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FREE THIS
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Winter campaign to raise awareness of BMSB

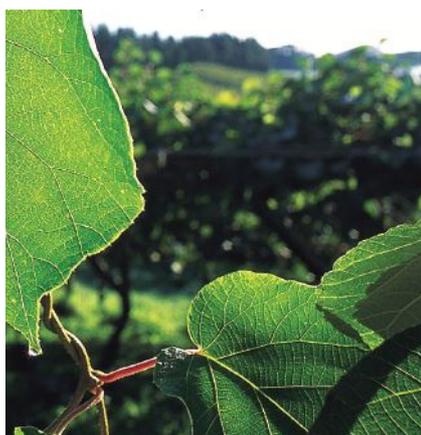


This year's national winter campaign to help raise awareness of a particularly unwanted pest to the kiwifruit industry – the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) – is now underway.

The winter campaign follows the spring-summer campaign of 2021/22, which saw stink bug ads appear on people's phone and computer screens. The campaign had a great result, appearing on computer screens more than 13.5 million times.

[Read more here.](#)

Nominations for KVH directors



The KVH Board is calling for nominations for one grower director for a term of three years to the KVH Board as Dermott Malley's term as grower elected representative is ending. Dermott will be re-standing for this vacancy.

Nomination forms are available on the KVH website and must be returned to info@kvh.org.nz along with a list of all interests in the kiwifruit industry by 5pm, Monday 4 July 2022.

[Read more here.](#)

Autumn Psa risk increases



Autumn is typically a higher risk period for Psa as temperatures drop, rainy misty periods increase, and heavier dews also provide an opportunity for Psa multiplication and spread. Monthly Psa risk plots available via the KVH Weather & Disease Portal, show this increased autumnal risk trend, and provide information on risk versus previous seasons.

[Read more here.](#)

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Keep up with biosecurity when replacing plants or planting new blocks

Winter is the time when growers look to replace plants on their orchards or plant new blocks. 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.](#)

Plant Pass biosecurity scheme launched

The movement of plant material is the highest risk pathway for spreading pests and pathogens between orchards and therefore growers should always purchase nursery and shelter belt plants from suppliers that meet the requirements of the industry's new Pathway Management Plan.

Certification is a simple means for suppliers to demonstrate they have met the requirements and KVH has operated a Kiwifruit Plant Certification Scheme (KPCS) since 2015 for this purpose. There is now another certification option available for nurseries, Plant Pass.

[Read more here.](#)

Grower support for survey appreciated

KVH would like to thank the growers who put their hands up to be included in the autumn 2022 round of the industry phytophthora survey. Plant & Food Research have now sampled a further 25 sites bringing the total number of orchards included in the project to 75. The next round of the survey will run in spring with sampling commencing in November 2022.

[Read more here.](#)

Response to reported Indonesia Foot and Mouth outbreak

Biosecurity New Zealand is closely monitoring reports of a Foot and Mouth disease (FMD) outbreak in Indonesia, a reminder of how important it is to have strong biosecurity practices in place, all the time. The World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) has issued a notification suspending Indonesia's FMD freedom status, and New Zealand officials are keeping a close watch on developments.

[Read more here.](#)

Your invite to chat with Sam Whitelock

Dealing with uncertainty is a constant for many growers and farmers but investing in simple habits like connecting with mates and getting off the orchard or farm regularly can boost your mood and build resilience. You, your family and team are invited to join All Black great Sam Whitelock's online session Wednesday 1 June where he'll share how he manages the pressures of high-performance sport and discuss how you could apply these strategies to your orchard and life.

[Read more here.](#)

Fall Armyworm update

There have now been several sightings of the crop-killing fall armyworm across the North Island. Biosecurity New Zealand has had people on the ground talking to growers and collecting samples, and staff will be available for ongoing support as required.

Farmers and growers are encouraged to keep an eye out for the pest. Kiwifruit is not a host of fall armyworm, but it does feed on more than 350 plant species, so we encourage growers to check orchards and crops as always and report anything of concern.

[Read more here.](#)

Government announces strengthened biosecurity funding

New Zealand's biosecurity is being strengthened as part of Budget 2022 to help protect the country's vital primary sector and native flora and fauna. Biosecurity Minister Damien O'Connor has unveiled \$42.9 million to bolster the biosecurity system and \$68m over the next year for *M. bovis* eradication.

[Read more here.](#)

Fairy kingdom visitors?

Click the 'read more' link below to see some cute little orchard visitors that pop up during rainy autumns and winter. They're not visits from the fairy kingdom but rather short-lived fruiting bodies of vines infected with *Armillaria*.

The fungal pathogen survives on diseased wood and roots below ground for many years.

[Read more here.](#)

Remove unpicked kiwifruit from vines



Growers are reminded that unpicked kiwifruit must be removed from vines by 1 July each year. This is because unpicked fruit can increase the amount of wild kiwifruit plants establishing in nearby areas of native bush or forestry. Fruit ripening over the winter months provides a food source for birds (such as the wax-eye/tauhou) that then spread seed through their droppings, together with a small fertiliser package. A proportion of this seed can readily germinate.

[Read more here.](#)

Biosecurity risk at a glance



The latest KVH Dashboard has been published, providing a quick overview of current biosecurity threats and the work KVH is doing to manage risk for the kiwifruit industry. The Dashboard is produced to give growers and the industry a one-page view of current threat levels and our ability to manage these should they arrive here.

[Read more here.](#)

Syngenta award presented to Linda



Back in August our very own Linda Peacock was one of eight overall winners recognised in the Syngenta Growth Awards.

The wonderful team at Syngenta recently popped into the office to formally present Linda with her award, after Covid-19 restrictions meant delays to being able to travel and hold events.

[Read more here.](#)