



# A LIGHTER TOUCH

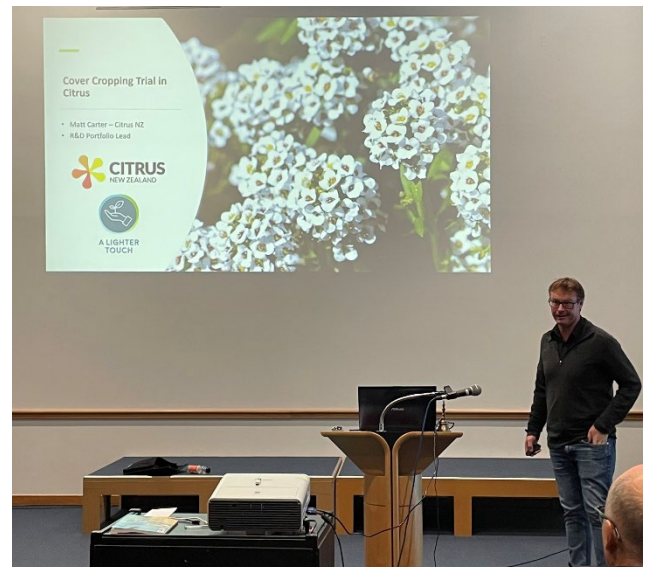
## Progress report for the period April to June 2022

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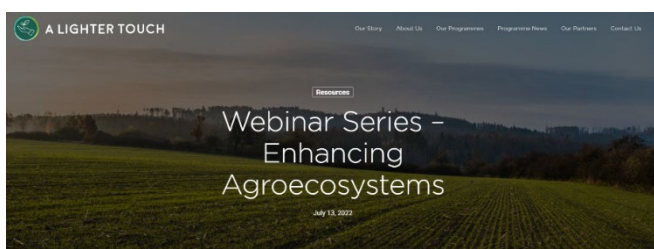
*A Lighter Touch* has completed its second year of operation and activity for this quarter has been focused on preparing for the upcoming season and identifying pan sector and crop specific crop protection issues that could potentially be addressed through A Lighter Touch projects.

### Achievements from this period include:

- The annual gaps analysis workshop was held in Christchurch on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 with 20 attendees representing the A Lighter Touch Team and participating product groups.
- The purpose of this yearly workshop was to:
  - prioritise and rank crop protection challenges from each of the participants
  - identify pan sector issues
  - share solutions that participants are already using in their crop protection programmes which could help other participants
- This interactive workshop also provided an opportunity for the A Lighter Touch team to discuss new crop protection concepts with the participants.
- The two A Lighter Touch Technical Leads attended and presented at various participating participant group Field Days this quarter:
  - Summerfruit Field Days were held in Hawke's Bay and Central Otago in May and June with the Agroecology Technical Lead presenting an overview of the A Lighter Touch programme and the Transition Technical Lead presenting residue trial results.
  - A Lighter Touch also invited Matt Carter from the A Lighter Touch Citrus Project to present on his experiences and the project's findings.
  - Summerfruit growers who attended these Fields Days were excited to hear results from the Citrus Project and have since expressed a keen interest in hosting a cover crops project on their orchards.
- A series of webinars focused on biodiversity and biological control were presented to stakeholders culminating in the application to the Citrus Project. These presentations have been uploaded to the A Lighter Touch website.



*Matt Carter presenting at the Hawke's Bay Summerfruit Field Days*



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