MOSQUITO CONTROL IN CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS

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ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



- Mosquito control in Mass. is organized through M.G.L. Chapter 252
- Each district has its own enabling legislation: Chapter 583 of the Acts of 1973



 Districts operate under the authority of the State Reclamation & Mosquito Control Board (SRMCB)

SRMCB has members from MDAR,

DCR & MassDEP









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Districts have important partnerships







- Districts are overseen by a Board of Commission appointed by SRMCB
- CMMCP Board of Commission meets monthly on the 2nd Wednesday of each month



MOSQUITO BIOLOGY



4 stages of development

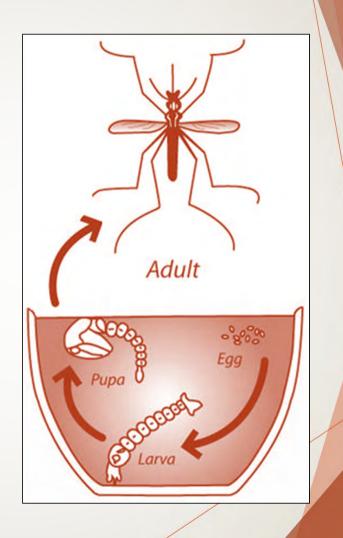
- Egg
- Larvae
- Pupae
- Adult



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First 3 stages are aquatic

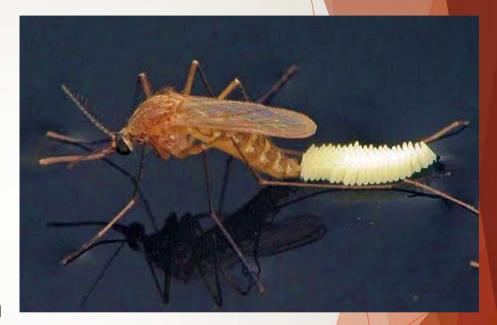
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Mosquito Eggs

- Damp soil
- Containers
- Permanent water
- Emergent vegetation
- Location dependent on species





Mosquito Larvae

- 4 stages called "instars"
- 1/8" 1/4" long
- Breathes air
- Can develop in as few as 5 days into pupae





Mosquito Pupae

- Does not eat
- Breathes air like larvae
- Fully developed mosquito inside
- Final stage before adult





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Mosquito Adult

- 2,600 species, ~162 in USA
- 52 species in Mass.
- Vector of several diseases in the Northeast
- Flight range <100 yds.
 to 25 miles





LARVAL MOSQUITO HABITAT IN MASSACHUSETTS



Habitat Types

- Retention/Detention areas
- Woodland pools & Reflood areas
- White cedar/Red maple swamps
- Permanent water
- Degraded ditches
- Artificial containers
- Salt marsh



Retention/Detention areas

Mandated by Stormwater Phase II

Common Mosquito Species:

- Cq. perturbans (w/emergent vegetation)
- Ae. vexans
- Anopheles spp.
- Culex spp.





Common Woodland Pool Species:

- Oc. excrucians*
- Oc. abserratus*
- Oc. canadensis
- Ae. vexans
- *Requires a freeze/thaw cycle (cold-conditioning)





Reflood areas

- Floodplains
- Areas with poor drainage
- Will flood after significant rain events





Cedar/Maple swamps

- Common in the Northeast
- Habitat for Cs. melanura –
 amplification vector of EEE in birds
- Difficult to sample & control as larvae due to subterranean habits





Permanent water

- Emergent vegetation Cq. perturbans
- Difficult to sample & control as larvae due to unique breathing habits – will attach to roots of vegetation & breathe through the vascular system of the plant







Degraded Ditch systems

- Culex spp. if pollution evident
- Anopheles spp.
- Will contribute to reflood areas
 (Ae. vexans & Ae. cinereus)





Container habitats

- Treeholes, rock holes in stream beds
- Oc. triseriatus, Oc. japonicus & Culex spp.



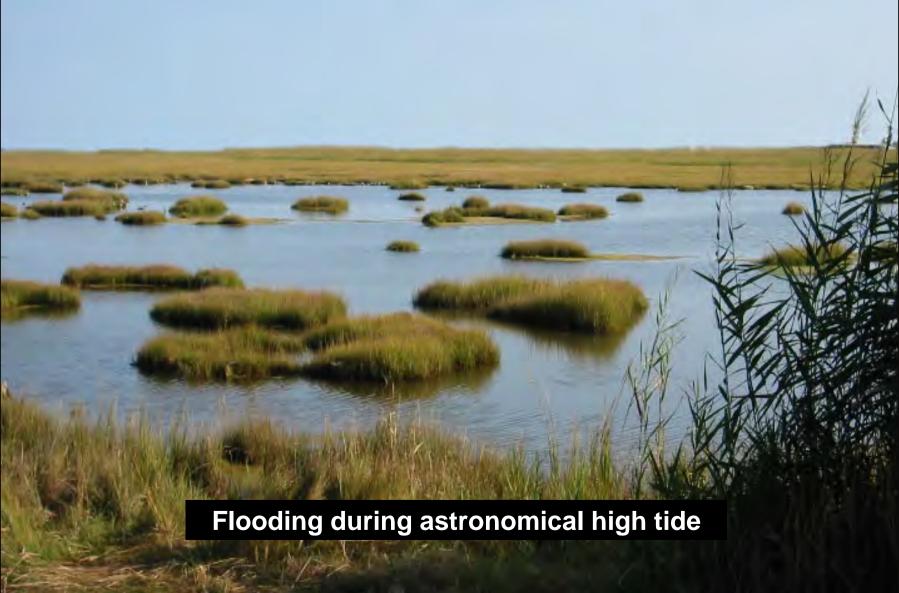




Salt Marsh species

- Oc. taeniorhynchus
- Oc. cantator
- Oc. sollicitans





Invasive plant species

- Alter the biodiversity of a habitat
- Can introduce mosquito species to an area dependant on emergent vegetation (Cq. perturbans).







