

KVH Snapshot

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TO LOOK
OUT FOR**

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Psa: what to look out for



Click [here](#) to view a set of on-orchard images taken in October by the KVH team out in the field.

These are a useful reminder of what to look for when monitoring canopies to determine presence of Psa.

How well do we share information?



We're running a short survey about the ways in which we share information with you, and how often.

We're working hard to raise awareness about good biosecurity practices and the benefits these can bring. In doing this, we need to learn more about the ways you prefer us to keep in touch with you and how we can get important information under your nose.

[Read more here.](#)

Stink bug season well underway



It's that time of year where we are always talking about Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) again.

The 2022/23 BMSB season started 1 September and will run until 30 April 2023. There was a thorough review of the previous season before the September kick-off and there continues to be no evidence of any established BMSB population here.

[Read more here.](#)

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State of play at the border

New Zealand's borders need to be protected from unwanted pests and diseases. We work closely with Biosecurity New Zealand and there is a high degree of trust, transparency, and accountability in our relationship.

There is however no such thing as zero risk. That is why these relationships, and the multi-layered approach to our biosecurity system is so important – that is what protects kiwifruit growers.

[Read more here.](#)

Enhancing international research coordination

New Zealand, and the rest of the world, continue to face increasing biosecurity threats to our plant systems and native environment and international experts have called for greater global coordination of biosecurity research to strengthen plant health.

New Zealand's Better Border Biosecurity (B3) recently joined with Euphresco and Australia's Plant Biosecurity Research Initiative at international hui to better co-ordinate these global efforts.

[Read more here.](#)

BMSB traps

As kiwifruit growers will be well aware, there are only a few chemicals that can be used against the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) and the number of treatments available is limited.

This is why producers are choosing traps more and more.

[Read more here.](#)

Psa protectants

The recent frost has provided another challenge for many, in what has already been a tough year. With many orchards facing significant frost damage, and the potential for further cold weather, it is important to remain vigilant to the threat of Psa. Late October to early November is typically when symptoms show an upswing and we know Psa infection typically occurs 14 days before symptoms are visible.

[Read more here.](#)

Fine for plant smuggler

A woman who admitted smuggling plants in the post will have to pay \$8000 (\$5000 in fines and a \$3000 donation to charity) and do 200 hours of community service.

The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) started looking into her importing practices after intercepting an incorrectly declared parcel containing eight live plants. She later admitted to using different names and addresses to import several consignments of plant material.

[Read more here.](#)

Keeping FMD out

New Zealand is free from foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) and we have never had a case here.

Although it is very unlikely FMD will arrive in New Zealand – as we have strong border measures to keep it out – the threat is taken very seriously and KVH attended the most recent meeting of the Plant Biosecurity Council which included an update on readiness planning for FMD, in the unlikely event of an outbreak here and eradicating the disease.

[Read more here.](#)

Fall armyworm surveillance update

As part of the ongoing work against Fall armyworm (FAW), Better Border Biosecurity (B3) has started a research programme to better understand the survival, distribution, and potential impacts of this moth pest in New Zealand. More than 200 FAW pheromone traps are being distributed around the country to support the B3 research work.

Although kiwifruit is not a known host of this pest, kiwifruit growers are also asked to be aware and, on the lookout, (as are all growers making regular checks of their crops).

[Read more here.](#)

Bananas and frogs?

How can bananas and a frog be examples of invasive species? Sometimes you never know what surprises will pop up after a trip to your local supermarket. A British family recently purchased bananas from their local grocery store; got home; removed the plastic packaging they were wrapped in; and inside was a small tree frog!

[Read more here.](#)

See you at Mystery Creek Fieldays



Join us at the Mystery Creek Fieldays from 30 November – 3 December for the latest biosecurity and wider industry updates.

We'll be located within the Zespri site so please do pop in and have a chat anytime. As well as KVH, there will of course be important updates each day on key issues and initiatives from Zespri and NZKGI, and the Kiwifruit Breeding Centre will be on-site all day too.

[Read more here.](#)

In the news



Biosecurity has been in the news and on TV around the world over the last few weeks, including:

- Detector dogs on the fruit fly case
- Speaking for spotted lanternflies everywhere
- Why are spotted lanternflies attracted to high-rise office buildings?
- More stink bugs could be coming

[Read more here.](#)

Welcome Max



We recently welcomed Max McDonald to the KVH team, as our new Systems Coordinator.

Max's role is to support KVH's IT infrastructure and provide data and mapping support to the team, as well as create practical new tools and systems for KVH that can be used to help provide online services to growers – particularly around traceability.

[Read more here.](#)