

Desired outcome

Reliable testing is available to confirm the presence of Psa-V in an orchard or nursery.

Background

Lab testing is an important tool for confirming the presence of Psa-V in an orchard or nursery. In regions such as Te Puke, where Psa-V is widespread, most post-harvest technical people are confident of determining Psa-V from visual symptoms. In other regions, the same level of expertise is not always available and testing enables suspected Psa-V infection to be confirmed.

Recognised testing laboratories

KVH will recognise laboratories that provide reliable testing services, identifying these on the KVH website (www.kvh.org.nz/samplingtesting).

KVH will continue to work with the Ministry for Primary Industries to monitor integrity of testing and ensure testing services continue to be reliable.

KVH subsidised testing

KVH will subsidise testing where it believes this provides valuable information that is needed to achieve NPMP objectives for any given region. Details on testing that KVH will subsidise will be provided on the KVH website (www.kvh.org.nz/samplingtesting).

Implementation approach for testing and notification

All test results are sent by recognised testing laboratories to KVH. On receipt of the results, KVH notifies the appropriate packhouse or submitter. If the grower is associated with a packhouse, the packhouse will notify the grower of the results. Alternatively, the results could come direct from the laboratory.