

Managing biosecurity risks when grafting



Supplying graftwood?

Grafters who supply graftwood to growers must be registered with KVH and submit a Psa-V Risk management plan. Check the KVH website for more information on contact KVH on 0800 665 825, or email info@kvh.org.nz.



Record keeping?

High impact diseases may be present in plants before we see any symptoms or realise their presence. They can transfer through budwood and other plant material. Good traceability records may help eradication of any new diseases.

- ✓ Maintain good traceability of graftwood – especially when dealing with multiple KPINs.
- ✓ Record source of budwood and where used.
- ✓ Supply records to growers.

Weather adds risk

Wet weather increases Psa-V infection risk. Ideally grafting should only be carried out in dry weather.

- ✓ Refer to the KVH risk model. Contact KVH at info@kvh.org.nz for a log-in.

Hygiene

Disease can transfer between plants via tools so good vine to vine hygiene is important.

- ✓ Consider how you will clean groovers, chainsaws, pruning knives, cutting equipment.
- ✓ Remove plant sap before applying sanitisers.
- ✓ Use recommended products – methylated spirits, Varicide, VirkonS, Sterigene, Envirosan, Aussen L44 (Biogro certified).
- ✓ Protect large wounds with a suitable wound dressing.
- ✓ Work from least infected to most infected areas of the orchard.

Unusual symptoms – budwood or stumps

- ✓ Be on the lookout and report any unusual budwood or vine symptoms to KVH on 0800 665 825.
- ✓ The sooner we see anything new the more we can do to help.

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Good biosecurity
supports our whole
industry.**