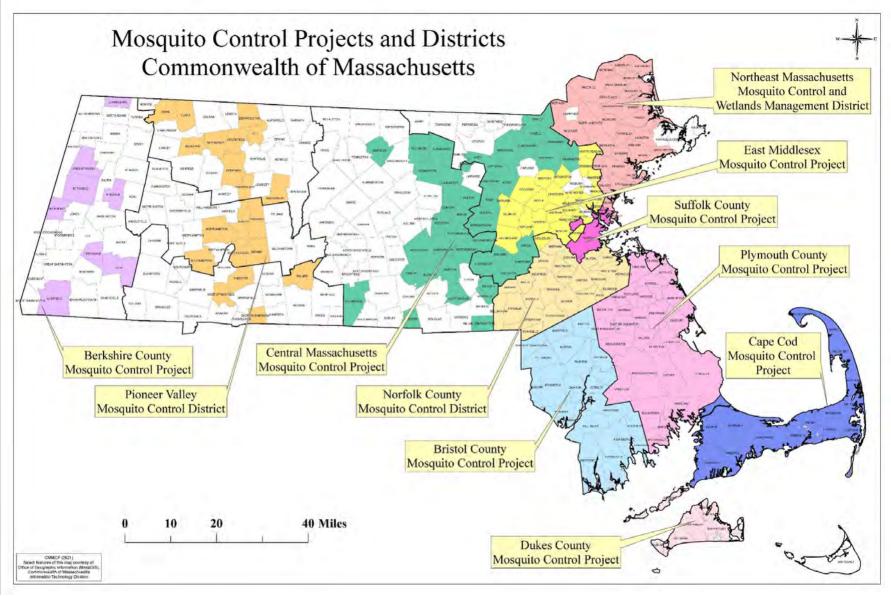
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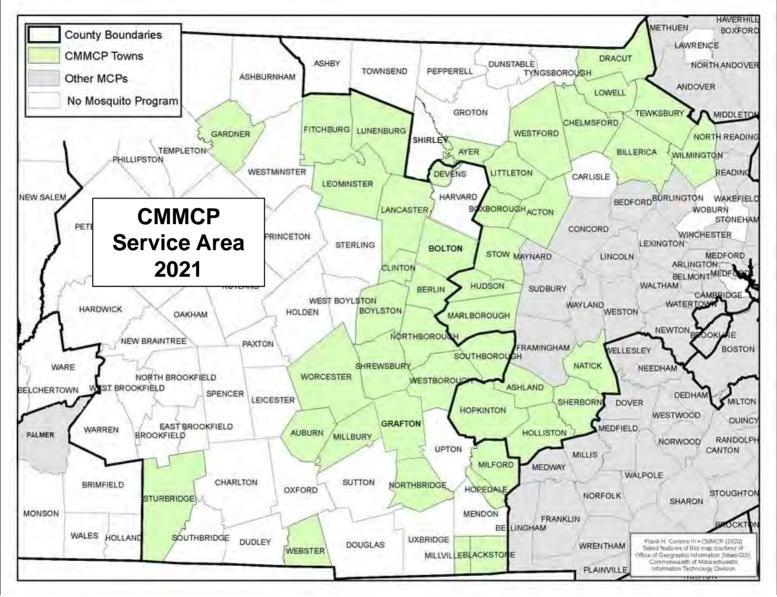


11 Mosquito Districts in Mass.

- 1. Berkshire County MCP
- 2. Bristol County MCP
- 3. Cape Cod MCP
- 4. Central Mass. MCP
- 5. East Middlesex MCP
- 6. Martha's Vineyard (new in 2013)
- 7. NE Mass. Wetlands Mgmt. & MC District
- 8. Norfolk County MCD
- 9. Pioneer Valley MCD (new in 2017)
- 10. Plymouth County MCP
- 11. Suffolk County MCP







CMMCP SUITE OF SERVICES



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Services Offered:

- 1. Surveillance
- 2. Public Education
- 3. Ditch Maintenance
- 4. Larval Control
- 5. Source Reduction
- 6. Beaver Mitigation (new)
- 7. Adult Control

PROACTIVE/REACTIVE*

8. Research & Efficacy

CHECKS & BALANCES

PROACTIVE

*Adult control can be considered proactive by reducing certain species before they can transmit virus



MOSQUITO SURVEILLANCE

Adult mosquito surveillance to monitor mosquitoborne diseases, document species diversity and population densities.







Surveillance

- Adult mosquito surveillance will be performed in town at least once per week. 675+ traps deployed in our service area
- If virus is identified, then additional traps will be placed in that area intervention options will be discussed with the Board of Health.



