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PUNCHBOWL AWARD RECIPIENTS 2018

Thank you to all the growers who were able to make the Punchbowl Growers Christmas 2018 Garden Party last night and for making the evening so enjoyable! It is with great pleasure to announce the growers who received the following awards.



And the winners were...

GOLD GROWER OF THE YEAR 2018



Bruce & Shirley
Farley



PB Monaco 1



Bruce
Aitken

GREEN GROWER OF THE YEAR 2018



Tina & Rex
Reed



Tina & Rex
Reed



PB Karaka

NZKGI LATEST NEWS

NOVEMBER 7, 2018

FOOD ACT REGISTRATION

We have started to receive queries on what the requirements are for registration under the Food Act 2014. All horticultural businesses are to be registered by the end of February 2019. Zespri has been working with the Ministry of Primary Industries (MPI) on how to streamline this process for kiwifruit growers including how to submit a bulk registration.

For kiwifruit growers under the Zespri Option 2 group scheme (that's those growers that have a packhouse GAP inspection) the option to register for the Food Act via Zespri will be made available.

The key messages for growers are:

- registration with MPI for the Food Act is mandatory,
- keep an eye out for further communications on the registration process from Zespri in the coming weeks,
- when registration is made available, it must be completed in the given timeframes or it will not be processed,
- if you grow crops other than kiwifruit, please discuss your options with your other exporters and contact Zespri if you are unsure of your registration requirements.

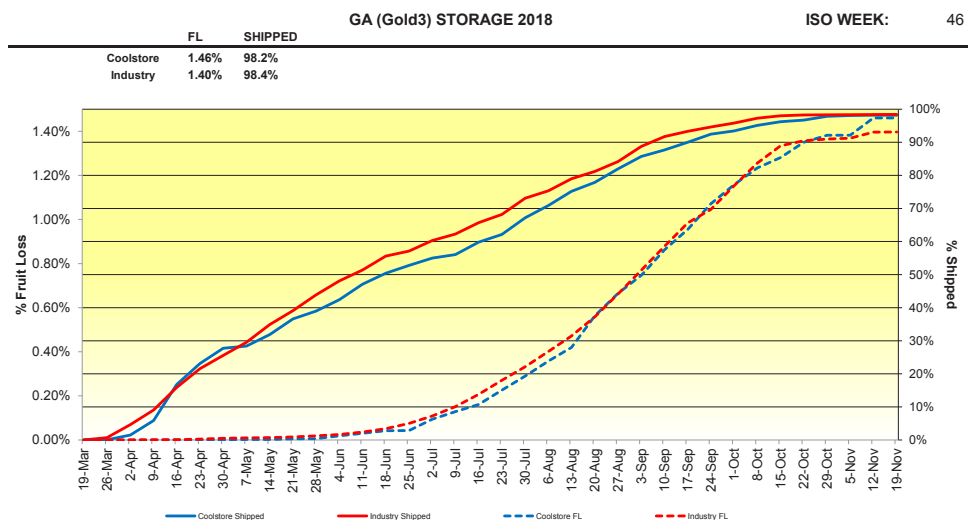
More communication regarding the registration process will be available soon. Growers do not need to do anything regarding registration until this time. If you have any questions please email preharvest@zespri.com

STORAGE UPDATES

By Kari Butler – Inventory Manager

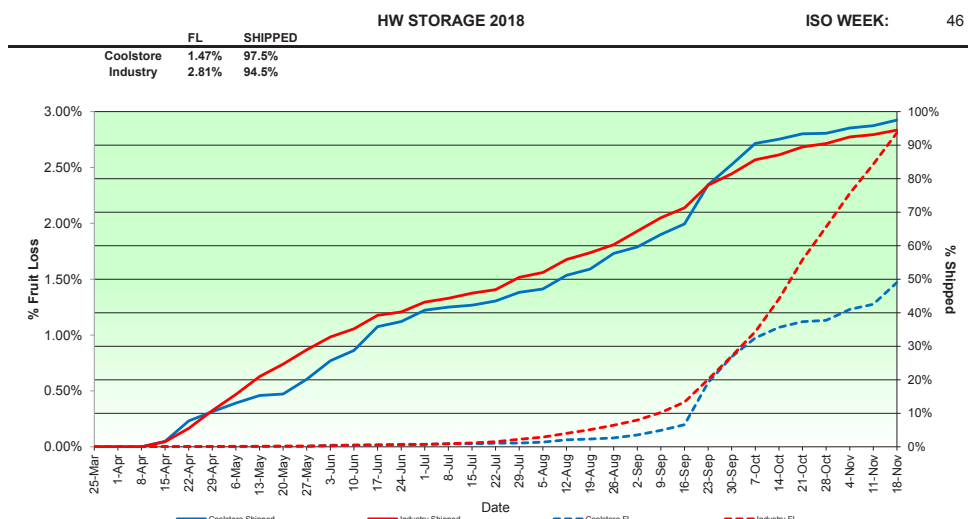
GOLD STORAGE

Gold storage this year has been very challenging. The main causes for the high level of repack and fruit loss has been mainly pitting, with some late season rots. The fruit firmness has held really well all way to the end with only a very small percentage of the crop being repacked for softs. Even though fruit loss will be in line with industry, the net time payments to our Growers will still be about \$0.14 more than industry average.



