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## New Zealand

## Tomato Potato Psyllid (TPP)

## Study Tour 12 - 15 February 2019



### Tour Inclusions

**Key sights:** Alex McDonald Seed Potato Specialists & Merchants; NZ Plant & Food Research Centre Lincoln; potato plant tissue culture and minituber production facilities; potato farms (seed, processing, vertically integrated and diversified mixed enterprise); meetings with growers, Potatoes NZ, TPP researchers and industry suppliers; Canterbury potato growing regions Methven, Pendarves, Timaru and Geraldine; potato farming machinery from Grimme and Landpower; McCain Foods; NZ grower field walk to inspect TPP spray field trials; International Industry Dinner (Australia & NZ); New World Supermarket; Heartland Crisping processing factory; The Laboratory Craft Brewery; Lushingtons Garden & Gift Centre; International Antarctic Centre

#### Guides:

- Elizabeth Wharton, Sebright Adventures Chief Experience Officer
- Callum Fletcher, AusVeg Biosecurity Coordinator
- NZ potato industry specialists

**Transportation:** Private air-conditioned touring coach.

**Hotels:** Centrally located. Double, single or twinshare rooms available with private ensuite.

**Included Meals:** 3 breakfasts (B), 3 mornings teas (MT), 3 lunches (L), 3 afternoon teas (AT), 3 dinners (D)

**Tour numbers:** Maximum 30 people.

*This tour was made possible by:*



### Day 1 Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019

#### MELBOURNE - CHRISTCHURCH - LINCOLN.

Welcome to Christchurch! Travel with your Tour Director and group members to **Alex McDonald**, NZ's leading supplier of high health seed potatoes. Learn about the seed potato scheme in NZ, how this business works with potato companies around the world to develop high performing seed potatoes, and the impact of TPP. Continue to **NZ Plant & Food Research Centre** based at Lincoln to meet with researchers working on TPP projects. See the plant tissue culture lab and minituber production facilities, entomology lab and TPP colonies. Late afternoon, explore **New World Supermarket** to discover how potatoes are marketed to consumers, chat with their Fresh Produce Manager about potato consumption in New Zealand and if they have noticed any effects from TPP. Afterwards, check-in to your Motel with free time before a delicious dinner at **The Laboratory Restaurant and Craft Brewery**. Taste their speciality brews and explore the brewery. Discover more about TPP and the impact it's had on NZ primary industries with guest speaker **Plant & Food Research NZ**. The rest of the evening is at leisure. (D)

### Day 2 Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019

#### LINCOLN - METHVEN - RAKAIA - SOUTHBRIDGE - ASHBURTON.

Leave the city behind this morning and travel to the picturesque seed potato growing region around Methven. Visit **Aberdeen Farm** nestled on the banks of the Rakaia River to meet with NZ Seed Potato Certification Authority Chairman Robert Redfern. Learn more about seed potato certification in NZ and the 530ha farm run by Richard and his brother Hamish. This property grows a variety of crops including seed potatoes, wheat, barley, peas and seed for ryegrass, white clover, cocksfoot and radishes; as well as 5500 prime lambs. Mid-morning travel east through Barrhill to **Innes Farm** to visit farm owner and former NZ Seed Potato Certification Authority Chairman Andy Innes. This 600ha intensive arable property is fully irrigated, growing a range of crops and 4000-6000 prime lambs. Seed and processing potatoes are grown, with grading equipment and coolstores onsite for potato sorting prior to transportation off-farm. Seed crops are also produced for ryegrass, wheat, brassicas and peas; as well as barley for stockfeed. Lunch awaits in Rakaia with seed potato grower Tim Pike from **Mid-Canterbury Growers**. Discover how this business utilises land from 12 different properties to grow 140ha of seed and 60ha of processing potatoes. Learn how TPP has impacted production and explore potato machinery such as a contact-weight seed potato grader at their head office 'The Hub'. Perhaps even catch a glimpse of the Giant Salmon! After lunch, join NZ potato growers and industry members at the **NZ grower fieldwalk**, where TPP spray control programme field trials will be on show by Plant and Food Research NZ and Potatoes NZ. Meet with NZ growers and researchers to discover management practices being used and trialled for TPP. Late afternoon check-in to your Ashburton Motel with free time before celebrating the Australian and New Zealand potato industries at the **Potato Industry Dinner**. Stakeholders from all segments of the potato supply-chain will come together at the picturesque **Lakehouse Restaurant** on the shores of Lake Hood. Opportunities will abound to strengthen networks, share knowledge and develop future prospects for the industry as a whole. (B, MT, L, AT, D)