Arbovirus Testing

Adult mosquito samples sent to Mass. Dept. of Public Health each week, tested for:

- West Nile Virus
- Eastern Encephalitis
- Other diseases (Highlands J, SLE, La Crosse, etc.)



2020 CMMCP Surveillance

- 1,210 collections tested (4,319 total)
- 28,446 specimens tested (50,317 total)
- 0 viral isolates in mosquitoes
- 0 EEE, 0 WNV detected in 2020



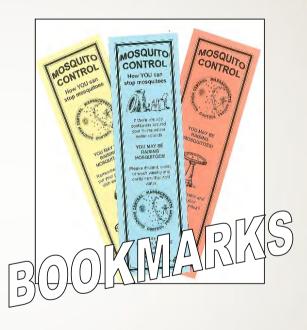
PUBLIC EDUCATION

Education to schools, civic groups, local and state officials about mosquito biology, program services, control techniques and personal protection methods.



Public Education

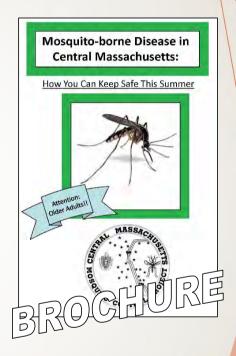






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SCHOOL PROGRAM

Year # students # presentations

2020 *0 *0

TOTAL OUTREACH 2020

14 presentations to 565 people

SENIOR PROGRAM

Year # seniors # presentations

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PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Year # people # presentations

2020 565 14

*COVID
restrictions did
not allow inperson learning
after March







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Be aware of peak exposure times and places. Exposure to arthropod bites may be reduced if travelers modify their...



Tire Collection Program »

Our tire program is on hiatus while we deal with the EEE issue, but we will take your information and will schedule a...



Dog Heartworm »

Please consult your veterinarian to be sure all vaccinations are up to date, and if a booster is needed during the...

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Richard K. Sullivan, Jr., Secretary

May 13, 2013

Date

DITCH MAINTENANCE

Restoring drainage systems to historic flow patterns to allow the free flow of water, reducing larval mosquito development from that area.



Ditch Maintenance

- All proposed work is assessed by a wetland scientist on staff (a former Conservation Agent)
- Most work is low impact using hand/power tools
- More extensive projects using low ground pressure equipment requires more site evaluation
- Work is done after receipt of property owner permission



Ditch Maintenance (Hopedale 1999)



BEFORE

AFTER ---



Ditch Maintenance (Shrewsbury 2004)



BEFORE

AFTER ---



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Ditch Maintenance (Chelmsford 2010)



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Ditch Maintenance (Natick 2010)



LARVAL MOSQUITO CONTROL

Surveys of wetlands and other habitats to monitor the development of mosquito larvae and perform control techniques to minimize mosquito emergence.



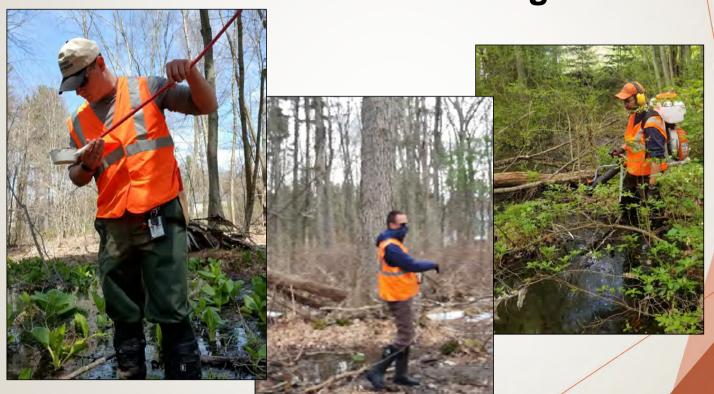
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Larval Control Products

- Bacterial
 - *Bti (Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis)
 - *Spinosad (Saccharopolyspora spinosa)
 - Bsph (Bacillus sphaericus)
- Insect Growth regulator
 - Methoprene
- Surfactant/Oils (limited use)
 - Oils derived from plant extracts
 - Petroleum based



Standard Larval Control Program





Standard Larval Control (cont.)

- Technicians sample wetland to identify mosquito larvae
- Applications of granular Bti are done at that time if criteria are met. Aquabac® 200G was used, an organically-certified formulation of *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis*
- Sites are databased and checked periodically throughout the season



