

KVH Snapshot

NEWS YOU CAN USE



Biosecurity is... New Zealand from the risks posed by unwanted pests and... million of us are part of our biosecurity system, protecting New Zealand, our health and way of life, our natural and productive resources, and biodiversity.

Biosecurity threats could affect Orchard Gate Return (OGR), jobs and community. The next big threat could be here, undetected and spreading. It might already be on your doorstep. You have the power to protect your livelihood and investment with the five easy interventions covered in this on-orchard biosecurity plan.

It means managing risk to prevent the introduction of unwanted organisms, preventing their spread if they do arrive, and always maintaining vigilance so they can be detected.

To kiwifruit growers, biosecurity means the actions, practices and rules that are designed to keep out the pests and diseases that could affect kiwifruit or kiwifruit vines at a national, regional, or individual orchard level.

The following information is designed to provide guidance to help you identify biosecurity risks, and how to address them. By completing an on-orchard biosecurity plan you will be identifying and prioritising biosecurity practices relevant to your orchard and property. The plan you develop will be unique to your orchard, staff, and surrounding environment.

Your name, as the person completing this On-Orchard Biosecurity Plan

The KPIN you are completing this On-Orchard Biosecurity Plan for

Are there other KPINs this On-Orchard Biosecurity Plan applies to? If so, please list each KPIN

If you are completing this On-Orchard Biosecurity Plan at an MSO level, please list your PMO number

Declaration: I am the person responsible for completing the following On-Orchard Biosecurity Plan for each KPIN that I have listed. I understand the information that I have provided about actions taken to manage biosecurity risk and consider it to be true and correct.

Signature _____ Date _____



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Have you seen something unusual?



Build your biosecurity plan



Please join us at our biosecurity planning Te Puke workshop - or get in touch if we can design a workshop that suits you/your growers. These biosecurity workshops are a great place to start addressing on-orchard biosecurity programmes so that you can develop a plan that suits your property and manages your biosecurity risk.

Having such a plan is a Zespri GAP requirement. Attending the workshop will help with that achievement.

[Read more here.](#)

Website update



We've recently updated our website to make it more user friendly and have had reports from a few users who are having trouble logging into the Weather & Disease portal, with the log in page taking them back to the home page of our website. To avoid this issue, you can try clearing your web browser's cache/browsing data to refresh the KVH website. On Chrome, this is done through "more tools" under the Chrome settings in the top right of your browser. If you are still having trouble after clearing the cache/browsing data or need help doing so, please get in touch.

Your opinion counts



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

We want 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](#)

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

Industry biosecurity day a success

In mid-November KVH and Zespri jointly hosted a Kiwifruit Grower Biosecurity Day, 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, particularly around one of our highest risk threats, the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB).

[Read more here.](#)

Spotted Lanternfly egg masses a risk

The Spotted Lanternfly (SLF) is one of the kiwifruit industry's biggest pest threats and every SLF egg mass not destroyed could mean up to 50 more of the bugs next season!

In Pennsylvania, where this harmful and unwanted pest has made itself at home, locals have been reminded by state agriculture officials of the importance of vigilance as the bugs begin laying eggs on flat surfaces to overwinter and then hatch in the Northern Hemisphere spring.

[Read more here.](#)

M.Bovis review strengthens biosecurity

An independent review of the Mycoplasma bovis eradication programme has found that it is on track to achieve a world-first eradication and makes recommendations to improve the wider biosecurity system.

[Read more here.](#)

High-risk pests kept away

We're now in the high-risk season for fruit flies and the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) – some of the kiwifruit industry's most unwanted pests. The latest updates for each are now available on the KVH website.

[Read more here.](#)

Fun Fact



A new study shows honeybees 'scream' to warn of giant hornet attack. Honeybees alert their hives when a giant hornet is near, using antipredator pipes that sound like screaming. The Asian Giant Hornet is one of the most unwanted in our annual pest calendar.

[Read more here.](#)

Kiwifruit growers COVID-19 information



A reminder that NZKGI has a web page dedicated to providing up-to-date information to stakeholders across the kiwifruit industry on Coronavirus. The page currently includes information and advice about testing, vaccinations, and pastoral support as well as links to employment, financial and health & safety advice.

[Read more here.](#)

Need new orchard biosecurity signs?



We've refreshed the free on-orchard biosecurity signs - please get in touch if you'd like us to send you some out to you.

The signs are A3-sized, corflute, and reiterate to visitors that we can all work together to keep safe from unwanted pests and diseases.

Email info@kvh.org.nz to place your order.

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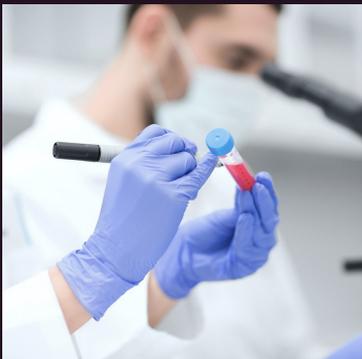


KVH's Snapshot podcasts are free and available on Soundcloud and Apple iTunes.

Two of the latest podcasts feature experts from the recent biosecurity day, and an interview with grower Mike Montgomery about managing Psa - including the importance of getting support and advice.

[Read more here.](#)

Hill Laboratories testing over the holidays



With the upcoming Christmas holiday period, the last date for Psa samples arriving in the lab at Hills will be 15 December 2021. Psa testing will resume 17 January 2022. Only KVH pre-arranged Psa testing will be accepted between these dates. Please contact info@kvh.org.nz if urgent Psa testing is required (photos of symptoms will be needed).

Growers who notice other unusual symptoms that require follow up over the Christmas break can contact info@kvh.org.nz for follow up.

Biosecurity hunt coming back



Calling all adventurers the Great Tauranga Moana Biosecurity Hunt is coming back! Have you got what it takes to hunt down the most invasive insects, animals, weeds, and diseases to protect the Bay of Plenty?

[Read more here.](#)