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Levy amendment referendum now open

Over the last few months we have been talking to all our growers about the amendment we are required to make to the summerfruit Levy Order wording. You will recall that we need to make this change to ensure all growers are paying the levy equitably. It is in everyone's interest that the current inconsistency is cleared up and your vote to support the proposed change will achieve that. Voting is open from 19 October until 9 November, and you can vote either online or by using the postal pack you will receive. Voting YES in this referendum will give us your support to submit an application to amend the Levy Order wording. Please take the time to do so before 9 November. [Click here to vote.](#)

SummerGreen meeting in Hawkes Bay

A SummerGreen meeting is being hosted by Roger Brownlie at his orchard where he will kindly show how he is getting on with the new growing systems being trialled. The meeting is scheduled for 1pm on Thursday, 26 October at The Orchard, 820 Main Road North, Bay View. Following the opportunity to look round and for discussions, there will be the chance to catch up over light refreshments. For more information please contact Terry Fraser, SummerGreen Facilitator, on 021 223 4217.

Phytosanitary training in Blenheim and Alexandra

One-day inspector training courses are being held in Blenheim on 8 November and Alexandra on 6 December. The course is aimed at inspectors, but system administrators and packhouse managers may also find it useful. More information and a registration form for the Blenheim course can be found on the website [here](#) and for the Alexandra course [here](#).

Vacancies at Summerfruit NZ

Summerfruit NZ is recruiting for the positions of NZ Market Support and Biosecurity & Export Programme Manager. Both positions are based in Wellington and require some travel. For more information on the NZ Market Support role and how to apply [click here](#) and for more information on the Biosecurity & Export Programme Manager role [click here](#).

PHI wall charts

The apricot and cherry wall charts have been distributed to growers and packhouses this week. Our thanks to Bayer and BASF for their continued support. These handy charts are useful reference tools and supplement the PHI & MRL information on all summerfruit found in the secure portal.

Export registration reminder

If you haven't registered for export yet, remember registrations close at the end of the month. To register, simply log on to the secure portal and go to Export Registration on the Main Menu. Call Anna on 04 830 0932 if you need any assistance.

New packhouse qualification

Primary ITO are helping New Zealand-based seasonal packhouse staff to grow their knowledge and better support businesses through a new partnership and qualification. A trial last season achieved outstanding results. To learn more [click here](#).

Have you logged on to the secure portal?

Growers were sent an email on 8 or 9 August with their user login and password to access the secure portal. If you haven't logged on yet, please make sure you do so soon. If you do need help try using the **Forgotten password?** prompt or email Anna Clark at anna@summerfruitnz.co.nz or call her on 04 830 0932.

Meetings

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| 26 October | SummerGreen | Hawkes Bay | 1pm | The Orchard, Bay View |
| 7 November | Board | Auckland | 9am | Fresh Direct |
| 30-31 May | Conference | Napier | 9am | Various venues |

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