



SPRING 2024

Protect your investment, manage biosecurity risks

SYMPOSIUM VIDEOS OUT NOW

This year's KVH Biosecurity Symposium had a strong theme of Building Resilience through collaboration, surveillance, and by learning from others. For those who missed the event recordings are now available on the Kiwifruit Vine Health YouTube channel - including Danny Le Feuvre's reflections on the [Australian Varroa Mite response](#), a [governance panel discussion](#) about the kiwifruit industry's journey in biosecurity, and sessions on [ERM](#), [research](#), and [Spotted Lanternfly](#).

VINES UNDER PRESSURE? REPORT THE UNUSUAL!

Last year we received 48 unusual vine symptom reports, including dieback and low vigor through spring, poor vine or root health, or whole vine collapse at fruit set or close to harvest. Unusual symptom reports provide an important industry "early warning system" of possible emerging problems and leads to valuable research. To report the unusual contact KVH on 0800665 825 or via info@kvh.org.nz. We are here to help!



NEW OR UNEXPECTED PSA-V SYMPTOMS?

Through spring if you see Psa on an orchard, or new development for the first time, remember to make a report to KVH on info@kvh.org.nz or 0800 665 825. Psa remains a high-risk organism under the Pathway Plan and reporting is required and allows update of records on Psa spread.

Also, if you are concerned about unexpectedly high Psa impacts despite a good Psa management program please be in touch and we can follow-up to rule out presence of a new or resistant Psa variant.

TRACING FLOWERS & POLLEN THROUGH POLLINATION

Growers sourcing pollen for pollination can find a list of KPCS certified pollen mills and registered pollen distributors at kvh.org.nz. This list updates annually and registrations for 2024 are now open. Also, a reminder to maintain traceability records for flower and pollen movements to meet Pathway Plan and GAP requirements.

WILD KIWIFRUIT PROJECTS CONTINUE

KVH and BOPRC took to the skies in June as part of ongoing surveillance on wild kiwifruit. They found infestations in the Te Puke region were down where KVH contractors have been active. Some newer hot spots were also identified. A great update on the programme including regional efforts from our symposium can be found on the [Kiwifruit Vine Health You-Tube channel](#).

Growers can support this work by reporting wild kiwifruit infestations to local regional councils and by flagging unmanaged kiwifruit sites to KVH, as well as ensuring removal of all fruit from canopies following harvest.

For advice on control, download our Good Practice Guidelines for Wild Kiwifruit Vine Control from kvh.org.nz or get in touch via info@kvh.org.nz.



STEPPING UP CONTRACTOR CONTACTS

The Zespri process audits CAV-contractor biosecurity plans and growers check that non-CAV contractors also have plans. This strengthens whole industry awareness and readiness in the biosecurity space. When discussing pollination with your beekeepers, be sure to also talk through biosecurity requirements as part of the discussion. Raising this awareness is valuable as these key industry players are also vulnerable to the impacts of biosecurity threats.

KVH messages now also reach contractors via the Zespri Contractor Quarterly newsletter. If you have ideas on new resources to support biosecurity discussions with contractors, please be in touch!



BEWARE THE MOST UNWANTED - FRUIT FLIES, BMSB AND MORE

Educate your team with our new Pest ID guide, available online via kvh.org.nz, or you can request these directly from info@kvh.org.nz

The high-risk season for many of our most unwanted including BMSB and fruit flies starts in September, so be on the lookout for the unusual.

