



“Working for the Grower”



Whirlygig Mite

one of the Six spotted mite predators

**Newsletter
June 2015**

Website update

Our website developer is currently working on a new version of our website, which will be going live soon. We are adding a client login area, where clients can go and view monitoring reports, invoices plus any other relevant documents. We are still planning on sending out invoices and reports as normal, but in addition, will give growers a username and password to log in to the website. It is our hope that this will make life a little easier for you.

Tamarillo's

Jojetta has a Tamarillo Handbook available free to anyone interested.



If you are growing Tamarillo's, have you considered monitoring for Psyllid's to see if your sprays are working? The Psyllid season is about finished now, but talk to us about monitoring from November onward.

Citrus

We have noticed some scale on reports lately, but mostly we are seeing Black citrus aphid and Citrus white fly, the later will be increasing in number over the next few months.



Flowers

This is a very quiet time of the year for flowers, with many crops pruned and few bugs on the move. There may be some caterpillar, aphid and white fly present, but little else.



Interesting what can be found in some orchards. This was found in a nest on the ground on an orchard in Pyes Pa.



Greenhouse Thrip



There are still a few around, though the cold weather is starting to kill them off. If there are still high numbers of Thrip on your fruit, then it would be advisable to apply one spray. Back-to-back sprays should not be needed at this time of year.

Leafroller

We have been seeing a lot of Leafroller eggrafts lately, which means the caterpillar will be around now.

Did you know that AIC in association with Plant & Food, are doing research into the use of pheromone traps for Leafroller?

Six-spotted mite

In the past, growers were advised to only be on the lookout for Six spotted mite from August, at the earliest. Our experience shows that mites have become a much bigger problem over the last 5 years or so. We have seen leafdrop on orchards back in April this year, showing they are a problem much earlier than previously expected. Therefore, we strongly advise monthly monitoring (increasing to 3 weekly if needed) over winter months to keep an eye on the mite numbers.

There is a trial underway by AIC, looking at the relationships between mites and any stressors, e.g. weather. It will be interesting to see the results of this trial.

Beneficials



Winter is a time when there is usually a drop off in beneficial numbers, which can open the door to an increase in mites, which may normally be kept under some sort of control by the Stethorus ladybird and other beneficials that may be present.

AvoGreen Certificates

It was mentioned to us at the Apatu Prizegiving last week, that many Owner Operators had never received a certificate to say they were approved to monitor. Originally, there were no certificates; they have only been issued by AIC, in the last year or so. As Owner Operators go through their re-fresher training and are signed off by the trainers, they will receive their new certificate in the mail from AIC.

Recipe

Are you sick of the feijoas and feeling like something different? Here is a yummy cake recipe.

Feijoa and Honey Cake

100g softened butter	1/2 cup honey
1/4 cup caster sugar	3 eggs
1 cup mashed feijoas	1 tsp vanilla
2 cups flour	1 tsp baking powder
1 tsp baking soda	1/2 cup milk

Cream butter, sugar & honey, beat in eggs one at a time. Add vanilla and feijoas, fold together. Fold in flour and baking powder. Dissolve baking soda into milk, fold into mix until all just combined.

Pour into 23cm round tin, sprinkle with 1/3 cup toasted almonds and 1/8 cup castor sugar. Bake at 180c until springs back or skewer comes out clean.

Refresher Training—Get in Early

Jojetta and Cathy have been busy with training Owner Operators over the last month, both Refresher and Full training. There are not as many bugs around but we have been finding Six spotted mite and some Thrip still.

AIC are happy for you to do your re-training early, so call the office, Jojetta or Cathy to get on the list. We are working to have classes no bigger than 10, but preferably around 6. If the class is bigger, we will bring in another staff member to assist or both take the class.

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Congratulations

Alison Ferris for getting the biggest fruit award at KauriPak's recent Prizегiving. The biggest fruit was 598 grams and off her Ohauti Block. Let's try for the highest packout this next season Alison.

Congratulations to Sarah & Murray Clarke from Pukehina area. They won the Apata award for highest packout recently. Well done.

Staff

We have found a new staff member who has now nearly completed her training and will be working in the Katikati South area through to Apata area.

Rochelle Bateman lives in Walker Road West and works part-time in the Gorringer Brother's office. Getting outside on the orchards is a good change from sitting behind a computer, as Cathy well knows.

Rochelle and her husband have previously been involved in growing Avocado's and Kiwifruit and are currently growing Passionfruit. With their orchard, working for CropCheck and Gorringer's plus running after 2 young ladies, Rochelle will have a lovely full lifestyle.



Rochelle Kean will be leaving at the end of June to prepare for the arrival of an addition to their family. Thank you Rochelle for being part of our team, we wish you well with your new baby. And if you ever get bored and want to come back, you know where we are.

As a result of changes within our field staff, there may be some changes in monitor's visiting you. Jojetta will be looking after more blocks in the Katikati North through to Athenree area, Rochelle Bateman will be looking after most of the blocks from Apata to Walker Road and Kazel will take on some more Pahioa Blocks. Esther has asked for some time off due to a recent illness, so Jojetta is looking after her blocks for now. Please contact the office, Cathy or Jojetta if you have any concerns regarding these changes.

Reminder from the Office

Please enter your PPIN number [only] (**code**) and the invoice number you are paying [only] (**reference**) on the bank payment when you pay by Internet Banking. Please also include your slip from the bottom of the account with cheques.

A big thank you to all those that are now doing this as it make it much easier to identify your payments and make sure it gets to the correct account.

ENQUIRE NOW



Monitoring: Avocado
Citrus
Kiwifruit
Tamarillo
Flowers
AvoGreen Training
Soil & Leaf Testing

Goodbye Chloe



Many of the Tauranga area orchards will have had a visit from Cathy's little companion, Chloe. She has now returned to apartment life in Parnell, Auckland. A very different life for her.

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