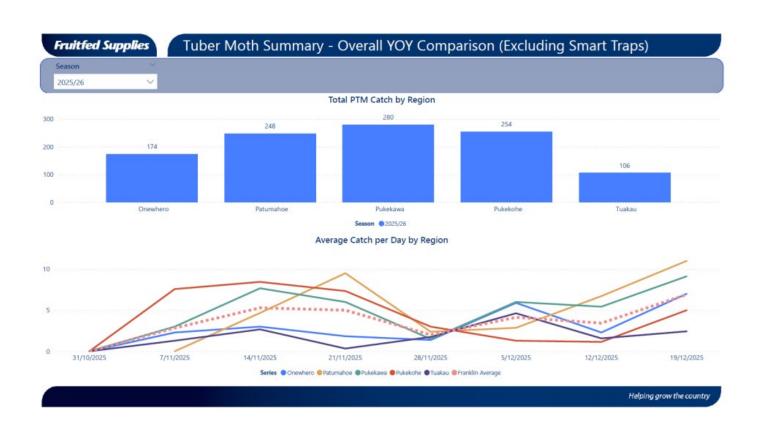
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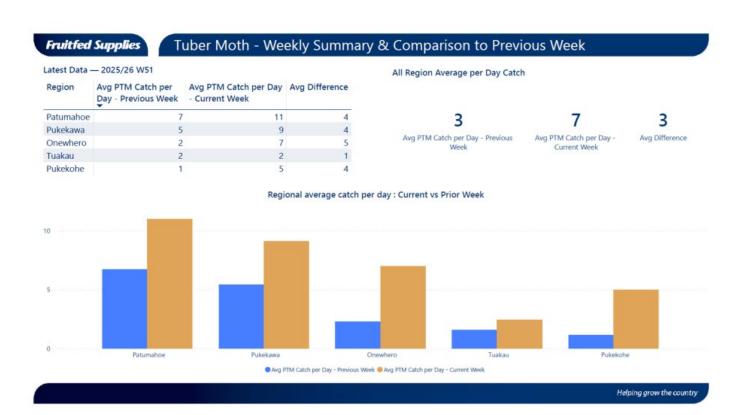
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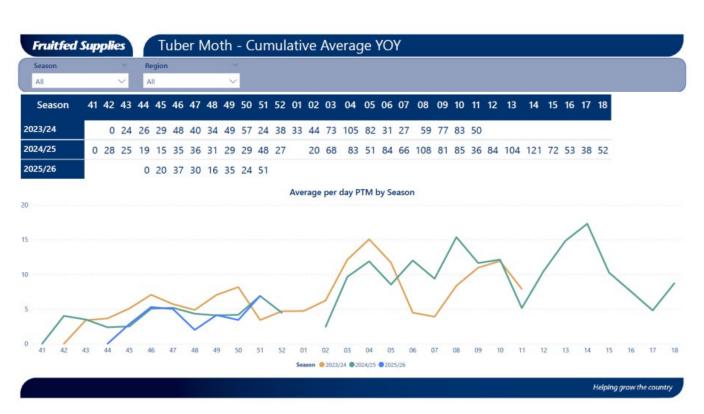
Potatoes NZ is working to help support growers in their management of Potato Tuber Moth (PTM). As part of this, we have a monitoring system using pheromone traps to catch PTM within potato crops. These results are multiple paddocks, averaged for the given area (Pukekohe, Pukekawa, Tuakau, etc.). Please 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 7 moth per day (up from 4), We are currently tracking similar numbers to last season. See the table below for details. As crops mature and soils crack the risk of PTM accessing tubers increases. Please make sure you monitor soil conditions and use practices like irrigation to seal mounds.

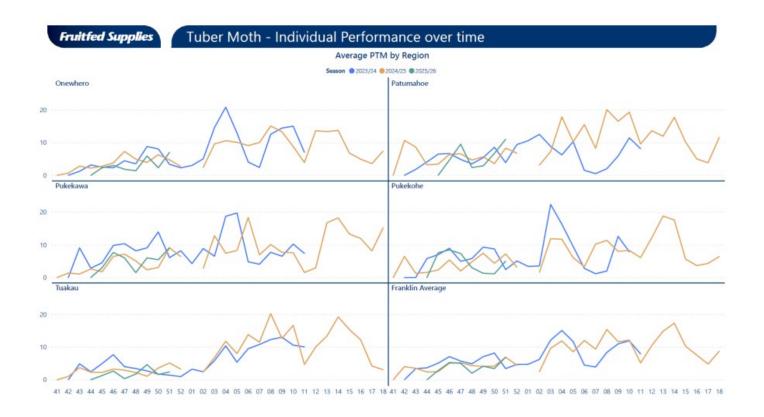












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