

Central Mass. Mosquito Control Project Weekly Report- 9/24/23-9/30/23 EPI Week #39

Cumulative Surveillance Summary

Target Species	Ae. vex	Cq. per	Cs. mel	Oc. can	Culex	All Species
No. Pools	466	632	73	429	1175	6047
Total Specimens	5957	25591	161	6686	26017	87067
No. Pools WNV +	0	3†	0	0	8†	11†
No. Pools EEE +	0	0	0	0	0	0

[†]Pool of WNV+ *Culex* collected in Worcester on 7/7/23
[†]Pool of WNV+ *Culex* collected in Worcester on 7/20/23
[†]Pool of WNV+ *Culex* collected in Chelmsford on 8/10/23
[†]Pool of WNV+ *Culex* collected in Northbridge on 8/10/23
[†]Pool of WNV+ *Culex* collected in Milford on 8/16/23
[†]Pool of WNV+ *Coquillettidia perturbans* collected in Lowell on 8/25/23
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[†]Pool of WNV+ *Culex* collected in Worcester on 9/1/23
[†]Pool of WNV+ *Culex* collected in Ayer on 9/6/23
[†]Pool of WNV+ *Culex* collected in Worcester on 9/12/23

Weather Summary (Northborough, MA): The weather for this particular week averaged 54.20°F with a recorded high temperature of 71.60°F and a recorded low temperature of only 38.60°F. For this week there was also a total of 1.99 inches of rain observed. Compared to the previous week, it was approximately 5.89°F cooler on average, and rained about 0.38 inches more. There has been 6.69 inches of rain accumulated in September, after 6.49 inches for the month of August.

CMMCP Mosquito Summary-

Target Species	Δ From Last Week	∆ From Last Year	Predominant Trap Site(s)
Aedes vexans	-20.77%	+676.9%	Northborough, Devens, Lowell
Coquillettidia perturbans	-87.50%	-37.45%	Hopedale, Boxborough, Boylston
Culiseta melanura	-88.24%	-76.24%	Webster
Ochlerotatus canadensis	-73.08%	+422.4%	Marlborough, Natick
Culex Species	-51.92%	+613.8%	Lowell, Westborough
All Species	-53.90%	+86.85%	Westborough, Marlborough, Boylston

The predominant mosquito for the week was *Aedes vexans*, followed by *Culex*.

General narrative:

The temperatures for EPI week 39 averaged approximately 5.89°F cooler than the previous week, with 1.99 inches of precipitation observed. Overall surveillance trap collections decreased significantly this period compared to the last, with all target species

following this trend. Only *Coquillettidia perturbans* and *Culiseta melanura* remain at lower levels compared to this point last season. *Aedes vexans* is now the most abundant mosquito species, followed by *Culex. Aedes albopictus* surveillance using ovitraps has continued, with 2581 eggs previously collected in EPI week 38. None of the mosquito pools submitted to MDPH in EPI week 38 tested positive for mosquito-borne disease.

Epi week#	# eggs Collected	Epi week#	# eggs Collected			
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23	0	32	5,246			
24	0	33	5,177			
25	649	34	3,024			
26	3,306	35	2,881			
27	4,928	36	2,891			
28	3,563	37	2,902			
29	8,560	38	2,581			
30	5,019	39				
31	7,049	40				
	TOTAL	57,776				
16 ATM detections to date						

