



News Sheet

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Eurepgap - The current round of Eurepgap Audits are happening now. As our Audit happens within the same timeframe as yours, you may not have our newest certificate to hand at the time of your Audit. If you note that our certificate is always available from the Compliance Page on this site at <http://www.zcl.zanadu.info> that should meet your auditors requirements. We passed our Audit yesterday and will post the new certificate on that page when it becomes available.

What is next? - You all have differing requirements with your spray plans. Keeping us informed and up to date helps our planning processes. During busy periods, phone call sometimes don't get noted down immediately, and we all know what can happen then! Following up with an email to zcl@zanadu.co.nz with your instructions/plans is always a good idea. If you have a requirement for applying a fungicide during flowering, have you considered Flint ® This product is newly available to the kiwifruit industry and is in the Zespri™ Crop Protection Programme. Timing of application of this product is critical—it may only be applied up to 80% flowering. Talk to you advisers about this.

Spraying and Bees - We all hear about the damage to beehives that is attributable to spraying inappropriately. Scheduling sprays can be made even more difficult by orchardists who allow beekeepers to use their loadout areas as bee dumps during the pollination period. These inappropriately sited dumps mean that safe spraying in the adjacent orchards is difficult to achieve. All our staff already work long unsocial hours in difficult conditions to achieve safe application of chemicals. If your neighbour has one of these sites, we need to be aware of the fact. Maybe you could quietly suggest to them that allowing these dumps is not in everybody's best interests, they certainly add difficulties for us.

During the pollination period, we only start spraying in the afternoon/evening once we have evaluated bee activity, or rather the lack of it in **your** orchard. It remains beneficial to keep the orchard floor clear of flowers. Freshly mowed is always best.

Night Spraying- We cannot always see those hazards at night. Please ensure that those dangerous banks etc are well marked and that sprayer filler points work properly, are accessible and safe to work around—in the dark.

Notification of Neighbours and Staff/Contractors - All sprays (**even the safe ones**) we apply need to be notified to your neighbours. Other people working on the orchard also need to be notified. When we get these people wandering up asking about what spray we are applying, it is obvious that there has been a communication breakdown somewhere in the system.

Machinery - With the sale of our remaining Ferarri tractor, our weed spraying operations are now carried out with a Quad bike. This is working well. Alistair with the New Holland still provides our mowing/mulching service

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Two cowboys...

There are 2 cowboys in the kitchen. Which one is the real cowboy?

The one on the range.