

KVDS – SHOULD WE BE WORRIED?

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WHAT IS KVDS?

- 2012 decline & death of kiwifruit vines → ‘Verona vine decline’
- Found further to the East & West → La Moria
- Now found in all major regions & termed Kiwifruit Vine Decline Syndrome
- 3000 ha of Hayward
- 3% of Gold3 area



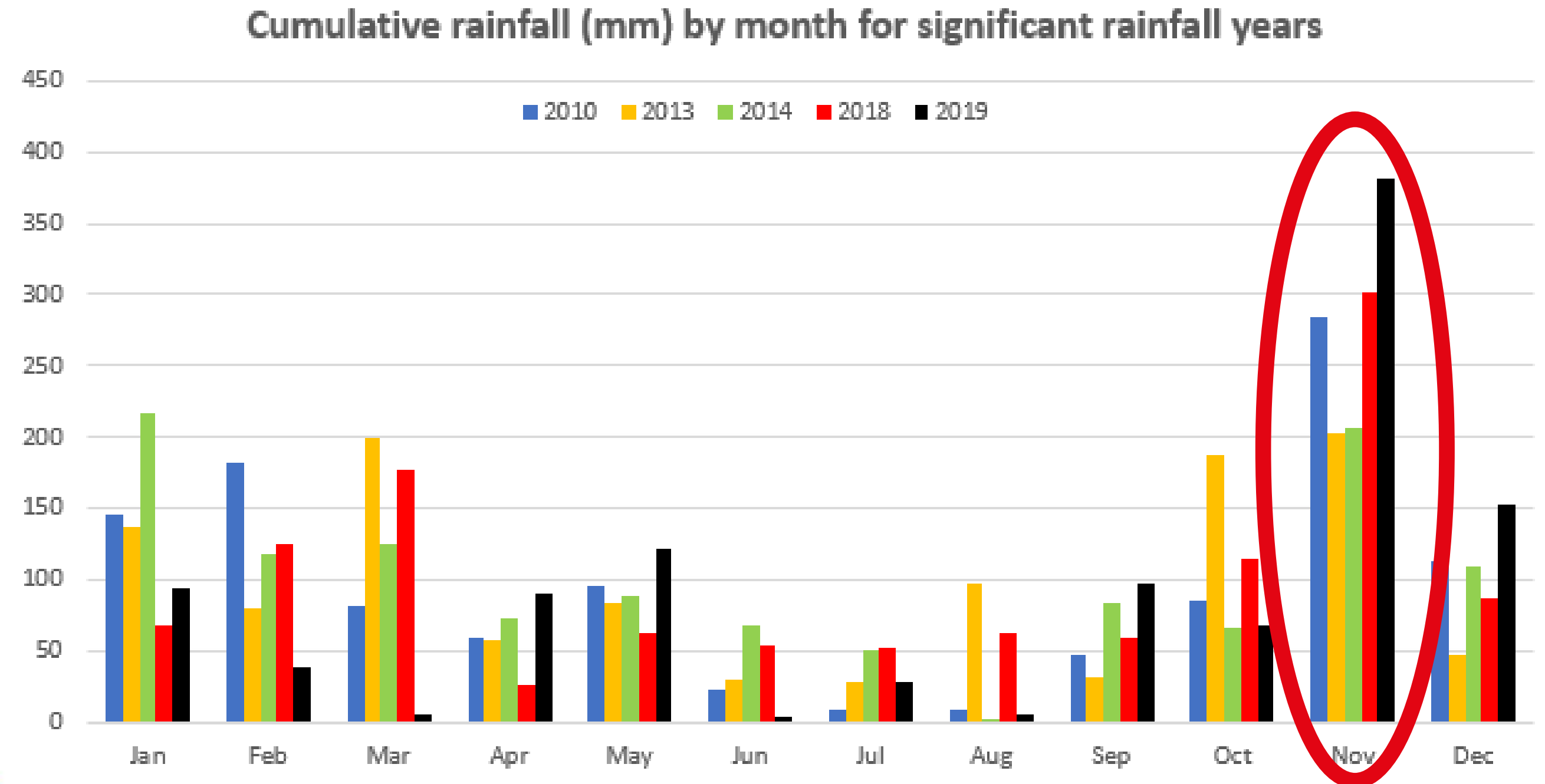
WHAT IS CAUSING KVDs?

We aren't exactly sure...some ideas:

Many Italian soils are challenging (low organic matter, high clay)

Extreme weather events

Conditions suitable for *Phytophthora* (or *Phytophthora*-like microbes)