GREEN STORAGE

Green has also had its challenges with higher than normal levels of repack particularly at the end of September. We had a few Grower lines with Storage Breakdown Disorder (SBD) and rots that we had to work through, once completed the tail end of the season has improved and our losses have dropped below half that of industry. This should once again translate to good Net Time Payments to our Growers with over \$0.35 more than industry average.



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST



PB GROWERS FISHING COMPETITION

Thursday 21 February 2019
Email: Natalie@punchbowl.co.nz
to register your interest!



ZESPRI ROADSHOWS

During the coming year, the senior Zespri Board and team, NZKGI and KVH, will partake in three rounds of grower roadshows which will attract 700 growers from around the country. These roadshows have been held since the late-1990s and growers get updated on topical industry information and events in an open forum. All are welcome to attend.



KERIKERI GROWER ROADSHOW

27 November, 6:00pm - 8:00pm
The Centre, 43 Cobham Road Kerikeri,
New Zealand



AUCKLAND GROWER ROADSHOW

28 November, 1:30pm - 3:30pm
Pukekohe Park Raceway
225-250 Manukau Road
Pukekohe, New Zealand



WHANGAREI GROWER ROADSHOW

28 November, 9:00am - 11:00am
Northland Hockey Association
45 Park Avenue

QUALITY CONTROL TEAM UPDATE

By Sarah Purcell

GAP Inspection season is upon us again

This season the most significant change is the question around Water Consent being elevated to a Major Non-Compliance from a minor.

6.1.3	Minor	Are statutory requirements in regards to water takes being met?	If water is drawn from a natural source keep evidence on file of either a consent for abstraction or registration of a permitted activity (if required by regional authority). Where registration is in process have written evidence to demonstrate this.	Water Consents or Permitted Activity Notices
6.1.4	Major	Are records kept to demonstrate compliance with the statutory requirements of the resource consent for water abstraction?	Where resource consents for winter abstraction are held then keep records of water use and/or winter discharge as required by the consent conditions.	Water Consents and Water use monitoring records

A helpful checklist has been included in your packs this year to help you prepare for your audit. Inspectors, Sarah and Kari will be contacting you soon to book in a time to visit.

KIWI-GREEN UPDATE

By Kari Butler

It's that time year again to start to think about next season, where has the time gone!

As the warmer weather starts we can start thinking about Kiwi-Green. Kari will be sending out a letter and forms for all Punchbowls Growers to complete over the next few weeks.

Kiwi-Green is a great tool to monitor for pests such as Scale and Leafroller. Punchbowl has a team that will visit your orchard to identify these pests. We will also keep an eye out for any other "out of the originally" pests and report back our findings.

Please feel free to contact Kari at any time if you have questions on Kiwi Green.

ZESPRI CANOPY REMINDER

Changes for 2019 Grower Registrations

In response to feedback from growers to reduce the amount of paperwork Zespri have decided to discontinue the Annual Registrations (Blue Forms). Instead, growers are encouraged to log-on to the Industry Portal to update their information, which can be found through the link on the Canopy website home page under 'Favourites'. Growers needing assistance or wanting to update over the phone can contact the Grower Support Services 0800 155 355 or email contact.canopy@zespri.com. It's important to notify Zespri if any details have changed. i.e. change of packhouse or any contact details.

SPRING FIELD DAY



Punchbowl Growers Spring Field Afternoon with Peter Ombler held 9th October 2018.

A view from under the vines at Karaka Orchard and the Bonnars Orchard. Special thanks to the Bonnars for letting us hold it at your orchard. What a great turn out and opportunity to share information between growers.

RSE'S FARWELL

Our RSE family departed our shores to head home to Vanuatu at the end of September.

We shared a wonderful farewell meal and the lads blessed us with a beautiful Departure song.

So long boys we look forward to seeing you in March!



Clifford with Angus Craig, Simon's youngest boy aged 6 months.



RSE's Farwell Group photo with their hosts from Clarks Beach Holiday Park, Suzanne, Gavin and Ferdi.