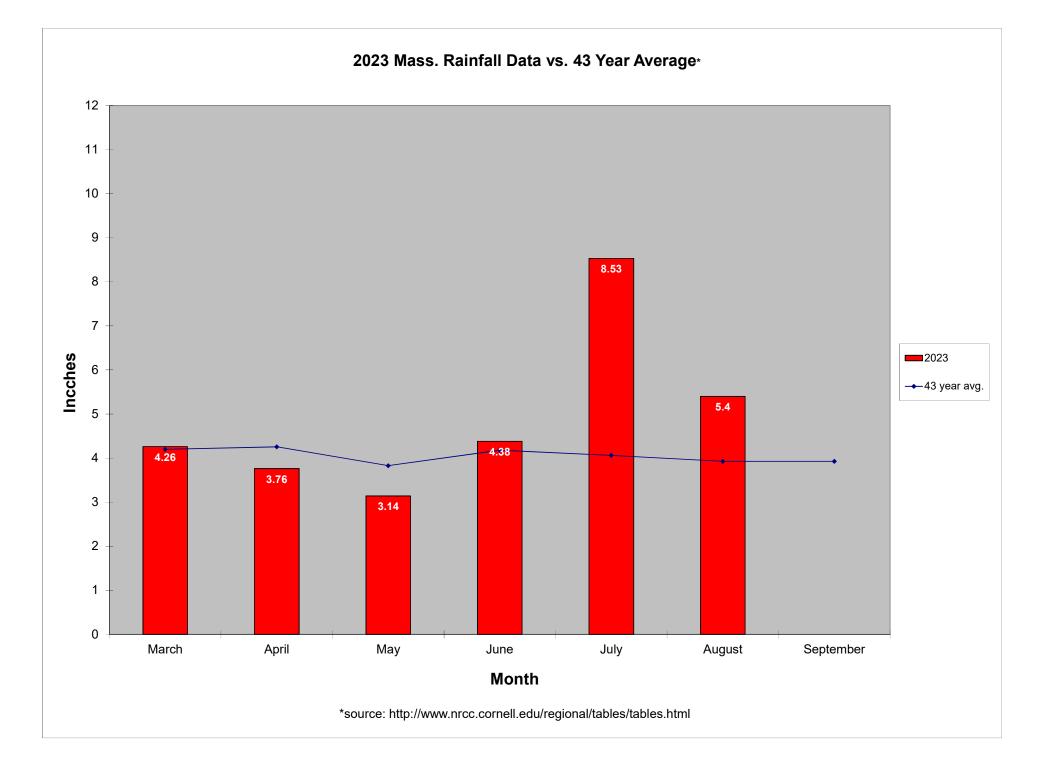
Ae. albopictus egg collections:

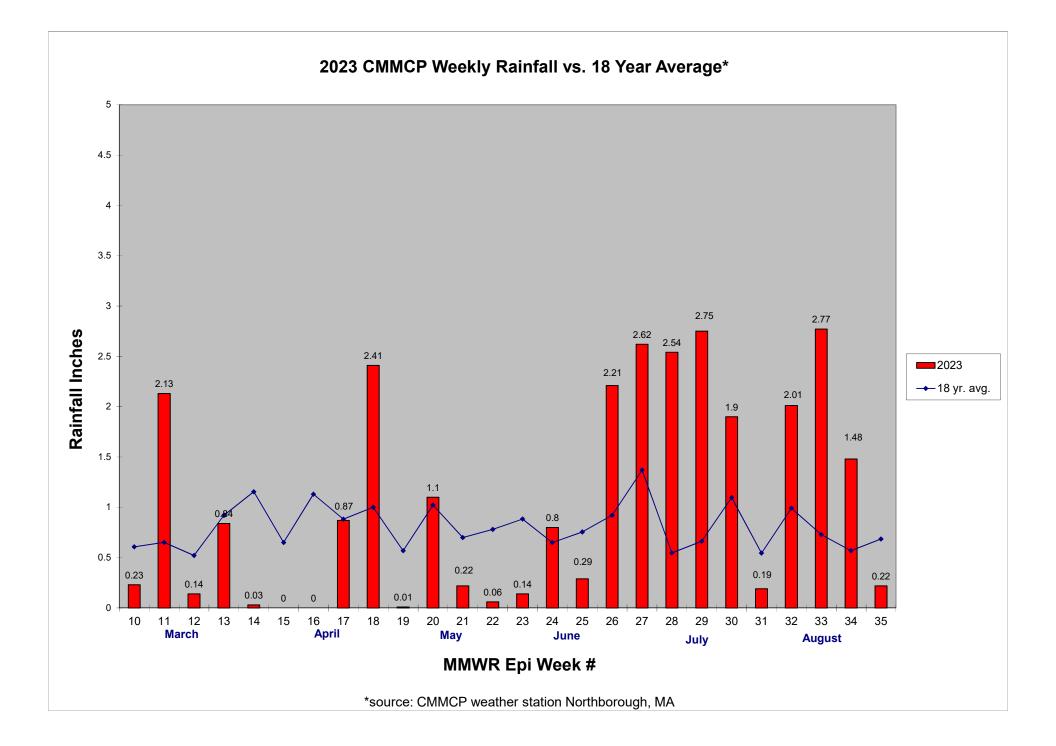
Operational notes:

Service requests ended the year 7.26% below the 20-year average and a 1% increase over 2022 numbers. The residential spray program ended Aug. 31. Work crews began performing catch basins treatments for *Culex* control on May 22. In total, 90,988 catch basins treated intended to suppress *Culex* populations and lower risk of transmission from WNV by this species.

