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Climate summary tools revamped

Great news for growers – the weather information on the portal has been revamped with loads new interactive tools and features now available. These tools are the latest release from HortPlus and have weather stations tailored to summerfruit growing regions, and three summerfruit specific disease prediction models. [Read more.](#)

NZ market update

The season is underway and the weekly market update reports on what's happening on the NZ market. [Read more.](#)

FOPS trial invite

You're invited to see the progress in the apricot and cherry Future Orchard Planting Systems trials at PFR's Clyde Research Orchard. On show will be the prototype 2 block of cherries with two different pruning styles to compare, which is now under rain covers. [Read more.](#)

Japan inspector coming

The Japan MAFF inspector will be in Central Otago 18-20 December to check on the cherries to Japan export programme. Summerfruit NZ's market access manager, Stephen Ogden, will be in touch with registered growers and packhouses next week to confirm timing and arrangements for visits.

Orders for Nzsummer budwood close today

Whether you are replacing older trees, planting new blocks or looking for an apricot variety to extend your harvest season, one or more of these new apricot varieties may be right for you. Expressions of interest for these three new varieties close today. Forms are available from the Summerfruit NZ portal or if you don't have portal access email Andrea Crawford andrea@summerfruitnz.co.nz. Get your completed forms to Andrea now. [Read more.](#)

New *Summerfruit* magazine out this week

The November issue of *Summerfruit* features a stunning cover photo of a bee pollinating peach blossom taken by our very own in-house photographer and chief executive, Marie Dawkins. In this issue you can catch up on the latest research on the new orchard systems that Jill Stanley's team have been working on, what changes are in store for the biosecurity and export sectors and what progress our PGP plan, *Sensational Summerfruit*, has been making. [Read more](#).

Meetings

4 December	<u>FOPS trial invite</u>	Clyde	4.00pm	PFR Research Orchard
5 December	<u>Phytosanitary</u>	Alexandra	8.45am	The Cellar Door
27-28 February	<u>Board meeting</u>	Napier	From midday	East Pier Hotel
5-6 June	<u>Conference</u>	Queenstown	9.00am	TBA

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