



Hello SummerGreen growers

29 March 2021

It's that time of the year when we ask you to submit your spray diaries so that the benchmarking comparison report can be completed for the industry. This information has been presented at SummerGreen meetings and at conference in the past.

The collated information is increasingly used as chemicals are re-evaluated and potentially removed from use, amongst other uses.

For those who have not normally participated, please consider sharing your information. The more complete the data set is, the more we can properly represent the industry. I do not mind in what form the information arrives, but it's really important that we do get it.

However, we prefer to receive diaries electronically, eg Excel. It would be very helpful if you can send your diary by email to richard.mills@summerfruitnz.co.nz as this makes data entry and analysis quicker and more accurate. Failing that, papercopies or PDFs of diaries are also acceptable. The subsidised [offer to upgrade to SprayLog online](#) has been extended and I can help set it up using this season's data.

If you use the CropSure programme or grow for Heinz Wattie's, then the system will get the diaries directly from those entities. You need not do anything further.

ALL YOUR INDIVIDUAL DETAILS WILL BE STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

Please provide the following information.

1. Write the orchard and/or grower name clearly at the top of the diary.
2. Ensure full product names are listed, including the product formulation (DF, EC, etc). For example, Kocide 2000 should be listed rather than Kocide or Copper. If in doubt, refer to the product label.
3. List product and water rates used beside each spray application as volumes may change throughout the season.
4. Make sure all varieties, which species (ie cherry, apricot, peach, nectarine or plum) and all blocks are listed. This can be done on a separate page if necessary and attached to the diary.
5. If using alternate row spraying, please note which sprays were applied using this method and which sprays were applied to the whole block.
6. If scanning your diary, please make sure the copy is clear and easy to read. I'm happy to scan the diary if you do not have the facility.
7. Please indicate if you have a GAP certification and/or are Food Act certified and provide the certification number. Putting it in your email message is fine or across the top of the paper copy. This will help us assure MPI that we are, as an industry, being compliant with the rules and regulations.
8. You can either email to richard.mills@summerfruitnz.co.nz or post/deliver your diary to:

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Regards

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