

QUARTERLY PROGRESS SUMMARY: October – December 2016

High Performance Mānuka Plantations PGP Programme

Summary of progress during this quarter

- Survival and growth of trial mānuka plantations were assessed in spring 2016.
- Nectar and honey samples were collected from the four main plantation sites; these will be analysed next quarter.
- Expert review completed of the modelling approach used in the predictive tool for plantation mānuka.

Key highlights and achievements

- Technical notes for the planting and management of mānuka plantations for honey have been updated incorporating new research results from work undertaken in 2016.
- Manuka Farming NZ has confirmed sales of 1 million high performance mānuka seedlings for planting in 2017. The planting target for 2018 is 2 million seedlings.

Upcoming

- Analysis of honey and nectar samples from the trial plantations.
- Progress the creation of the predictive tool.

Communications & Technology transfer

- Article in AgriHQ, October 2016 about the High Performance Manuka Plantations PGP programme.
- Trade display and information site at the Central Districts Field Days, 16-19 March 2017, Feilding.
- Trade display and information site at the National Field Days, 14-17 June 2017, Mystery Creek.
- Silver sponsorship, trade display and information site at the Apiculture Conference, 9-11 July 2017, Rotorua

Investment

Investment period	Industry contribution	MPI contribution	Total investment
During this Quarter	\$49,248	\$162,768	\$212,016
Programme to Date	\$1,268,158	\$1,059,746	\$2,327,904