

TOMATO-POTATO PSYLLID WORKSHOP



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SOUTH AUSTRALIA

The tomato-potato psyllid (TPP), *Bactericera cockerelli*, is a tiny sap-sucking, winged insect that originates from North America and is one of the most destructive potato pests in the western hemisphere. The psyllid also feeding can lead to loss of plant vigor and yield. TPP was detected in Australia for the first time in February 2017, in metropolitan Perth, Western Australia. It has been decided that it is not technically feasible to eradicate TPP in Western Australia.

AFFECTED CROPS INCLUDE:

- potato
- tomato
- eggplant
- capsicum
- chilli
- tamarillo
- sweet potato

The psyllid is capable of transmitting zebra chip disease, which poses a threat to potato crops. The zebra chip bacterium has not been found in Western Australia.

Come along to the workshop to know more about TPP and its threat to SA!

AGENDA

- 12.00 Introduction**
Christina Cook, PIRSA
- 12.10 What if TPP arrives in SA?**
Christina Cook, PIRSA
- 12.20 Identification, Surveillance and Reporting**
Raylea Rowbottom, UTAS
- 12.40 Break**
- 12.50 Lessons from WA and NZ Experiences**
Duncan McLeod, Seed & Field NZ and
Callum Fletcher, AUSVEG
- 1.10 Risk Pathways and on Farm Biosecurity**
Callum Fletcher, AUSVEG

DETAILS

- Date:** Tuesday 18 July 2017
- Time:** 12pm – 2pm
Lunch provided
- Location:** Virginia Hort Centre,
Old Port Wakefield Road,
Virginia, South Australia, 5102
- RSVP:** by Friday 14 July, 2017
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