Pre-hatch Larval Control Program

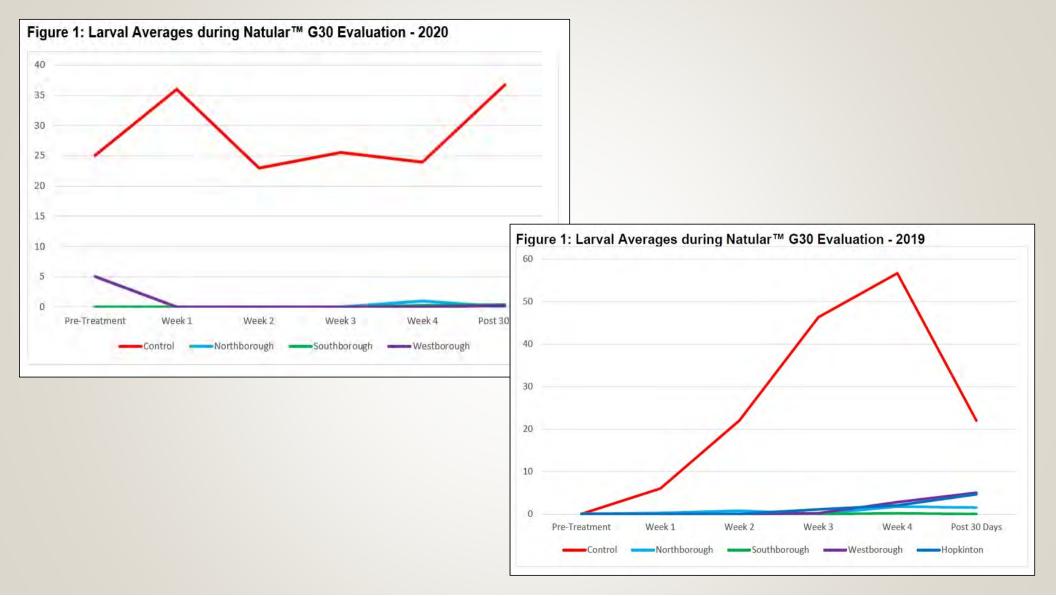




Pre-hatch Larval Control (cont.)

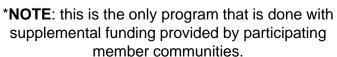
- Wetlands with historic larval activity are chosen
- Applications are done in late winter or early springtime on frozen sites
- Natular G30®, an organically-certified extended release formulation
- Results are checked and good larval control has been recorded for 30+ days





Springtime Aerial Larval Control*







Springtime Aerial Larval Control (cont.)

- 3 towns in program, Chelmsford (~700 acres), Billerica (~600 acres) and Boxborough (~900 acres)
- Aimed at reducing dependence on the spraying program in June and reducing springtime mosquito species, as well as possible vector species
- Aquabac® 200G was used, an organicallycertified formulation of *Bacillus thuringiensis* israelensis



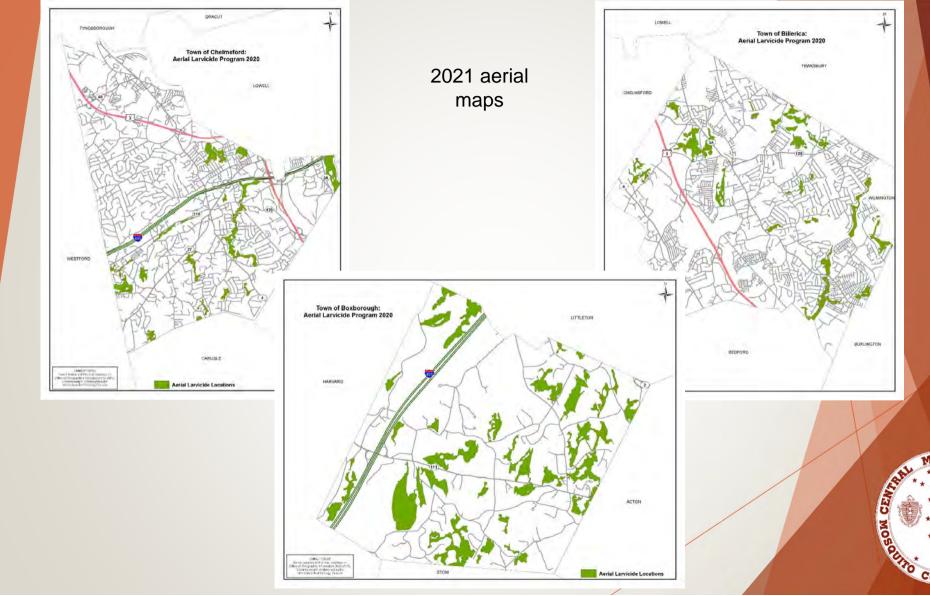


Table 1: Larval Surveillance of Treatment and Control RDS

Treatment	Pre-	Post-	Observed
Sites	application	application	Change
BIL116	72	4	-94.44%
BIL112	78	3	-96.15%
BIL408	93	3	-96.77%
BOX44	29	2	-93.10%
BOX116	24	3	-87.50%
CHM82	31	5	-83.87%
CHM279	29	1	-96.55%
CHM236	57	33	-42.11%
Overall:	413	54	-86.92%
Control	Pre-	Post-	Observed
Sites	application	application	Change
BIL227	84	84	0.00%
ACT41	56	86	53.57%
CHM146	74	94	27.03%
Overall:	214	264	23.36%

Figure 3: Boxborough Treatment RDS Pre and Post Application

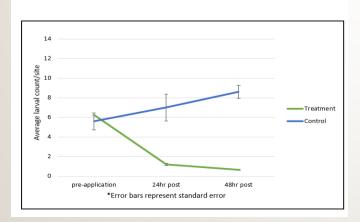


Figure 1: Billerica Treatment RDS Pre and Post Application

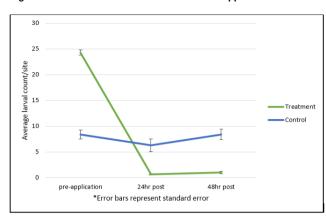
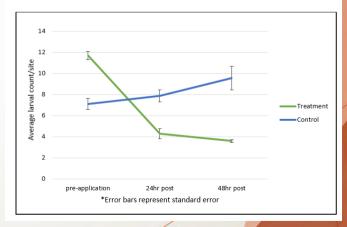


