

Help the vegetable industry to monitor for Tomato Potato Psyllid

Tomato potato psyllid is a tiny sap-sucking insect that feeds on Solanaceous crops such as potato, capsicum and chilli. It can also transmit a bacterium known as *Candidatus Liberibacter solanacearum* which causes Zebra chip, a serious disease of potato. Neither of these pests occur in Tasmania.



About VegWatch?

VegWatch, is a national biosecurity program led by AUSVEG, the peak industry body for the vegetable industry. We are looking for volunteers to help the vegetable industry to monitor for Tomato potato psyllid (TPP) in Tasmania. Demonstrating pest absence (i.e. collecting 'zero's) can help support market access for vegetable growers. Early detection also increases the chance of early response.

Who can participate?

You can! Anybody can opt in to the monitoring network and receive a trapping kit - home gardens, community gardens, schools. . .

How to get involved

1. Scan the QR code for more information about the program.
2. Opt-in up by completing the form on the webpage.
3. You will receive a trapping kit with instructions in the mail.
4. Hang the sticky trap in your garden for 2 weeks.
5. Return the trap for diagnostics using the reply paid envelope.
6. We will be in touch to share the results.



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