

GROW *link*



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DROP IN FOR A CHAT AND A BITE TO EAT

The Technical Team and Grower Services Reps are holding drop in sessions for growers. Come along for assistance with any orchard queries or issues. We'll all be there to provide advice and assistance. Need help with GAP? Our Global Gap Auditors are free for the afternoon and will be joining us. Maybe there's something you've been thinking about and want a second or third opinion? Have you made changes to your orchard layout? Bring along an updated map so we can get the details updated.

Start preparing those tricky questions or problems you want solved and stick around for a BBQ. Or you can just turn up at 4 when the food's ready...

(We won't tell... Maybe.)



Mends Lane: Wednesday 8th of November	Drop in Centre: 3-4pm. BBQ 4pm onwards.
Turntable Road: Thursday 9th of November	

**SPRING GETTING THE BETTER OF YOU?
LEAVE IT TO US.**

To discuss management options, contact:
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CROP PROTECTION

PSA – P#\$% OFF WOULD YA!

There's been a fair bit of Psa spotted around the place and not surprisingly if you've been watching the KVH risk model which has been in the red. Refresh yourself with the key points below to get through the rest of Spring. KVH has put together a handout which you can access [here](#). If you have any concerns, please contact us.

BACTERICIDES – FOR HIGH RISK SITUATIONS

Kasumin:

One application is allowed up to 21-days before flowers open. That time has passed on many sites so if you're considering this you need to assess what stage your flower buds are at. A second application requires a justified approval (JA).

Key Strepto:

Justified approval is needed to use this bactericide. It can be used up to seven days before flowers open so if you've got reason but have missed the Kasumin use period this may be a helpful option.

GIRDLE TO REDUCE BUDROT

Target 30 days before flowering (up to 20 days before flowering has proved successful) for this effective cultural control. Consider the health of vines before applying the girdle. Hayward flowering in Te Puke is around mid-late November so if you're timing matches that or later you've still got time to get this done. If you're new to girdling we suggest contacting us and we can show you what to do.

COPPER

Use at full summer label rates to ensure that lovely new growth is covered before high-risk weather.

ACTIGARD

Use this systemic spray in conjunction with copper to cover new growth. Applying in the week before flowering can provide protection over the flowering period.

SCLEROTINIA

BOOK YOUR SPRAY NOW – ONE ALLOWED UNLESS HIGH RISK

- Use a Luna Privilege just before flowering starts (can be mixed with Actigard) to reduce disease pressure
- Products containing Iprodione can be used at 80% flowering, when bees are NOT active
- Other options are listed in the Zespri Crop Protection Standard
- If you have a high risk for sclerotinia and intend to apply a second fungicide you need to get a JA

GROW THAT GRASS

The best way to control sclerotinia is through cultural control. It takes an adjustment of habits so if you're not ready to do this, consider it for next year. It's likely Rovral will no longer be allowed so it's a good time to get up to date with alternate practices if that's been your go to.

Reduce spore release from the soil:

- Let the grass grow then mulch just before flowering.
- Eliminate herbicide strips

Minimise sclerotinia in canopy and wood:

- Keep an open canopy to let air flow through so the disease can't find nooks to settle and multiply
- Remove prunings from the orchard as old wood is a favourite spot for sclerotinia.