

2025 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 to **31 moth per day** (up from 19 last week). 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 utilize practices such as irrigation to keep mounds sealed.

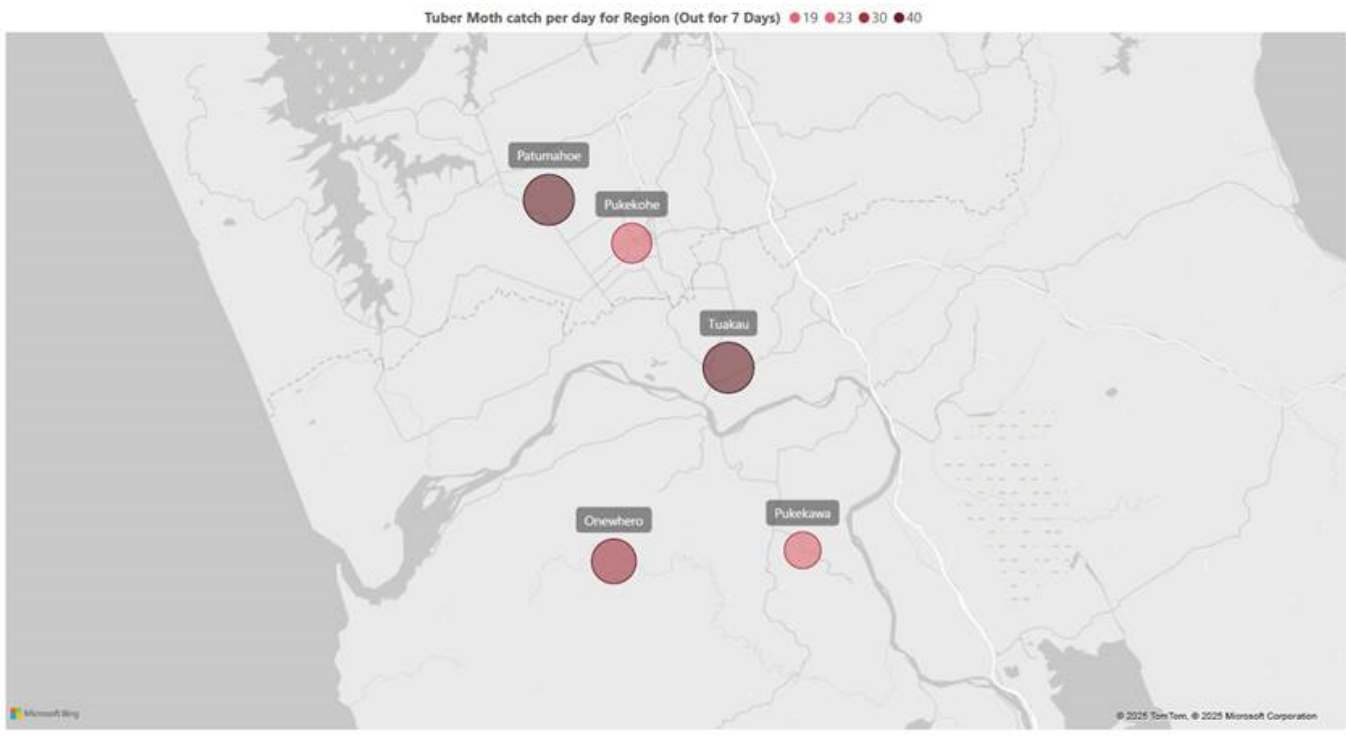
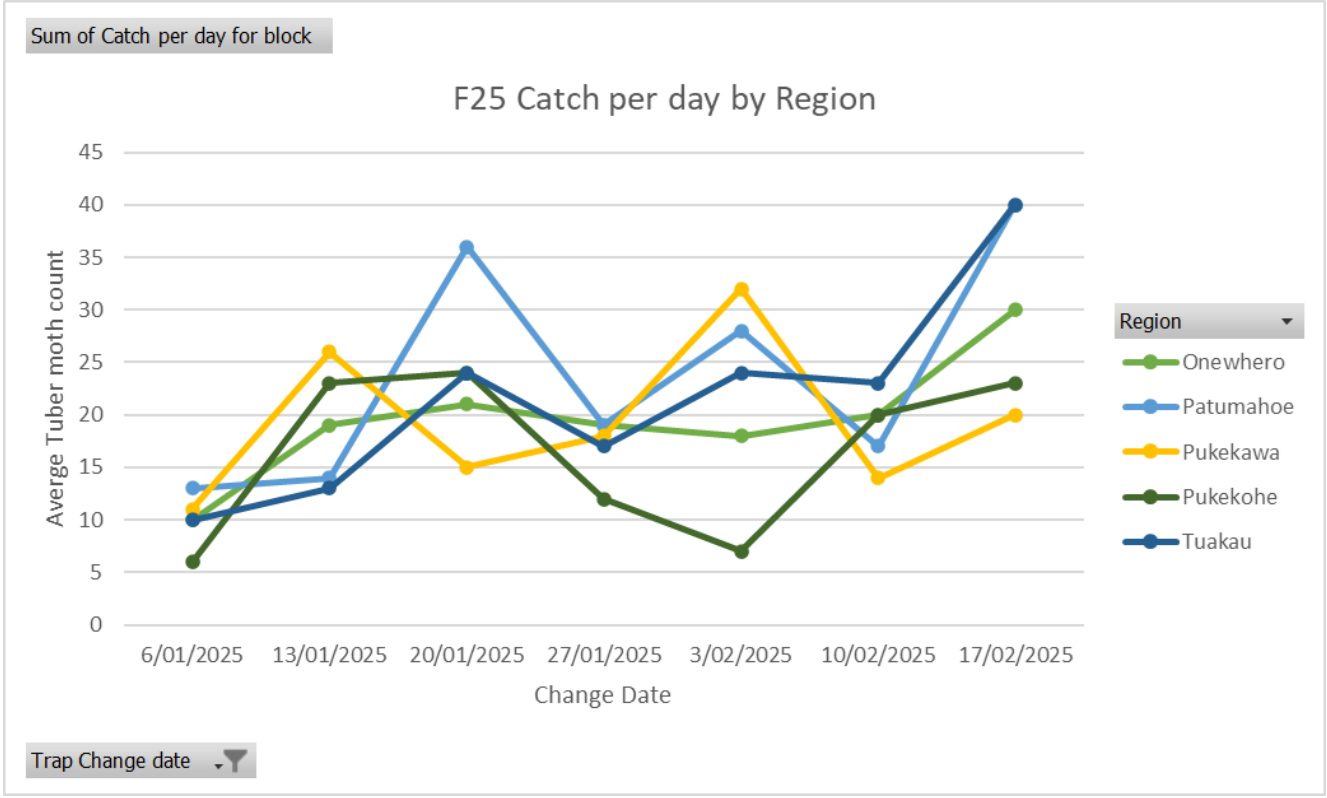
Region	Count	Count last week
Onewhero	30	20
Patumahoe	40	17
Pukekawa	20	14
Pukekohe	23	20
Tuakau	40	23

Moth Catch Risk Range:

0-4 lower risk

5-9 moderate risk

10+ higher risk



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