



***“Working for the Grower”***



**Newsletter  
August 2013**

### From the Office



The house is finished totally now and we are concentrating a lot more on getting the office all unpacked and shelves and walls put up. It sure is cold without the lining and insulation, and we are going through far too many bottles of gas in this weather. We are getting on with putting up some lining now, so that will make the office so much more pleasant.

Talking weather, are you aware that we have a weather station and a website with weather in the Ohauti and Te Puke area's? We would love to link to any other weather stations out there so we can provide a wider coverage of weather in the Bay of Plenty. Please contact David in the office if you would like to be part of the weather forum. Also check out our weather site at [www.ohautiweather.co.nz](http://www.ohautiweather.co.nz)

### KauriPak Growers

Many of you will have noticed that your reports are going to more than one person. There has been a little confusion about who to send reports to; from now on all reports will be sent to Hugh Moore and they will be passed on in the KauriPak office to the appropriate person. This will streamline the support for you.

### Owner/Operator Training

We are planning on running a full training for Owner/Operators in late September or early October and are planning a refresher training about the same time. Please contact the office or visit our website to register.

### Farmlands

Contact the office with your membership name and number and we will put your next invoice through to Farmlands for payment.



### Paramite Alert

Paramite can only be used once per year, use wisely to help avoid mites becoming resistant.

### Leafroller Levels

Leafroller are around, but are not in big numbers at the moment, though we have noticed the moths on the windows at night recently plus an increase in eggrafts, so they will be on the increase fairly soon. Coming up to flowering, they will start to raise their ugly heads and get established, chewing on the young fruitlets. Therefore it is a good idea to check for them before flowering starts. You can do this with your pre-harvest check over the next few weeks.



### Six-spotted mite

Six Spotted mites and mite eggs are in some blocks in quite high numbers now. We have already seen leaf-drop in some blocks, which is much earlier than normal. This is probably due to the warmer winter. As they are well established now, we would expect them to be quite a problem during flowering when the trees are under stress. So please be on the watch for mite numbers climbing. These could explode very quickly. Remember some sprays are long acting, and it would be wise to wait 3 weeks to monitor to see the effects. With flowering starting in some orchards in September, (or maybe even earlier this year) the window of opportunity to deal to mites is short.

### Greenhouse Thrip

These little beggars are still around, but mostly in low numbers now. The majority we are finding are juveniles, so if you decide to spray for them, one application could be enough and we suggest you do another monitor after that spray before applying a second spray.



### Apiarists

A list of Bee Keepers is being prepared to go on our website under 'links'. If you know of any Apiarists who may like to be added to the list, please ask them to contact us at the office or via our website.

### Read-Receipts

Please send these back to us so that we know you have received your reports or emails.

## Recipe

This is a recipe that Cathy and David's daughter came across on the Chelsea Sugar website ([www.chelsea.co.nz](http://www.chelsea.co.nz)) and has tried lots. It is quick, easy and very yum.

### **Lemon Syrup Loaf**

#### **Ingredients**

2 eggs  
100g butter, melted  
2 Tbsp grated lemon rind.  
1 cup Chelsea Caster Sugar  
1 3/4 cups flour  
1/4 tsp salt  
1 1/2 tsp baking powder  
1/2 cup milk



#### **Syrup**

1/4 cup lemon juice  
1/4 cup Chelsea Caster Sugar

#### **Method**

Grease or line bottom of a loaf tin approx 21 x 9 cm  
Pre-heat oven to 180°C

In a food processor beat eggs and butter. Add lemon rind and Caster sugar and beat until creamy. Mix in flour, baking powder, salt and milk. Mix until combined. Pour ingredients into a loaf tin and bake for 45 – 55 mins or until cooked.

Mix together the syrup ingredients. Take the loaf straight from the oven, and while the loaf is still hot pour over the syrup. Cool in the tin.

### **Citrus Growers**

It's time to be watching for scale crawlers now and Black Citrus Aphid will be around with the new shoots. Over the next 2 months Kelly's Citrus Thrip will be making their appearance.

### **Monitoring Contracts and Calendars**

It is the time of year when we will be sending out new Calendars for you to fill in and return to the office. This is an AvoGreen requirement which we are audited on twice a year, so we ask that you please return these asap. If you do not return the Calendar, then we cannot guarantee you are Avogreen compliant.

We have made a decision to not send out the Contract Schedules again this year, to save you dealing with extra paper work and also to save on some forests. If you have any changes to your avocado blocks, or contacts, or hazards please let us know by sending the office an email or a letter when you send back the Calendar. We will contact you if we need to confirm the changes.

### **2013 BOP Young Grower of the Year**

In June, Cathy joined Midge Munro from AIC to provide one of the exercises for the contestants for the BOP Young Grower of the Year awards. Jo-jette and Cathy prepared the questions based on the AvoGreen program, with 10 questions that each contestant had to answer, from "what insect has done this damage?", to "match the photos of the main pests with the beneficials that would feed on them."

Most of the contestants had very little experience with Avocado's and really struggled with the exercises, which quite surprised Midge and Cathy. The questions were at the level that we would use for training our staff, which proved to us that our staff have a greater knowledge than we had realised.

There has already been talk of us participating in the next BOP Young Grower of the Year and Cathy will definitely be putting up her hand to be there.

### **Preharvest Monitoring**

Ask you packhouse if you need a pre-harvest monitor for Leafroller. If you do, contact your monitor or the office 10-14 days before picking.



**ENQUIRE NOW**



Monitoring: *Avocado*  
*Tamarilo*  
*Flowers*  
*Citrus*  
*Other Crops*  
AvoGreen Training  
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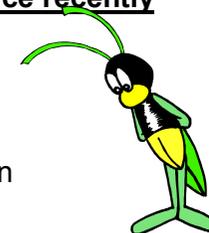
### **We received this in the office recently**

Hi Cathy,  
Rain Rain go away  
I need at least one fine day  
To look for six spot and other vermin  
But instead it just precipitates!!!!!!

It doesn't rhyme very well but it sure contains lots of feeling with an over laying layer of frustration, i.e. once more it "doth" rain.

Richard Carr

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