

AONGATETE GROWER CHRISTMAS FUNCTION

A date to keep free in your diaries...Thursday November 24th....further details to follow soon...

EVENTS COMING UP...Timings yet to be advised

Tuesday 11 October	Zespri Te Puke FON Field Day
Thursday 13 October	Katikati FON Field Day
Monday 17 October	Auckland FON Field Day
Tuesday 18 October	Opotiki FON Field Day
Thursday 24 November	Aongatete Grower Christmas Function

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AONGATETE NEWS



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CROP PROTECTION GUIDELINE

With the spring season upon us we will be seeing a high number of applications being made to our orchards, including Psa protectants, Pesticides, fungicides and sprays for frost.

When applying these sprays we should always remember to check the Zespri CPS that our products are up-to-date and allowed. We should also remember to notify our neighbours and to spray to the conditions. We must be aware of the spray products re-entry periods, days before flowering and pre-harvest intervals. If we get this right then there should be no problems coming into harvest, for example market restrictions, less than optimal harvest timings, or the very worst possibility not being accepted in Zespri inventory.

The best option is to keep spray diaries up to date. Some sprays are required by Zespri to be entered in the Canopy system within seven days of application. There is no point leaving this till just before harvest, as if something is wrong then it is easier to deal with that particular situation when it is still fresh in your mind.

A few reminders:

- All applications of agricultural compounds must be recorded, including applications to the orchard floor and shelter.
- Ensure that you notify your neighbours. This is compulsory under GLOBALG.A.P.
- The CPS is updated regularly. Please check the Zespri Canopy before each application to ensure your spray is still permitted (Canopy > Growing Kiwifruit > Crop Protection Standard).
- Have your orchard monitored for pests and diseases at the correct times as this can determine which markets your crop is available for.

As for Foliars it is important to be using these as often as you can to help feed the canopy during its critical growth periods. There is an app that can be downloaded from the Zespri Canopy that will tell you which products are able to be tank mixed, allowing you to know which applications can also include a foliar product.

Please find enclosed with this newsletter a copy of Aongatete's Crop Protection Guideline for your information.

Ethan England—Horticulture Team Leader

ORCHARD INSURANCE

While there are many insurers who will insure Rural properties there are only a few who specialise in rural insurance. Due to a recent event, it has come to light that when taking out insurance, that you have the right policy to match the purpose of the business. A standard Domestic House insurance may no longer be appropriate. A shed on your orchard that contains your machinery, tools and many expensive items may not be covered.

It is important to check your policy each year at renewal and ensure that it still "fits the purpose". Despite having a rural address and it being extremely evident that you have a rural property, this may not be evident to a person over the phone. We encourage Growers to check your policies, talk to your broker or insurer and get in writing what you are insured for, so there are no nasty surprises when you go to make a claim.

Aongatete have sought the opinion of our insurance broker Aon Insurance who welcome any enquiries that you may have. Tiffany at AON can be contacted on 09 362 9883.

FERTILISER PROGRAMS

By now all winter bases and first round of side dressing should be applied to both green and gold varieties. It is essential to have the side dressings applied when recommended in order for the nutrient being in the soil and ready for uptake by the plants during periods of high nutrient demand.

PRODUCT	GOLD	GREEN
Lime / Gypsum	Early July	Early July
Winter Base	Late July	Early August
Bud Burst (side-dressing)	Early September	Mid-September
Pre Flower (side-dressing)	Late October	Early November
Summer (side-dressing)	Early December	Mid-December

PRE-FLOWER GIRDLE

Pre-Flower girdles (PFG) are a useful tool for orchards that historically show bud rot, sepal stain and have shown many infections of Psa, and it is even possible to target certain vines that have shown these previous symptoms. Often these vines are in colder, wind exposed areas. Last season we used PFG on Approximately 39 Ha last spring, on females and some males.

Important things to remember if choosing to do PFG:

- Never perform it on a stressed vine (as could hinder more than help).
- Hayward- Best applied 30-40 days pre-flower.
- Tools to be used- chain or double knife (Tool hygiene between vines).
- Estimate flowering date at Full bloom (80-90%), use historical dates & winter chill data.

Other tips:

- Ensure winter canes are spread evenly to allow for good air movement once full canopy.
- Crush tip at optimum time to maintain the open canopy.
- Psa crop protection program should be as comprehensive as possible.

As shown by Zespri's OPC team, in their latest webinar, there can be a 60% reduction of bud rot after a PFG's. This is due to the girdle reducing root pressure by 70% which will decrease guttation of the buds (secretion of water from the pores within the bud) by 80% giving the bacteria less chance to easily enter the bud..

If you have any queries please contact me on 021 02157062.

