



## Protect your investment, manage biosecurity risks

### Successful end to Auckland fruit fly response

- ✓ The joint Government and industry response to unwanted fruit flies has been closed. Restrictions on the movement of fruit and vegetables on Auckland's North Shore, and response operations, stopped at the end of January.
- ✓ This was the end of an almost year-long response (costing around \$18m), triggered by the discovery of a Queensland Fruit Fly (QFF) in a surveillance trap in the area February 2019.
- ✓ It's now been six months since a fly was last trapped in the area, and this, along with an intensive baiting programme and the inspection of hundreds of kilos of fruit without a find, has provided confidence there is currently no breeding population of the QFF in the area.
- ✓ The kiwifruit industry contributed a lot to the response: KVH heads the Fruit Fly Council governance group and more than **40 people from across the industry worked 685 staff days in Auckland.**
- ✓ KVH has created a new guide for growers outlining the likely sequence of events if a fruit fly response occurs in a kiwifruit growing region. These are free from [www.kvh.org.nz](http://www.kvh.org.nz) or contact us at [info@kvh.org.nz](mailto:info@kvh.org.nz) or 0800 665 825 for a copy to be sent to you.



### Spot the unusual

It's the time of year when vines are likely to be under stress and susceptible to disease - be on the lookout and report any unusual vine symptoms as soon as you spot them. The sooner we know about anything new on your orchard, the more we can do to help establish the cause.

- ✓ Add **KVH (0800 665 825)** to your phone contact list.
- ✓ Visit the KVH website to look at recent reports, including images of unusual symptoms.





## Latest stink bug sightings

- ✓ **52:** live Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) finds since the start of the high-risk season in September 2019, less than a third of what was found at this time last season.
- ✓ **19:** found over the summer holiday period (mid-December to mid-January), mostly with the luggage and belongings of recent travellers to the USA and Italy.

## Stink bug swarm

- ✓ While the number of stink bug detections is down, Biosecurity New Zealand are finding groups of dead bugs in treated freight, showing offshore treatment requirements are working.
- ✓ A case in point was a find by a Christchurch transitional facility that saw a record number of dead bugs throughout a container carrying two tractors from Italy. A final tally revealed **1300 dead stink bugs, including more than 800 BMSB.**
- ✓ The freight was treated in Italy before coming to New Zealand (as required under recently introduced import rules). It also underwent fumigation in Christchurch to ensure any hitchhiking bugs were well and truly dead, as the container arrived just after a decision to suspend the Italian treatment provider from Biosecurity New Zealand's approved list.
- ✓ Detections like this are a stark reminder of how real the BMSB risk is to our country and our kiwifruit industry – **remember to be on the lookout and report anything unusual to KVH on 0800 665 825 or MPI on 0800 80 99 66.**

## Easy 5-step guide to creating your orchard's biosecurity plan

- ✓ Growers should now be using the new KVH guide to help strengthen biosecurity plans.
- ✓ High-profile pest and disease introductions over the last decade, including Psa, are reminders we must always be biosecurity aware.
- ✓ Use the 5-step guide to complete your orchard biosecurity plan and identify and prioritise biosecurity practices that are **relevant to your orchard/property and that can be implemented every day.**
- ✓ The guide is free from KVH – email [info@kvh.org.nz](mailto:info@kvh.org.nz) for a posted copy.



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