

Greenhouse Thrips (*Heliothrips haemorrhoidalis*)

Greenhouse thrips tend to occur from February onwards as fruit enlarge and begin to touch adjacent fruit or leaves. From this stage fruit damage is more likely, beginning from thrips feeding on sheltered fruit surfaces.

How and when to sample for Greenhouse thrips:

From January until April monitor fortnightly until thrips are found. Sample 5 separate fruit cluster sites/tree on the specified number of trees per block. (a total of 50 fruit clusters/block).

Note the presence of thrips, and whether they are adult or juvenile, and move onto the next site.

If thrips are detected then decrease the interval between monitorings, especially if the pest is just below the threshold level.

Action Threshold Levels

If the following thresholds are exceeded a spray application is recommended, followed by a second spray 2-3 weeks later (a monitoring round for thrips between the 2 sprays is not required):

- More than 2% of sites with adult thrips, OR
- More than 5% of sites with juvenile thrips