Ethan England - Hort Technical Team Leader

GLOBALG.A.P.

Another reminder this month, on how important it is to have your GAP records up to date and ready for auditing! We cannot stress enough, how critical it is for you to refer to the Zespri GAP checklist in your manual to assist you with this.

The two main areas this year to concentrate on are:

- Section 6 (Water Management) and
- Section 8 (Agrichemical Management), refer 8.1.5, control point re having a property spray plan in place. This is a Zespri and Regional Council requirement.

Additionally we recommend you familiarise yourself with Section 10 (Worker Welfare) and complete as much as possible of this section as next year Zespri will be making this a mandatory requirement

Please feel free to contact me as Aongatete's GAP Auditor, to assist in any way I can queries relating to this.

Janice Whitehead - GAP Auditor 027 511 4443

2016 HAYWARD TASTE REVIEW—DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINUED...

Recommendation 3: Increase the Maximum Taste Payment (MTP) to 60% in either 2017 or 2018.

This means a further increase on our current MTP of 50%.

Growers that historically struggle with dry matter and are normally in M band (particularly low M band) will see a lower OGR as Taste starts to take a larger portion of the pooled fruit value.

As such we encourage growers in areas that struggle with dry matter to factor these possible changes into target setting for the coming season.

Table 2: Combined Impact of TZG changes and MTP change to 60% (2016 Taste Review)

Taste Band	M	M	M	M	M	M	T	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
TZG in 2016	0.20	0.25	0.30	0.35	0.40	0.45	0.50	0.55	0.60	0.65	0.70	0.75	0.80
Dry Matter % (±0.15%)	15.6	15.8	16	16.3	16.4	16.7	16.9	17.1	17.3	17.6	17.9	18.2	18.6
New TZG	0.15	0.21	0.27	0.32	0.38	0.44	0.51	0.57	0.63	0.70	0.77	0.83	0.90
2016 OGR (\$/tray)	3.36	3.5	3.66	3.79	3.93	4.07	4.22	4.35	4.49	4.64	4.78	4.91	5.06
New OGR (\$/tray)	3.03	3.22	3.43	3.61	3.82	4.02	4.25	4.45	4.67	4.9	5.14	5.35	5.56
Difference (\$/tray)	-0.32	-0.28	-0.23	-0.18	-0.10	-0.06	0.04	0.1	0.18	0.27	0.36	0.44	0.49

Table 2 is taken directly from the Taste Review document and helps illustrate the 'break-even' point for TZG had it been implemented this season. The financials used are indicative only as other OGR components such as kiwistart have not been recalculated as of yet.

The general feel of the recommendations is that Zespri are looking to balance the main commercial drivers for Hayward; moving away from trays per hectare and size - towards high taste. This should then help provide a more consistent 'premium taste experience' for consumers. The full article can be found on <https://canopy.zespri.com/>

Make sure you read the article and have your say on the recommendations – growers can make submissions to info@nzkgi.org.nz or tastereview@zespri.com or a submission form on Canopy.

Get in quick because submissions close on 30th September!

Feel free to contact me if you have any burning questions.

Aaron Hokopaura—Grower Services Representative

AONGATE TE—SPONSORING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

The Western Bay Museum was officially re-opened in Katikati at the beginning of this month with Aongatete Coolstores Ltd supporting and sponsoring the opening Exhibition of "Fun & Games" which runs for the next three months- the theme of "Fun & Games", being an interpretation of entertainment, leisure and sporting activities of a bygone era.

With music playing a big part of entertainment our early pioneers were known for their dancing and partying the night away and music played a very large part of the entertainment scene. Even a picnic was a big social event – the ladies adorning their best hats – the men wearing new starched collars!

The team at the Western Bay Museum take immense pride in the historical, cultural and artistic stories of the local area and beyond and our aim is to utilise the collection of objects and artefacts in thematic exhibitions which will be developed and displayed every three months. The displays have been prepared to a Museums Aotearoa standard with items now being gifted to Western Bay Museum of Te Papa quality to contribute to the total collection -the donor's having confidence their family treasures will be cared for in the correct museum fashion.

Our sponsors – the sponsorship of local businesses is crucial to our success. We have partial funding from The Western Bay of Plenty District Council but this will never meet the costs to run a museum facility – we are very grateful to all our sponsors and continue to encourage more. The financial contribution is one thing but their endorsement states their confidence and support of our facility and our approach and initiatives to become a must do destination.

Aongatete Coolstores has not only sponsored our "Fun & Games Exhibition but also supplied us with collection storage – We are forever in their debt.

It takes a community to raise a child and it takes a community to raise a museum.

A big thank you from Paula and the team at Western Bay Museum!