

*...from previous page*

another way of achieving more even air pressure.

"A lot of the older stores are not able to distribute air as well as it should be and older fans should be replaced by new ones, particularly as the cost of running older ones far outweighs the cost of the new ones," he added.

Adrian said that the same applies to box storage in terms of the requirement for even air distribution around the store, although one of the main problems was getting air to circulate properly and returning it to the back of the store. "Air dividing curtains can be used and they can give a reasonable lateral distribution of air, but sometimes it's the boxes themselves which don't fit together well and so disrupt the airflow.

"If all the air goes down the middle of the store, or if there are leaks for example, then it all leads to a more uneven airflow. Growers must have tight systems in their box stores and I think that's where there is unevenness and the problem in terms of uneven CIPC distribution," he commented.