecurity Awards. The Awards acknowledge businesses, organisations, community groups, kura/schools, individuals, and anyone contributing to biosecurity in Aotearoa.

If you or someone you know is doing great work to protect New Zealand against pests and diseases, it's time to shine a light on their achievements. Find out more about the different categories and how to enter.

[Read more here.](#)

New research published

Recently added to the KVH website is a research paper on budrot disease cycle.

Hayward kiwifruit vines were exposed to rainfall and natural Psa inoculum during different week-long windows through spring, to determine which flowerbud growth stages were most susceptible to Psa infection.

[Read more here.](#)

KVH presenting at national stink bug meeting

There's a Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) Symposium coming up, and it is open to anyone interested in attending. Taking place Monday 9 August in Napier, the event is a great opportunity to bring together and connect those interested in BMSB research. KVH and Zespri will be presenting on the day with a focus on our research and our experiences of BMSB in kiwifruit in the northern hemisphere.

[Read more here.](#)

Snakes sometimes sneak in

It was in the news recently that Rangiora New World workers had spotted a dead snake while unpacking a box of bananas from Ecuador. A snake specialist identified the 20-centimetre snake as a juvenile, normally found in South America, and not known to be dangerous to humans.

Over the past 10 years there have been 59 snakes found in New Zealand.

[Read more here.](#)

35 new to New Zealand records, 501 new host associations

These are just some of the figures from completed diagnostics by the Plant Health and Environment Laboratory (PHEL) high-risk site surveillance programme last season, demonstrating not only the high volume of reports made to the hotline (0800 80 99 66), but also how important these reports are in detecting new organisms as quickly as possible, and monitoring pest distribution and spread.

[Read more here.](#)

Spotted Lanternfly workshops underway

From 28 July, Plant & Food Research, in association with industry groups including KVH, are running workshops on preparedness for the potential arrival of Spotted Lanternfly (SLF) in New Zealand.

The workshops are based around a webinar and discussion on SLF impacts and management with Julie Urban from Pennsylvania State University, where you will also learn more about how you could stop this pest from establishing if it happened to arrive in New Zealand.

[Read more here.](#)

Who's eating New Zealand?

We produce enough food to feed about 40 million people, but given our population is just 5 million, who are these people we're feeding and what are they eating? Radio New Zealand has looked at some of our biggest merchandise export earners – including kiwifruit or course - and some of our highest profile products to see who has been eating and drinking New Zealand over the past 30 years.

[Read more here.](#)

Are you a Biosecurity Superhero?



It takes all of us to protect what we've got here in the Bay of Plenty from biosecurity threats like pests, predators, weeds, and diseases.

Shoot a short video telling us all why and you could win cash prizes! Entries are open now but close soon (4 August) so get in quick. It's super easy and super fun.

[Read more here.](#)

Stock up on resources



A reminder that KVH has loads of resources available to you to help raise awareness of biosecurity and the risks our industry faces. We have everything from posters and booklets to key rings and playing cards. Get in touch at info@kvh.org.nz if there is anything we can provide you with for displays, events or giveaways.

Biosecurity Week - save the dates



Biosecurity in the Bay of Plenty will be celebrated during Biosecurity Week from Monday 30 August 2021. This week, run by Tauranga Moana Biosecurity Capital (TMBC), is all about highlighting the importance of protecting what we love about Tauranga Moana.

There will be industry events (including a KVH/Zespri grower day on Thursday 2 September), Port of Tauranga Biosecurity Excellence Programme activities and on Tuesday 31 August, the annual TMBC Biosecurity Excellence Symposium.

[Read more here.](#)