

## FINISHING GOLD

**The Gold harvest continues to remain on schedule with the last of the crop programmed to be off the vines by the end of the week.**

Already 2.5m trays of Gold have been packed by the end of week 20 with a further 400k trays locked down in CA. This brings harvest 200k trays ahead of last season. Programmed loading of Gold and Green CA rooms remains a priority, with all lines tested prior to pick to ensure fruit is stored at optimum maturity.

As Gold draws to an end, more facilities will be progressively allocated to Green, which is currently 1m trays ahead of schedule. Green packing capacity will

be bolstered when one of Oakside high-productivity lines switches over early next week.

By the end of this week, we expect to have harvested two-thirds of the Green crop, and with the remaining 5m trays planned to be picked by the end of week 23 (first week of June). While Green Brix levels are more advanced than in prior seasons, fruit is remaining firm on the vine and handling well through the packhouse.

### Hail Update

Growers whose orchards had been hit by hail attended Wednesday's meeting on the industry's and Seeka's response to the 4 May event.

Michael Franks explained that from the initial assessment, the industry may have lost 2.4m trays of Green and 260k trays Gold, the bulk coming from the Te Puke region.

Seeka has initiated harvest and post harvest protocols to assess fruit and process damaged lines to contain fruit loss.

Fruit continues to be harvested according to maturity, with VLS testing orchards with suspected low levels of damage to guide post harvest handling.

Orchards with suspected medium to high levels of damage are being tested by AgFirst for hail insurance, the assessment taking four days so damage can be expressed as a skin marking. In the interim, these orchards are being harvested according to their maturity status and handled to minimise losses.

### PRODUCTION DATA TO MONDAY 18 MAY

	Hectares Picked	Trays Post Harvest		Average Size	
		Packed	CA / BS	Estimate	YTD
Green	856	7.40m	0.58m	33.83	33.18
Organic	37	0.27m	N/A	35.00	35.11
Gold	207	2.28m	0.39m	30.92	31.30
<b>Total</b>	<b>1100</b>	<b>9.95m</b>	<b>0.52m</b>	<b>6.40m Trays Shipped</b>	

### INITIAL HAIL ASSESSMENT