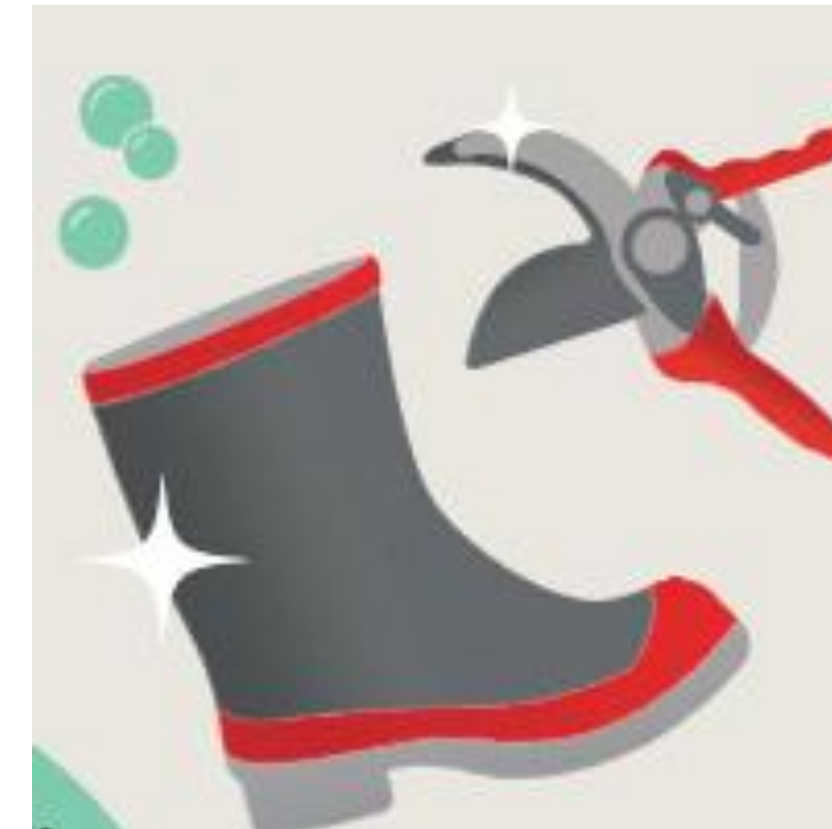
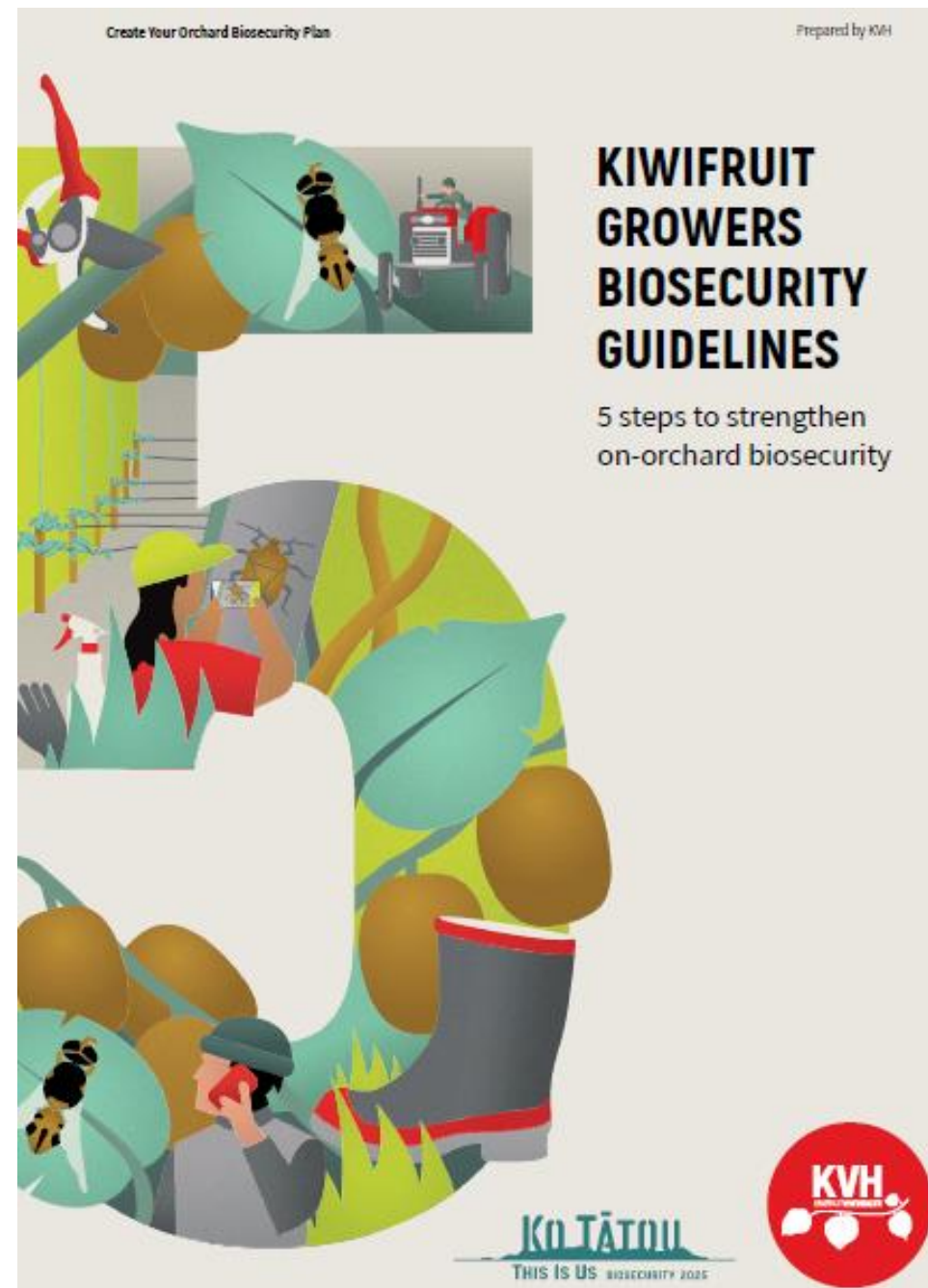


WHAT SHOULD NEW ZEALAND DO?

KVH & Zespri monitoring closely - no need for additional controls

Covid-19 limiting travel

Good protocols for machinery already in place due to BMSB



Agree what must happen on site	Actions and considerations to reduce risk	Actions I have taken to protect my investment
Set expectations with post-harvest, contractors and managers	Set your expectations with post-harvest, contractors and managers. They play a key role in biosecurity risk management. You may wish to formalise expectations in their contracts.	Who are the post-harvest operators, contractors and orchard managers I have established my biosecurity expectations with?

Q&A