

# KVH Snapshot

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THIS IS US BIOSECURITY 2025

# Reminder: new Psa seasonal management guide



The Psa-V Seasonal Management Wall Chart 2022-23 is out now.

The wall chart outlines how to use cultural methods and a protective spray programme year-round to reduce risk on-orchard. A key feature is the KVH Recommended Product List, which sets out the upcoming seasons approved products for protection against Psa, their year-round application rates, re-application timings, and permitted use periods.

[Read more here.](#)

## Mandatory orchard monitoring



All growers in Exclusion regions and all growers with 'Not Detected' orchards in all regions are required to carry out a round of mandatory monitoring between by 15 October, with results due to KVH by 31 October.

Monitoring is a critical component of establishing Psa-presence, location, and volume so that it can be managed.

[Read more here.](#)

## Most unwanted time of the year



Fruit flies and Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) are considered two of the biggest biosecurity threats to the kiwifruit industry and from September they are both in their highest-risk period for entry into New Zealand.

[Read more here.](#)

The KVH Snapshot provides you with brief biosecurity messages that you can reproduce and share. Contact [lisa.gibbison@kvh.org.nz](mailto:lisa.gibbison@kvh.org.nz) for more information related to the topics listed, or to remove/add addresses to the Snapshot distribution list.

## AGM results

The KVH Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held 24 August. Thank you to all those who were able to attend the event and thank you also to everyone for voting.

All Resolutions were passed at the AGM.

[Read more here.](#)

## Industry biosecurity day a success

KVH and Zespri jointly hosted a Kiwifruit Grower Biosecurity Day early in September, 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. Dr Julie Urban from Pennsylvania State University in the USA joined the event virtually to discuss what has been learnt in the states about the impacts and management of Spotted Lanternfly and how the New Zealand kiwifruit industry can further prepare for this threat.

[Read more here.](#)

## Nursery forum

Immediately following the grower event, a joint KVH and Zespri Kiwifruit Plant Nursery Forum got underway.

Run annually, the event focuses on updates about standards, compliance, traceability, and aspects of the kiwifruit nursery supply chain.

[Read more here.](#)

## One billion sterile fruit flies a week ...

One billion sterile flies a week is the production volume of the world's second largest Mediterranean Fruit Fly facility.

Opened in cooperation with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the factory of sterilised flies, located in the Chiapas state of Mexico, helps keep the country's growing agriculture pest free.

[Read more here.](#)

## Celebrating a pest-free port

Hundreds of people took part in recent events across Tauranga Moana for this year's biosecurity week, including activities at the Port of Tauranga, highlighting frontline efforts to ensure a pest-free environment.

[Read more here.](#)

## Weather and disease reports now customisable

Based on great feedback from growers and post-harvest, we've made the recently launched daily email reports even more customisable.

You can now choose the days of the week the reports are sent to you (or choose every day) and you can now also edit your preferences anytime.

[Read more here.](#)

## Free tool for recording plant movements now available

KVH has been developing new tools to help growers meet requirements of the new Pathway Management Plan (PMP).

In addition to resources for creating simple biosecurity plans, you can now also use a free tool that enables recording of plant material movements digitally using the Onside app. This is designed to make it simpler and easier to capture the movement of plant material on and off your orchard, and makes it easier to meet GAP audit requirements.

[Read more here.](#)

## Sites wanted for Phytophthora survey

KVH is interested in hearing from growers who would like to be included in the industry survey of Phytophthora pathogens in kiwifruit orchards throughout New Zealand. This spring a further 25 sites from the Northland, Auckland, Edgumbe, East Cape/Gisborne and Hawke's Bay regions are planned to be sampled as part of this two-year project.

[Read more here.](#)

## Check and clean in 60 seconds

How do you clean your tools before going onto or between orchards? A contractor who regularly works on kiwifruit orchards shows us how quick and easy it is.