Figure 2: Chelmsford treatment RDS Pre and Post Application



2021 aerial results

Enhanced Larval Control for EEE Mitigation*





*NOTE: supplemental funding was received from the State for this program in 2020 & 2021



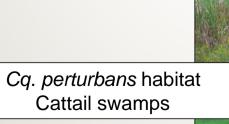
Enhanced Larval Control - 2020

- Targeted wetlands in 21 communities designated as "High" or "Critical" risk from EEE in 2019
- Over 2,500 acres treated in 2 species habitats
- Aimed at reducing emergence of these 2 species that can transmit the EEE virus
- Natular® G and Natular® G30 were used an organically-certified bacterium called spinosad



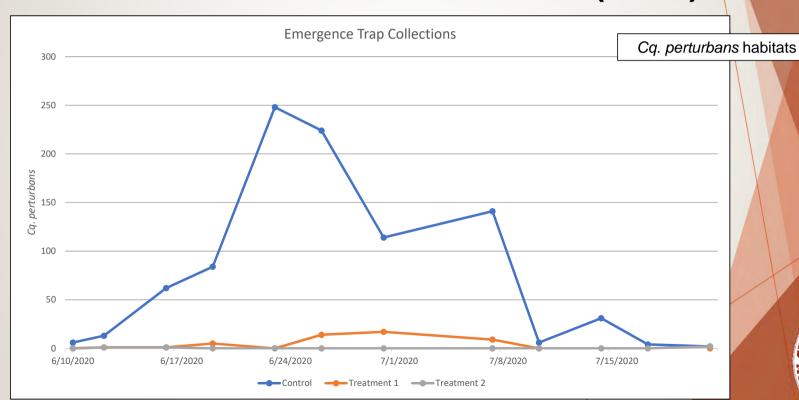
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Cs. melanura habitat
White Cedar/Red Maple swamps



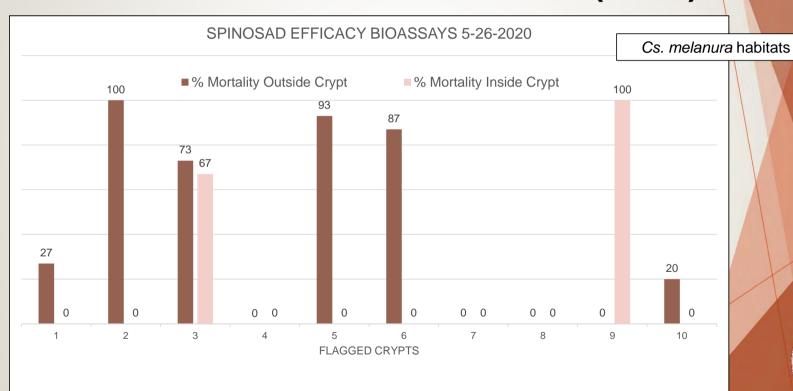


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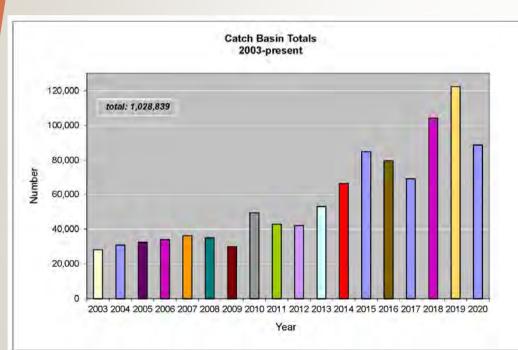


Enhanced Larval Control - 2021

- Targeted wetlands in 12 communities designated as "Critical" risk from EEE in 2019
- Over 2,100 acres treated in 2 species habitats
- Aimed at reducing emergence of these 2 species that can transmit the EEE virus
- Natular® G and Natular® G30 were used an organically-certified bacterium called spinosad



Catch Basin Program







Catch Basin Program (cont.)

- Targeted in habitat for Culex mosquitoes, a vector of WNV
- Catch basins hold water for extended periods of time, allowing multiple generations of *Culex* to emerge
- Tracking by GPS, indications when re-application is needed











Abandoned pools (cont.)

- Unopened swimming pools hold water for extended periods of time, allowing multiple generations to emerge weekly
- Treatments last all summer, pool can be reopened in the future



SOURCE REDUCTION

Tire recycling to eliminate larval mosquito habitat and reduce risk from mosquito-borne diseases.



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Source Reduction

- Program began in 2010
- Operates off initial grant, funding now in operating budget
- 36,090 tires recycled to date in 42 member cities & towns

Tires in the environment are the preferred larval habitat of several species of mosquitoes, some that transmit West Nile Virus



