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NZ Market weekly update

The market update is available to read online now. [Read more.](#)

Market Data

Week 3 sales information for both the export and New Zealand markets is online. [Read more.](#)

Field walk in Hawkes Bay

A SummerGreen field walk is planned to look at new summerfruit varieties at the PFR orchard in Havelock North on 1 February. [Read more.](#)

Brown rot alert

There have been a few reports of brown rot appearing in summerfruit from retailers recently. This is disappointing and while the season is well underway, there are actions growers can take to combat the disease at this time. One outcome of SummerGreen Futures research is the highly-regarded 14 point brown rot action plan which many growers have found useful and is attached to this email. More information on managing brown rot can be found on the Summerfruit NZ portal under Main Menu/Agrichemicals/Agrichemical guidance/Brown rot can it be managed?

Richard Mills joins Summerfruit NZ

There is a new face at Summerfruit NZ with Richard Mills coming on board in the NZ Market Support role. [Read more.](#)

Export cherries break records

Last week saw the records for export cherries broken as big numbers of fruit headed overseas. Just under 1,000 tonne of fruit was shipped, making it the most cherries ever shipped in one

week. [Read more.](#)

Meetings

1 February	Field walk	Havelock North	4.30pm	Plant & Food Research
6-7 March	Board	Wellington	9am	Hort NZ
30-31 May	Conference	Napier	9am	Various venues

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Brown rot: Can it be managed?

Presented by Philip Elmer and Peter Wood

The 14 point brown rot action plan is an extract from the more detailed report presented to the Summerfruit NZ conference in 2015. The full presentation can be found on the Summerfruit NZ portal.

SG-Futures - The 14 point brown rot action plan

1. Prune out infected wood & cankers, collect & destroy all ground and tree mummified fruit
2. Anti-sporulant fungicide before flowering (Carbendazim - if R tests are negative)
3. Intensive BR spray programme over flowering (see wall chart)
4. Post flowering: Remove all blossom blight strikes and destroy
5. Thin early (pre PH) and speed up breakdown (light mulch + liquid fertiliser)
6. Regular mid season protectants (eg captan and chlorothalonil) but must ensure thorough fruit washing after harvest to reduce residue loading
7. Better fungicide choice and timing (e.g. Folicur according to forecasted BR infection periods)
8. Increase fruit exposure early, mid and late season (also improves spray coverage)
9. ONFIT (PFR-3 wk preharvest) to confirm effectiveness of strategies to date
10. Remove splits and any infected fruit (3wk, 2wk and 1wk pre-harvest)
11. Ca applications
12. No nitrogen or very slow release N (eg compost)
13. Postharvest sanitiser (to extend shelf life)
14. Data loggers to measure cool chain performance from orchard gate to retailer .

