

Bio-Blog

November 2023

Keeping all RBX Group Stakeholders Informed

Note from the Managing Director

Our season is now in full swing, and it is fantastic to see all the dedicated activity in our companies as we strive to assist producers to deliver fruit that is of high quality, without phytosanitary pests, and residue compliant. The season has started with evidence of high pest pressure in certain valleys, and it is pleasing to see our monitoring data, both in and outside of orchards, being collected and shared with producers. This early season warning is critical to inform producers that additional actions are needed now to reduce the population and help prevent significant issues at harvest time. Well done to all involved in making this a reality from monitors to data capturers, to communication support and our technical team.

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Mating Disruption in Full Swing

Mating disruption is a vital strategy that should be coupled with other control methods within an integrated pest management program to effectively combat FCM. It offers enhanced control when used in conjunction with other techniques. Within the RBX Group, we provide two mating disruption technologies: **SPLAT FCM Applications** and **XSIT Sterile Moth Releases**.

SPLAT FCM Applications

Our SPLAT FCM applications are currently in full swing across South Africa, with our dedicated teams, both manual and mechanical, working tirelessly in various valleys daily. This ongoing operation has seen significant enhancements over the past few seasons, and we take immense pride in its remarkable evolution and results to date.



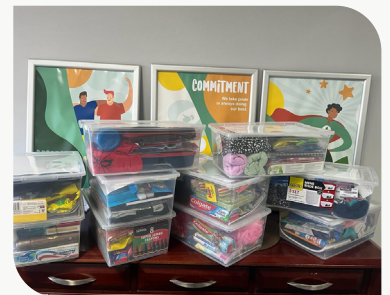
XSIT Moth Releases



We commenced the XSIT sterile moth releases in September for the new season. Our facility is operating at full capacity on one shift, actively producing sterile moths, while our operational team is fully engaged in ground-level efforts, conducting releases, and closely monitoring the populations and flight peaks. Remaining proactive is key this season.

Santa Shoebox

RBX partnered with the Citrus Academy and the Orange Heart Foundation to pledge Santa Shoebox gifts this year, to children around the country. Each box is filled with clothes, toiletries, stationery, toys, and sweets for a specific pre-selected child. **We are honoured to take part in the Santa Shoebox initiative to bring joy to children during the festive season!**



November Birthdays

Rachel Mouton, Nathan Fransman, Jolene Jantjies, Leana Swartz, Johannes Laubscher, Brenda Nell, Jevan Bruwer, Asive Myataza, Nevill Boersma, Berrilyn Gans

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