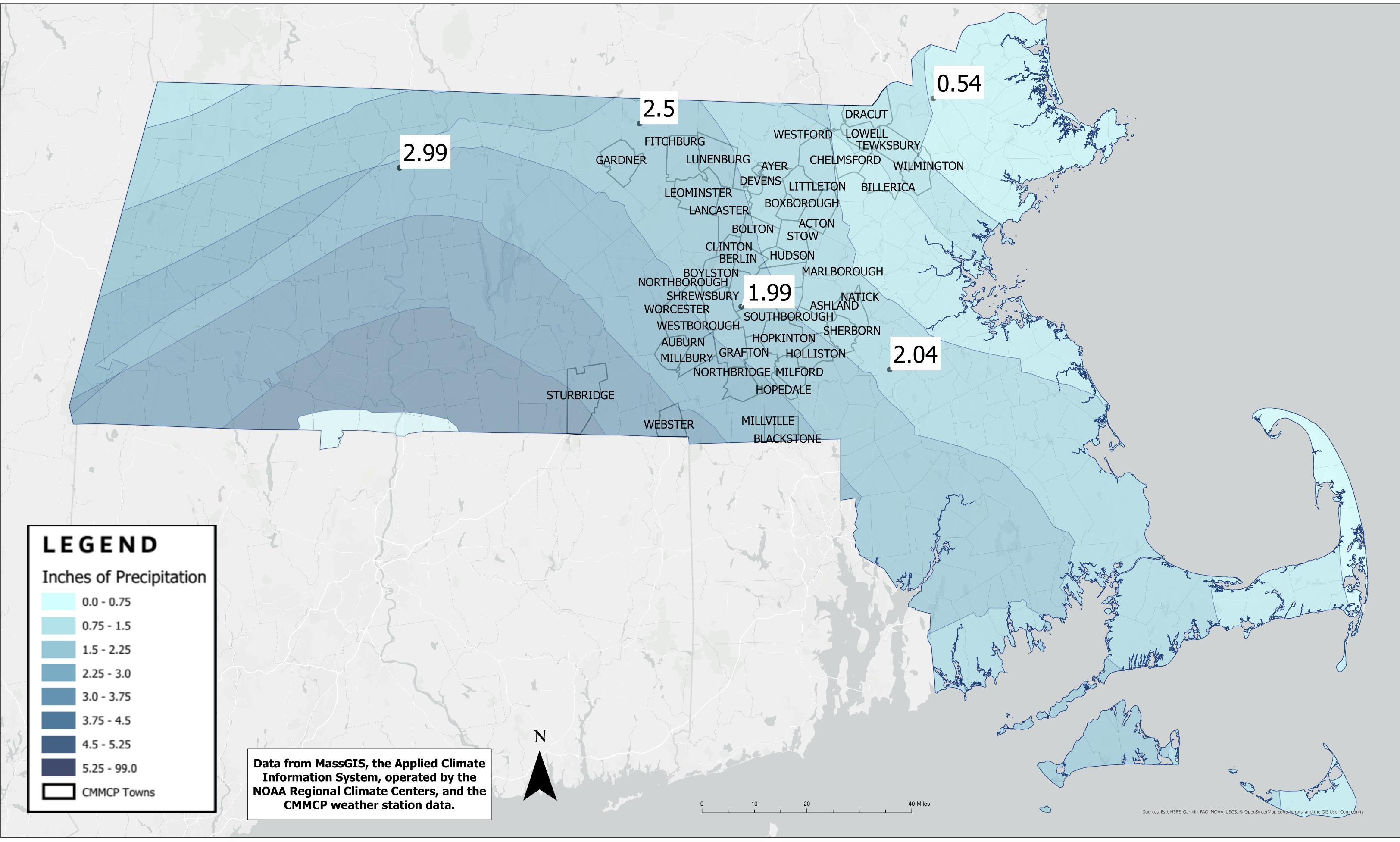
Ae. albopictus continues to be found in Ayer but the numbers may have peaked. We will continue surveillance and control efforts as long as possible. Barrier spraying was done again on August 30 with several days in the forecast without rain.

EEE pools in several non-member towns in southern Worcester county has raised the risk level to High and Moderate in this area. Additional trapping is in place in member communities and MDPH has submitted additional pools in the non-member towns for testing.









Precipitation in CMMCP Towns EPI Week 39 (9/24-9/30/2023)



