Panama disease tropical race 4

Mixed Farming

Managing the risks

If a grower has Panama TR4 on their farm and they want to use a section of land to farm other crops or manage livestock, steps have to be taken to minimise the risk of disease spread to protect their farm and the broader industry.

Mixed farming on Panama TR4 affected land

Panama disease tropical race 4 (Panama TR4) is a serious disease of banana plants. It is caused by a fungus that lives in the soil. It is spread by the movement of infected banana plant material and contaminated soil or water.

The fungus can survive in the soil for decades without detection. This means it can be unknowingly moved on, around or between farms prior to banana plants showing signs of the disease.

To assess the risk of mixed farming on affected land, the Panama TR4 Program (Program):

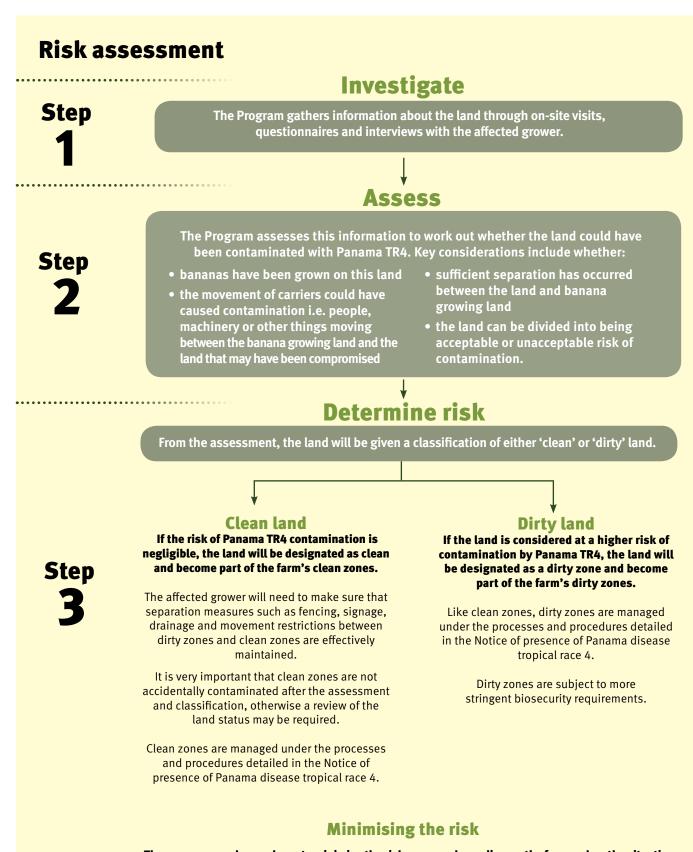
- makes a risk assessment to establish the level of risk of that land being contaminated with Panama TR4
- establishes processes that the grower must do to manage the risk.

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The processes and procedures to minimise the risk can vary depending on the farm and on the situation. The Program works with the affected grower to tailor the requirements to ensure adequate levels of biosecurity are being met to protect the farm and the broader industry. An example Notice of presence of Panama disease tropical race 4 and a range of on-farm biosecurity best management practices can be found at biosecurity.qld.gov.au.



