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## Labour snags hit quality

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**LABOUR SHORTAGES** on orchards are beginning to impact the quality of New Zealand produce in global markets.

Speaking at the recent NZ Primary Industries Conference in Auckland, Zespri chief executive Daniel Mathieson says the lack of people across the supply chain has seen quality standards slip.

"This is a real serious issue," he told a panel discussion on labour challenges

Facing the farming sector.

"As agribusiness producers, we make our money by being the best in the world, with the best quality in over the last two years, with the lack of people across the supply chain, we have seen our quality standards start to slip."

Mathieson believes this is starting to erode customer goodwill and value we see get in the marketplace.

The conference heard from Hort NZ that this season there would be

a shortfall of 6,000 workers under the Recognised Seasonal Employer (RSE) scheme. While labour shortages remain a major challenge on farms, Mathieson believes it provides the agribusiness sector opportunities to invest in helping temporary workers train for full-time jobs, and getting those coming into the country to work under RSE and other schemes.

He says the days of temporary workers are gone.

"It's probably not going to return, and we must face up to reality and start restructuring our businesses to take in more people on a permanent basis."

He says that's the "big discussion" Zespri is having with Kiwifruit growers up for a few months and then going somewhere else. They are actually coming, developing and learning new skills and then they come back into the country.

Mathieson says farmers and growers must focus on NZ workers.

However, he points out that they won't be enough.

"We have enormous growth ahead of us in all our businesses," he says. "NZ is a great country to supply the world but will need people to need to do that. We need to get a balance between demonstrating a good healthy while getting a good balance of people coming into the country."

"We haven't got the balance right and the time has come now to reset and get that balance right."

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## SUN POWER!

A CANTERBURY vegetable growing company recognised environmental

has gone a big step the installation of solar panels at its site in Southbridge and these are expected to provide 40% of the company's annual energy demands. Pictured in a broccoli field on the company's Southbridge site is managing director robin Oakley.

See full story page 8.

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## MATERIAL SPECIFICATIONS

### Printing Details

- Web – offset
- Digital photos supplied should have resolution of not less than 200 pixels/inch
- Full page print area: 390mm x 265mm

### Material Requirements

- Adverts will not be accepted if supplied only as working files
- All camera-ready adverts should be supplied as high resolution pdf files colour corrected to CMYK. For more information on Acrobat settings please contact Rural News group.
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