

2024 Potato Tuber Moth

Potatoes NZ is working to help support growers in their management of Potato Tuber Moth (PTM). As part of this, we have a monitoring system using pheromone traps to catch PTM within potato crops. These results are multiple paddocks, averaged for the given area (Pukekohe, Pukekawa, Tuakau, etc.). Please use this information in combination with in-field crop scouting to help make decisions around crop management.

The overall PTM pressure across the region has increased sharply to 14 moth per day (up from 8). See the table below for details. As crops mature and soils crack the risk of PTM accessing tubers increases. Ensure you are monitoring soil conditions and utilising practices such as irrigation to keep mounds sealed.

Region	Count	Count last week
Onewhero	10	12
Patumahoe	17	7
Pukekawa	18	6
Pukekohe	15	8
Tuakau	11	7

Moth Catch Risk Range:

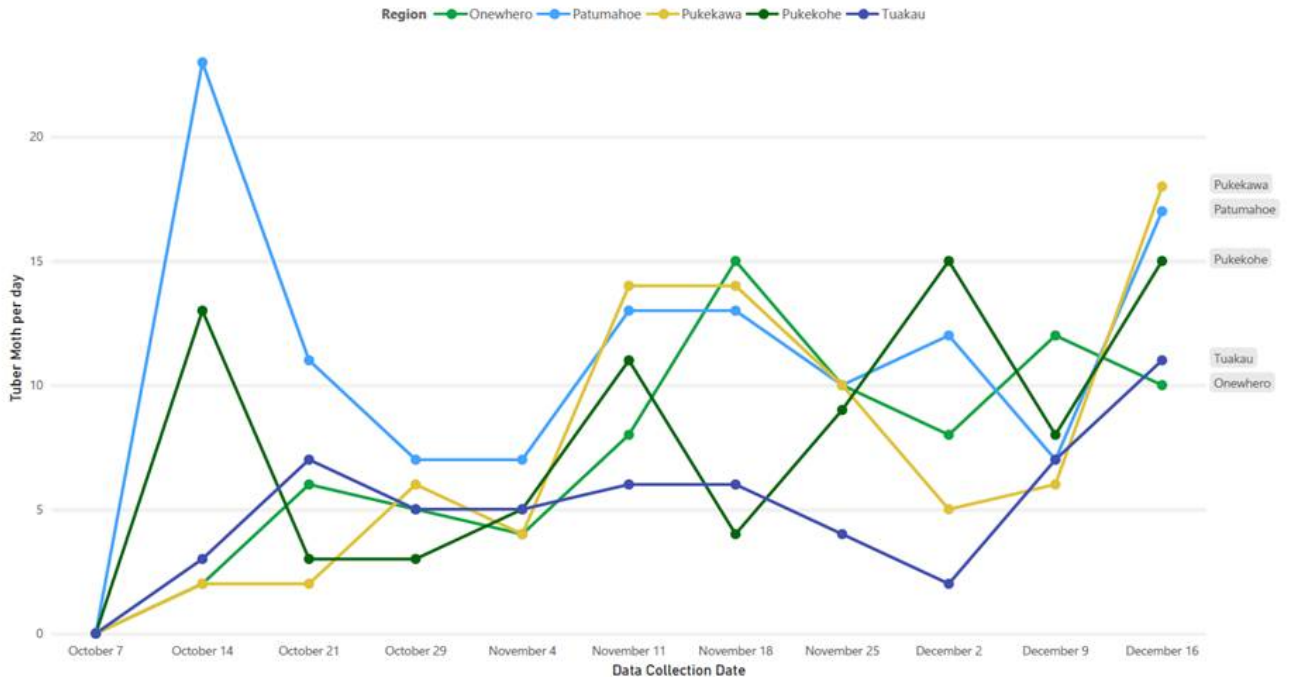
0-4 lower risk

5-9 moderate risk

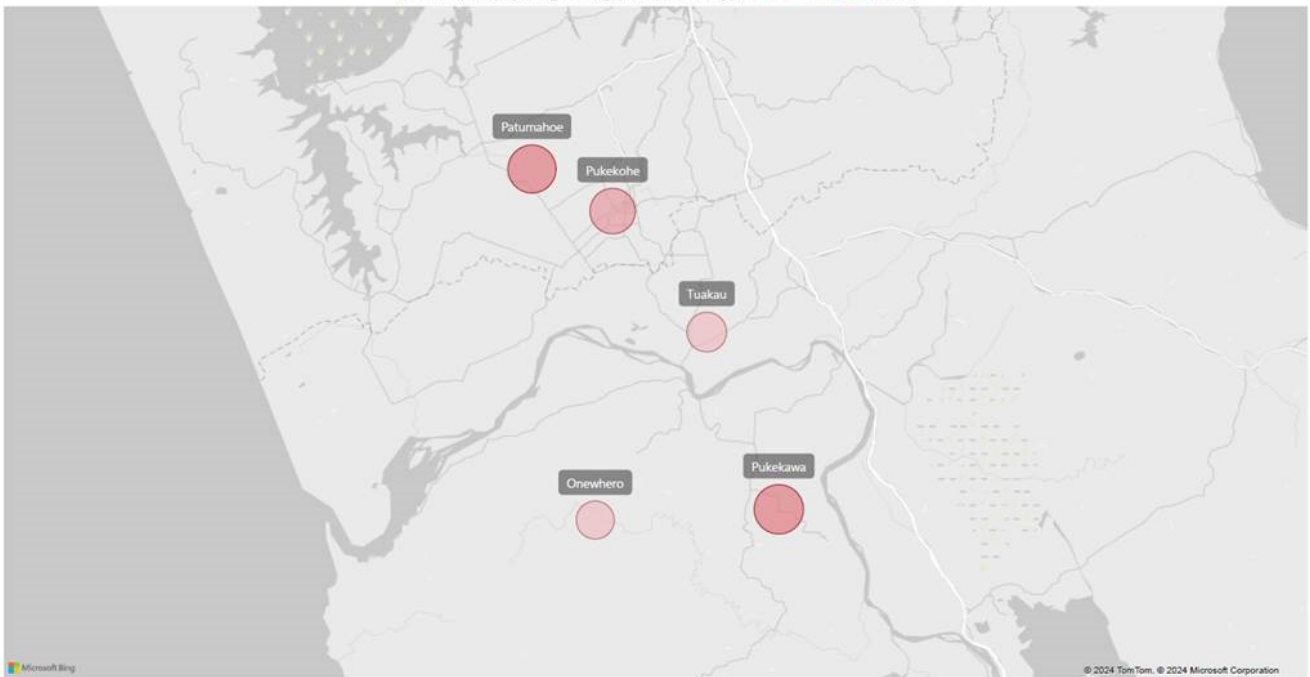
10+ higher risk

F25 Regional Tuber Moth Survey

Tuber Moth catch per day by Region



Tuber Moth catch per day for Region (Out for 7 Days) ● 10 ● 11 ● 15 ● 17 ● 18



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