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#### **IMPORTANT Export registration closes tomorrow**

A final reminder that export registration closes tomorrow – Tuesday. **Note: Late registrations will not be accepted.** This means that if your company is not registered tomorrow by 5.00pm, then you will not be able to export this season. So, if you haven't registered yet and need to, you'd better log on to the secure portal and do it now. Go to [www.summerfruitnz.co.nz](http://www.summerfruitnz.co.nz) and select PORTAL from the top right menu bar. Remember that to use the portal you will require a user login and this will have been sent to you on either 8 or 9 August (from Montage, not Summerfruit NZ).

#### **Levy Order amendment – Have you voted yet?**

Growers are reminded to cast their vote in the Levy Order amendment referendum that is being held until 9 November. This vote is an important to correct the way the levy is collected and ensure that all growers are paying it equitably. While voting has been brisk, more votes are needed to clearly show our support for this amendment.

A note from Tim Jones, Summerfruit NZ chairman, on the vote:

*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 wording. You will recall that we need to make this change to ensure all growers are paying the levy equitably. I know this is a busy time of the year for all and we would have preferred to hold this vote earlier in the season, but please do make the effort to vote. 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 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 wording... please take the time to do so before 9 November.*

More information on what changes are being proposed, why and how to vote, can be found on the website, as well as the link to vote online. [Read more.](#)

### **Pre-season export meeting**

The annual pre-season export meeting is planned for Monday, 13 November in Alexandra at the Alexandra Community House and will start at 1.00pm. If you have any particular issues that you would like us to cover, please let Marie know ([marie@summerfruitnz.co.nz](mailto:marie@summerfruitnz.co.nz)).

### **November Board meeting**

The Summerfruit NZ Board is meeting for the last time this year, in Auckland on 7 November. If you want anything raised at the Board meeting, contact your local [Board Director](#) or send [Marie](#) an email.

### **Secure portal access**

Growers were sent an email in 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](mailto:anna@summerfruitnz.co.nz) or call her on 04 830 0932.

### **Meetings**

7 November	<b>Board</b>	Auckland	9am	Fresh Direct
13 November	<b>Pre-season export</b>	Alexandra	1pm	Community House
30-31 May	<b>Conference</b>	Napier	9am	Various venues

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