

QUARTERLY PROGRESS SUMMARY: April – June 2016

High Performance Mānuka Plantations PGP Programme

Summary of progress during this quarter

- Controlled environment trials are showing that temperature will not change the potential of mānuka plants to produce higher/lower quality nectar (measured as DHA content normalised at 80°Brix).
- Completion of an evaluation report assessing work to date on performance of mānuka in riparian and irrigation shelter plantings.

Key highlights and achievements

- A paper entitled “High UMF® honey production from mānuka plantations” was presented at the Hill Country Symposium in April 2016.
- A pest and weed management template has been developed for use by Manuka Farming New Zealand on potential mānuka plantation sites.
- A detailed protocol has been developed for taking nectar samples from mānuka in the field.

Upcoming

- Roll out of apiary management plans for each trial site in preparation for the upcoming honey season.
- Attend and exhibit the PGP at the National Māori Mānuka Conference 2016 on the 4th and 5th of August.

Communications & Tech transfer

- Manuka Farming NZ had a stand at the National Field Days in Hamilton (15-18 June) and at the Apiculture Conference in Rotorua (19-22 June). Many discussions were had with bee keepers and landowners covering the PGP programme findings and the opportunity of plantation mānuka and how it may or may not work at specific sites.
- Workshop held with Bay of Connections (BOC) Agribusiness, and key stakeholders within Bay of Plenty. BOC is co-ordinating the development of a Mānuka Action Group.

Investment

Investment period	Industry contribution	MPI contribution	Total investment
During this Quarter	\$46,500	\$113,282	\$159,782
Programme to Date	\$1,165,101	\$896,979	\$2,062,080