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Precautionary biosecurity seizure of plant material from the United States

Growers will no doubt have heard this week that MPI is taking precautionary action from potential biosecurity risk by ordering the seizure of plant material at apple and summerfruit nurseries across the country. [Read more.](#)

Sensational Summerfruit

A new publication released at conference, *Sensational Summerfruit: A bold plan for growth*, gives an overview of the programme for our proposed Primary Growth Partnership that will achieve the growth required for us to be a \$465 million industry by 2035. Copies of *Sensational Summerfruit* are being sent out to growers over the next couple of weeks and you can also read it online [here](#).

SummerGreen workshops in June

Two regional research workshops are being held soon – one in Hawkes Bay on 20 June and one in Central Otago on 26 June. Each full day workshop features the latest information on our research projects as well as topics tailored to each region. These workshops are an opportunity to take a close up look at the projects and speak directly with the scientists, before catching up with colleagues over lunch or drinks afterwards. Read more about the Havelock North workshop [here](#) and the Clyde workshop [here](#).

Annual report for 2017

Summerfruit NZ's annual report for the year ended 31 August 2017 was released at the conference in Napier. All conference goers received a copy of the report and it is also online [here](#). We don't send hard copies of the report out except on request. If you'd like to receive a copy, please email us [here](#).

Resistance testing of brown rot chemistry

Following conference there has been a renewed interest in testing brown rot infected fruit and wood. The industry is continuing to see failures in control and needs assurance that the chemistry being used is still working. Summerfruit NZ's Richard Mills is co-ordinating the sampling and protocols, and reminds people that it needs to be done now in order to have an informed approach to spraying for next season. [Read more.](#)

Brown rot tool developed

A new tool for growers was released at conference – the *Brown rot action plan*. This handy wall chart is an action plan for brown rot control and presents the 14 point plan in a helpful new format. Copies of the wall chart are being sent out to growers over the next couple of weeks.

Congratulations to our Mack Nicol winner

Plant & Food Research's Claire Scofield has won the 2018 Mack Nicol Award for Commitment to Excellence. Summerfruit NZ director, Earnscy Weaver, presented Claire with the award at the conference dinner at Mission Estate. [Read more.](#)

Pick ▪ Pack ▪ Ship ▪ Eat conference feedback

We've received some very positive feedback from people who attended the Napier conference last week. Once again, our numbers were up on the previous year and it was good to see several new faces in the crowd. For those who were unable to attend, the July issue of *Summerfruit* will have coverage and photos as usual. Our thanks to both sponsors and exhibitors who helped us bring the summerfruit industry together.

Meetings

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| 20 June | Research workshop | Hawkes Bay | 10am | PFR, Havelock North |
| 26 June | Research workshop | Central Otago | 9.45am | Clyde Rugby Club |

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