WHANGAREI GROWERS XMAS BBQ

Many thanks to Karen and Graeme Pickford for allowing your home as a fantastic venue for Punchbowl's Whangarei Growers Xmas BBQ and to Maree Craig for all the beautiful and delicious food. It was great to be able to all come together and enjoy each other's company!





PB SUPPORTING MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS WEEK

By Jessica Rose

Punchbowl recently held a successful series of week-long activities dedicated to embracing and supporting Mental Health Awareness Week. Meditation sessions were held each morning to provide staff with coping mechanisms to manage their internal environment when faced with external stressors and pressures. These daily sessions gradually built, incorporating breathing strategies and a focus on our internal energy being in a state of alignment. The sessions proved very popular amongst staff seeing an average of 30 people attend daily.

A small group of nature-lovers hit the dirt tracks to enjoy a scenic walk and hear childhood stories from the Craig family around their orchards. This allowed staff to mentally take a break from work, walk amongst nature and share a laugh together.

Megan van Lieshout, from Soul Nourishment, provided a presentation to staff that encouraged them to "self-audit" their lives and assess their wellness levels across key life pillars including physical, mental, emotional, financial, social, intimate and career. The presentation was real, light-hearted and helped put our

journey on earth into perspective, encouraged employees to reassess their current situations and gain confidence and power to make the changes we need. Following the presentation we feasted on traditional "Kiwiana" fare and mixed and mingled for the afternoon.

It was an exceptional week had by all as we learned a variety of techniques to create feelings of joy and gratitude, cope with time of struggle, share food, laugh and mingle with each and remember what truly matters in this world.

MAREE'S FAVE – CHOCONUT SLICE

This is my even more decadent update of an oldie but a goodie that used to feature on the back of condensed milk cans. I like to use dried cranberries instead of raisins and you can use different nuts or substitute white chocolate to suit your taste. Sometimes I use chocolate-coated biscuits in the base. The melted chocolate makes the base much wetter, but it hardens up once cooked and tastes ultra-chocolatey.

Prep time: 10 mins Cook time: 20-25 mins Makes: about 30 pieces

- 150g melted butter
- 270g plain biscuits, crushed to fine crumbs
- 1 cup shredded coconut
- 1 cup shredded coconut
- 1 cup chocolate chunks or chips
- 1 cup dried cranberries or raisins
- 1 cup slivered almonds
- 395g can sweetened condensed milk

Preheat oven to 160°C and line a 30cm x 24cm slice tin with baking paper.

To make the base, mix melted butter with biscuit crumbs and cocoa. Using a wet spatula or wet hands, spread over base of slice tin and press down firmly.

Sprinkle coconut, chocolate, cranberries or raisins, and almonds evenly over the base. Drizzle with sweetened condensed milk.

Bake until lightly golden (about 20-25 minutes). Cool and chill before slicing into squares or fingers. Choconut Slice will keep in an airtight container in a cool place for several weeks.



TEAM UPDATES

SHINING
STAR
AWARD



JAMES DANIELS was awarded the September Shining Star Award

For his outstanding commitment to forkhoist work, learning the expectations of the department, being consistent, punctual and reliable, and having a positive attitude and approach to his work with a smile.



Whisky's
catch of
the day!



HOT OFF THE PRESS

Friday 23 November 2018

Congratulations to Kiwifruit exporter Zespri which was crowned Company of the Year at the prestigious Deloitte Top 200 Awards last night at Spark Arena.

The Deloitte Top 200 Index consists of New Zealand's largest entities ranked by revenue. The awards event acknowledges business excellence and leadership across 10 award categories.

This year's event theme was 'The Power of Purpose', which celebrates companies with a strong sense of purpose and the courage to embrace change.

"The kiwifruit industry is a great example of how to add value to primary sector exports and a classic New Zealand innovation success story", said judging panel convenor and NZME Editorial Director-Business Fran O'Sullivan.

"Zespri lifted its profits by 38 per cent to \$101.8 million in 2018 on \$2.4 billion of sales, and it expects higher returns still in 2019," O'Sullivan said.

"These returns represent the culmination of its long-term strategy and dedication to innovation. Over the past five years, Zespri's total shareholder return has increased at a compound average rate of 80 per cent per annum."

Zespri chairman Peter McBride took out the Chairperson of the Year award.

PUNCHBOWL GROWERS LADIES DAY OUT



An enjoyable day was had on Tuesday 30th October with our ladies starting with a tour of the NZ Gourmet Capsicum operation, and then Bumbles followed by lunch at Calendula Cottage Café and Gardens. Thank you to all who attended.

All suggestions welcome on where the next Ladies Day should be held.
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