Source Reduction

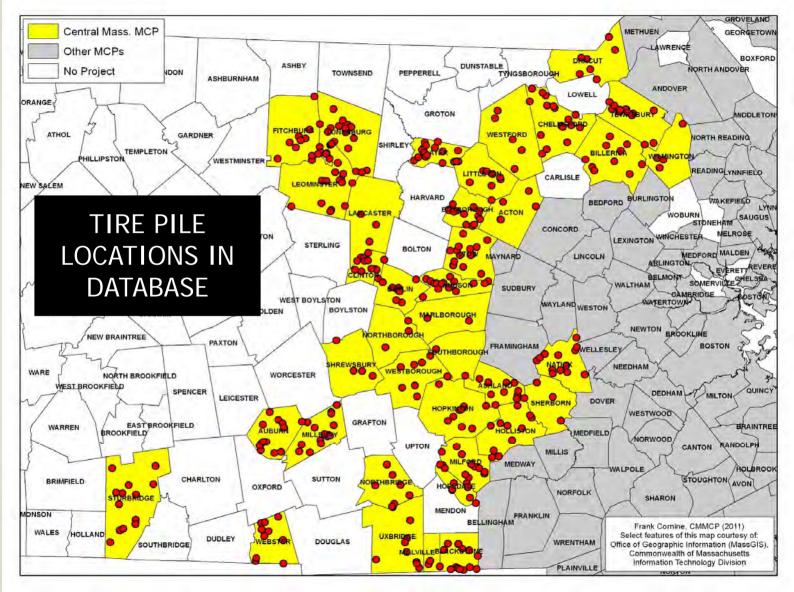
- Clean-up of large waste tire dumping sites that we have databased;
- Residential waste tire removal (curb-side);
- Removal of waste tires discarded on the side of the road; and
- Coordination with communities during recycle events, hazardous waste collections, river cleanups, etc.

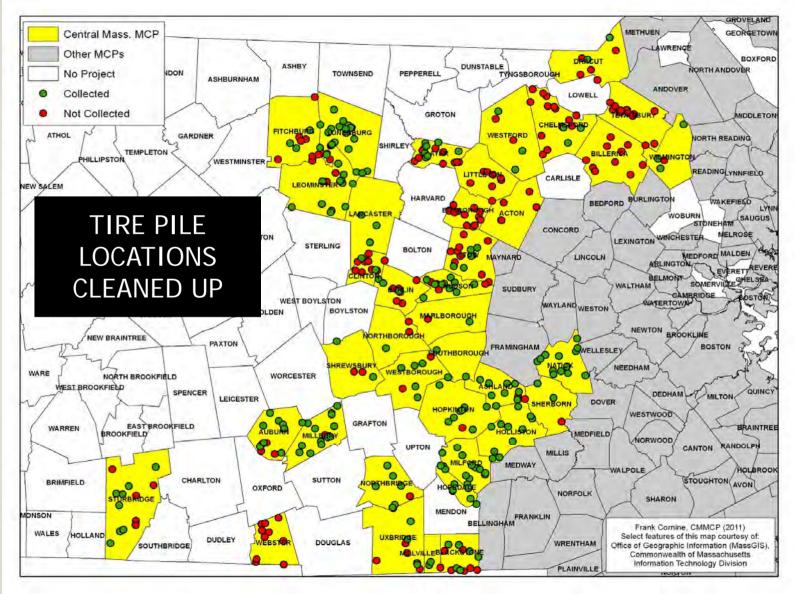


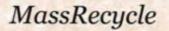
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BRONZE

Institution & Nonprofit Award

to

Central Mass Mosquito Control Project

for

Outstanding efforts to increase recycling and reduce waste



Dmitry Nikolayev, President November 15, 2011



From the EPA awards:

"Through this project, the organization has recycled 11,500 tires, which saved 192 staff hours in monitoring larval habitats, and resulted in usage of 720 pounds less of pesticides."



Our tire program was recognized in 2014 by the EPA - Region 1



BEAVER MITIGATION

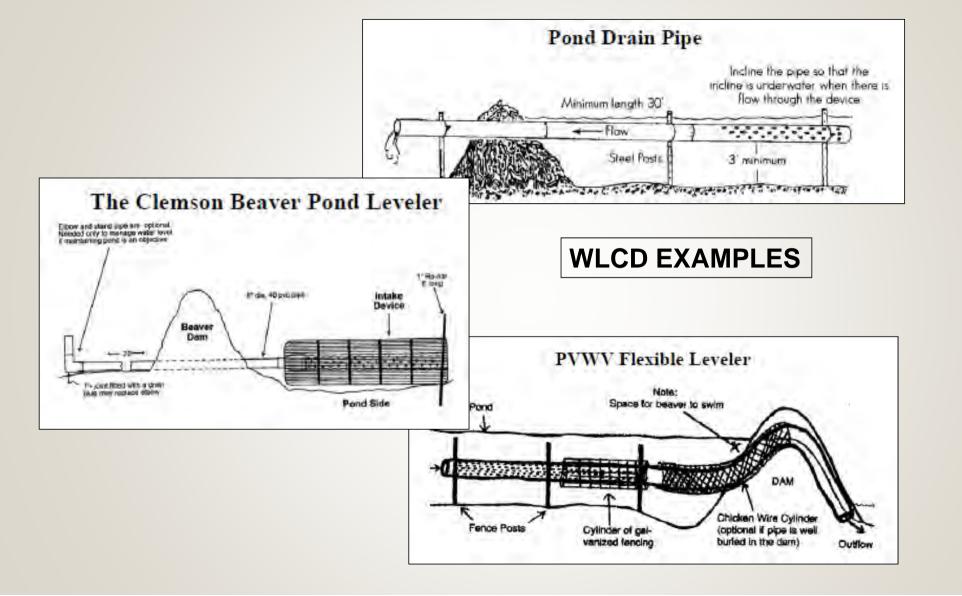
Proper management of beaver populations to reduce potential negative aspects of beaver activity.



