Have buffer areas around the greenhouse

Buffer areas are an effective and relatively low cost pest and disease management strategy.

A buffer area is a space around the greenhouse that is kept clean and clear of things which could shelter pests and diseases.

Make the buffer area at least 5 metres wide, or 10 metres if you can.

The buffer area should be sealed, covered in gravel or mulched, though even a well kept grassed area (kept short and free of broadleaf plants) can make a big difference.

Make a 5-10 metre wide clean area around the greenhouse.

Replacing a weedy, muddy access way alongside the greenhouses with road-base significantly reduces the levels of pests coming in from the neighbouring paddock. Not only are spray applications reduced by up to 20%, the farm now has all weather access.