[Read more here.](#)

## Fall Armyworm update

Response efforts against the invasive Fall Armyworm (FAW) are continuing. There have now been isolated detections of this pest on 25 properties.

Kiwifruit is not known to be a host of this pest and therefore KVH, on behalf of the kiwifruit industry, continues to be an observer to activities in response to these detections, rather than a GIA partner who shares decision-making and costs.

[Read more here.](#)

## Hidden in plain sight

The Fruit Piercing Moth Caterpillar is a master of disguise. The exotic pest takes on snake-like features as a defence mechanism – including large fake snake eye spots at one end of its body.

Coming in at number 15 on KVH's Kiwifruit's Most Unwanted list, this moth has reportedly caused damage on kiwifruit in Queensland, Australia.

[Read more here.](#)

## Creepy crawler

The 'crawler' is a juvenile of White Peach Scale, one of KVH's Kiwifruit's Most Unwanted.

White Peach Scale crawlers travel short distances to find a place to settle, as when they are adults they cannot move.

[Read more here.](#)

## We're finalists for Biosecurity Awards

This year is the sixth year of the New Zealand Biosecurity Awards and KVH is thrilled that our traceability partnership with Onside is a finalist in the following categories:

- GIA Industry Award
- Mondial VGL Innovation Award

The partnership between KVH and Onside provides the kiwifruit industry with a digital tool to easily capture plant material movements on and off orchards.

[Read more here.](#)

## Watch biosecurity day videos



If you weren't able to make the KVH/Zespri Kiwifruit Grower Biosecurity Day or Nursery Forum early in the month, or want to re-visit any of the talks, you can now watch videos of all presentations on the KVH YouTube channel here.

## Hygiene for pruning tools



Recent research from the Kiwifruit Biosecurity Steering Group and funded by the Zespri Innovation Biosecurity portfolio looked to find ways to limit the spread of *Ceratocystis fimbriata* (an offshore pathogenic fungi impacting kiwifruit in Brazil) should it arrive in New Zealand.

Pruning tools used on orchard are often high-risk transmission pathways of *Ceratocystis* between healthy and sick vines.

[Read more here.](#)

## Farewell Yanika



Our thanks and best wishes for the future go to Yanika, who has been a Biosecurity Advisor here at KVH for the past 12 months.

We welcomed Yanika in September 2021 as maternity leave cover for Erin Lane and she immediately became a valued member of the team, primarily focused on scanning offshore for new and emerging risks and identifying actions to be undertaken in partnership with other stakeholders so that we are prepared should these threats arrive on our shores.

[Read more here.](#)

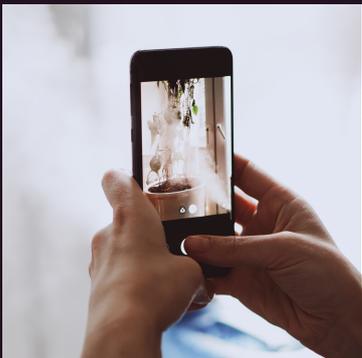
## Fruit fly agreement update



The Fruit Fly Council, which consists of KVH, the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) and other industries who would be impacted by a fruit fly incursion, have recently re-signed the GIA Operational Agreement (OA) for Fruit Fly readiness and response activities for a seven-year term.

[Read more here.](#)

## How to 'snap' biosecurity suspects



We all know the golden rule that if you see something unusual, you should 'catch it, snap it, report it', but what makes a good pic?

Check out this great video from the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) on tips for taking photographs that the specialists can use for pest identification.

[Read more here.](#)

## Auckland airport bolsters border protections



New Zealand's border protection is being boosted with work underway to upgrade the international terminal arrivals area at Auckland Airport.

The new arrivals area will support the introduction of new technology and clearance process changes that will enhance both biosecurity and the travel experience for passengers, including making use of advancements in 3D scanning to provide greater biosecurity protection.

[Read more here.](#)