Beaver Mitigation

- New program for CMMCP (2014)
- Working under emergency permits through BOH & ConCom
- Installation of WLCD
- Dam breaching
- Licensed trappers on staff







HOLLISTON, MA – Upper Charles River watershed



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ADULT MOSQUITO CONTROL

Targeted applications to control adult mosquitoes and reduce risk from mosquitoborne diseases.



Adult Control Product

- Etofenprox, a reduced risk* synthetic pyrethroid
- Not a residual product, rapid decomposition in the environment
- Low toxicity to humans, pets, etc.

*as classified by the EPA



Application rates

Application rate pound A.I. per acre	Flow rates Undiluted		Vehicle Speed
	0.00175		2.25
0.75		4.50	10
		7.00	15
0.00350		4.50	5
	1.5	9.00	10
		13.50	15
0.00700	3.0	9.00	5
		18.00	10

The red box are the application rates of the 4% solution of etofenprox over the area the size of an acre – 43,560 sq. ft.

The green box is the typical application rate we use



Pyrethroids

- Animal Products (flea spray, flea shampoos)
- Restaurant applications
- Food & grain storage
- Available to homeowners as Yard Guard®, Repel®, etc.





Pyrethroids in Pet Products

ACTIVE INGREDIENTS:
Etofenprox 55.0%
Piperonyl Butoxide (PBO) 10.0%
* n-octyl bicycloheptene dicarboximide (MGK 264) 1.0%
Pyriproxyfen (Nyfar) 0.5%
OTHER INGREDIENTS: 33.50%
TOTAL 100.0%

Here is a common pet product for topical (skin) applications using the same pesticide we use, but at higher rates (55% vs. 4%)



Adult Control (spraying)

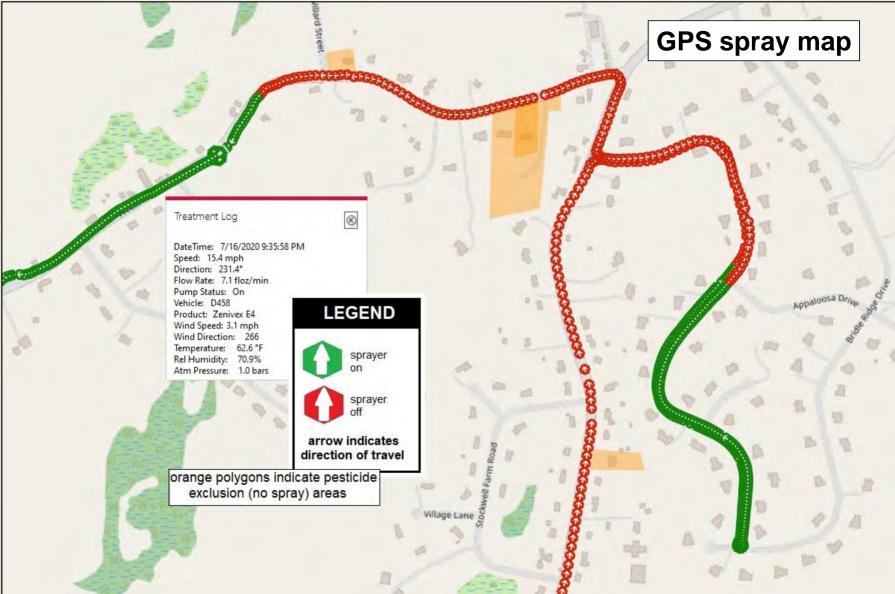
- If no service requests are received from residents, then no spraying will be done. Other work like larval control, landing counts, etc. may be performed in town on the scheduled day/evening
- If spraying is done for virus control, it will be done only after consultation with local and state officials



Adult Control (spraying)

- Website redesign to allow electronic notifications before spray applications
- New GPS tracking system in place, includes Windows® tablets
- Spray areas are detailed in new report system showing exact locations and time of spray
- All spray trucks equipped with ultrasonic weather stations to give notice for wind speed, wind direction and air temperatures





Mobile weather stations



The ultrasonic weather station instrument calculates apparent wind speed and direction, barometric pressure, air temperature, relative humidity, dew point and wind chill temperature. Using the internal compass and Global Positioning System, true wind speed and direction can also be calculated. The UV stabilized, compact housing is fully waterproof and resistant to chemicals.



Information display on technician's tablet

Exclusion properties (No Sprays)

- Register through MDAR under new process
- Detailed list sent with all pesticide applicators
 & on tablets in spray vehicles
- Audible and visual warnings in truck cab when approaching the exclusion property.



Spray Notifications

- Monthly schedules sent to all Boards of Health & City/Town Clerks 2 weeks prior to start of each month
- Street listings on CMMCP phone system after 3:30pm each day
- Street listing on CMMCP website after 3:30pm each day.



Landing Rates

- Landing rates >1 per min.*
- 296 landing rates in 2020** (140 with no application 47%)

*from the Mass. Mosquito Generic Environmental Impact Report

** Landing rates were suspended after confirmation of virus on July 6



RESEARCH & EFFICACY

To check the efficacy of our products and techniques, and perform research in new or advanced control methods.