### Day 3 Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2019

#### ASHBURTON - PNDARVES - TEMUKA - TIMARU.

This morning explore **Hewson Farm** in the potato growing region of Pendarves. Meet with owner Ross Hewson and **Grimme Machinery** experts from **Landpower** to learn about potato production practices, TPP impacts, and the Spudnik 6621 machine, which uses air to separate stones to harvest 1000tons of potatoes per day. The farm is fully irrigated, mostly using centre pivots and laterals, which enable large-scale vegetable and arable crop production. An annual rotation of 25% potatoes and onions is used, with cropping supplemented by 8,000 – 10,000 store lambs. Refrigerated storage on-farm capable of holding 23,000 tons of potatoes provides surety, with all potatoes contracted to McCains. Next, head toward Ashburton to enjoy a delicious morning tea at horticultural and artisan delight **Lushington's Garden Gift Centre** before travelling south. A tasty lunch at Orari's **Cafe Mes Amis** awaits where you can try a round of minigolf! Continue your travels to the large agricultural joint venture of **McFlynn Potatoes** and **MacFarlane Agriculture**. An intensive mixed arable farm, this diverse agribusiness operates livestock and horticultural enterprises including potatoes for French fry processing by McCain Foods, carrots for processing to juice, frozen peas, seeds, and forage crops for lamb and cattle grazing. Late afternoon, visit **Turley Farm**. This 2800ha property supplies French fry potatoes to two processing companies, and grows a range of crops including onions, seed for grasses and hybrid vegetables. The business value-adds to their raw produce with 11 other farmers who built the 'Farmers Mill' flour mill. Talk with the Turley's about farming methods and TPP control measures. Late afternoon travel to the seaside town of Timaru to check-in to your Motel with free-time before enjoying dinner at **South Canterbury RSL** with guest speaker **McCain Foods**. The rest of the evening is at leisure to relax to the sound of the ocean, stroll along Caroline Bay foreshore, see colourful birds at the coastal Aviary, or the entertainment of Timaru's beachside Carnival. (B, MT, L, AT, D)

### Day 4 Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019

#### TIMARU - GERALDINE – WINDWHISTLE – CHRISTCHURCH - MELBOURNE.

Start the day with a delicious breakfast overlooking the ocean before discovering **Heartland Crisping** in Timaru. Owned and operated by the Bowan family, this vertically integrated agribusiness grows potatoes at their Fallgate Farm and manages produce throughout the supply-chain to their own processing facility. Discover how this business became vertically integrated and associated benefits of such a system. Chat with the Bowan family about how TPP impacts their farm and processing of potatoes. Mid-morning visit the quaint town of Geraldine for coffee and cake in the peaceful surrounds of **Verde Cafe**, then get your cameras ready to travel north through spectacular landscapes to Windwhistle. Savour a delicious lunch overlooking stunning **Terrace Downs Resort** Golf Course and Mt Hutt. Continue your journey to the **International Antarctic Centre** on the outskirts of Christchurch for afternoon tea before heading to **Christchurch Airport** ready for your flight back to Australia. Once back in Melbourne, say farewell to your fellow travellers and make your journey home; or travel into central Melbourne for an optional dinner and overnight stay before continuing your journey in the morning. (B, MT, L, AT)

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### Terms & Conditions

Sebright Adventures reserves the right to change tour itineraries, inclusions, costings and suppliers/venues should the need arise due to operational requirements or unforeseen circumstances.

No responsibility or liability is accepted in the event of an accident, injury, loss or damage to persons or property.

Whenever travelling, participants are strongly advised to have travel insurance.

If a participant provides at least 8 days' notice of cancellation from scheduled departure date 12th February 2019, 100% refund of tour cost and accommodation will be provided. Flight tickets are non-refundable. If less than 8 days notice is provided, no refund will be possible.

## Tour Participation

Activity	Accommodation	Price (AUD\$) per person
<b>New Zealand TPP Study Tour only</b> 12 - 15 February 2019	Single room	\$2260.00
	Double or Twinshare	\$2040.00
<b>New Zealand TPP Study Tour including flights</b> Melbourne Tullamarine – Christchurch return Jetstar JQ171, 8:45am Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2019* Air New Zealand NZ0893, 5:20pm Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2019* * Flights subject to availability and price changes	Single room	\$2860.00*
	Double or Twinshare	\$2640.00*

## Key Dates

20 November 2018	Registrations open to Seed Potatoes Victoria growers
30 November 2018	Registrations open to Australian potato growers and industry
21 December 2018	Expressions of Interest close for tour
28 December 2018	Participants notified of their place on the tour. Invoices and information sent to participants.
4 January 2019	Full payment due
12 February 2019	Tour commences
15 February 2019	Tour concludes early evening in Melbourne. Participants depart according to their own travel schedules



## For more information

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**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM**

*All information provided will be kept strictly confidential*

**Personal Details**

<b>First name</b> <i>(as appears on passport)</i>	
<b>Family name</b> <i>(as appears on passport)</i>	
<b>Business name</b>	
<b>Postal address</b>	
<b>Phone</b>	
<b>Email</b>	
<b>Special dietary requirements</b>	
<b>Role in potato industry</b>	

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	Double or Twinshare	\$2640.00*		
<b>Pre-tour Accommodation</b> Melbourne Tullamarine, Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> February 2019 (includes accommodation, breakfast and airport transfer)	Single room	\$175.00		
	Double or Twinshare	\$100.00		
<b>Post-tour Accommodation</b> Melbourne City, Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2019 (includes accommodation, breakfast and transfer to city)	Single room	\$235.00		
	Double or Twinshare	\$140.00		

**TOTAL PRICE** *(payable by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2019 after tour place confirmed. Invoice will be sent separately)*

\$

**Return 'Expression of Interest' form by Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018 via:**

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