Research & Efficacy

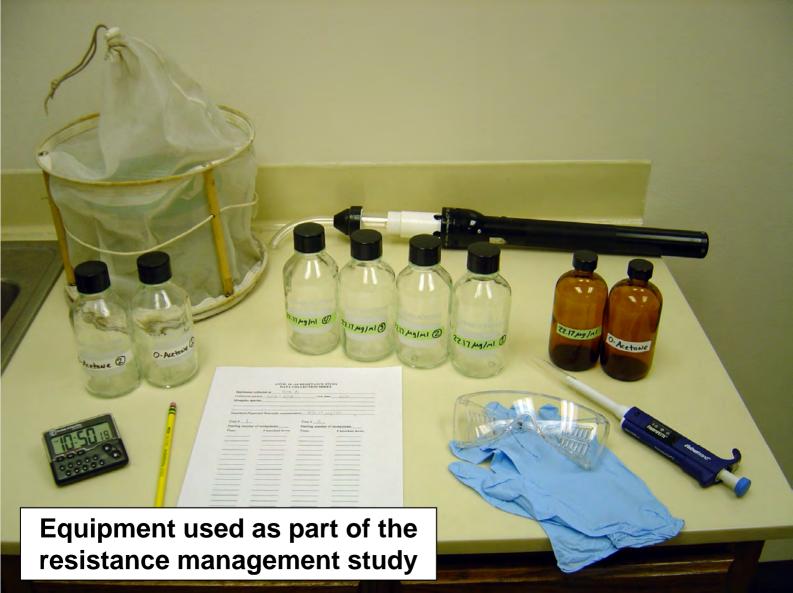
- Department began in 2007 includes GIS capabilities
- Provides checks & balances
- Past studies:
 - Mosquito bloodmeal analysis
 - Catch basin efficacy
 - Adulticide program efficacy evaluation
 - Host-seeking activity
 - Resident survey



Research & Efficacy (cont.)

- Test new products/formulations
 - Prehatch
- Pesticide resistance (sumithrin/resmethrin)
 - Using CDC protocols
 - Done for past 14 years, no resistance noted in area







Rotator light traps used in the adulticide efficacy study & host seeking activity study

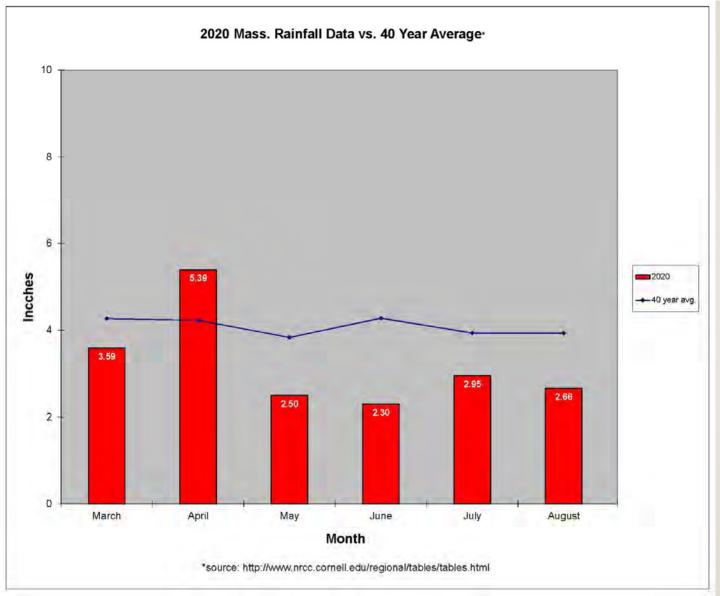




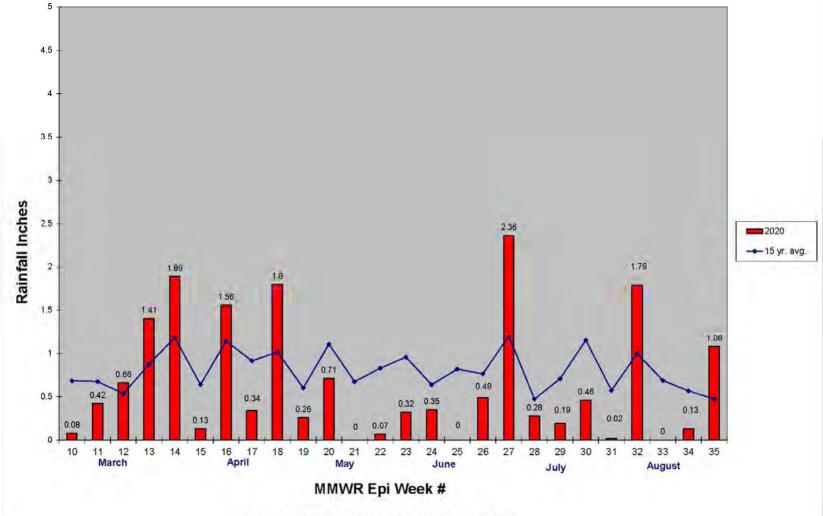
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cmmcP weather station to monitor wind, rain & temperature



2020 CMMCP Weekly Rainfall vs. 15 Year Average*



*source: CMMCP weather station Northborough, MA

U.S. Drought Monitor

Massachusetts

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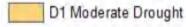
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None

D2 Severe Drought

D0 Abnormally Dry

D3 Extreme Drought



D4 Exceptional Drought

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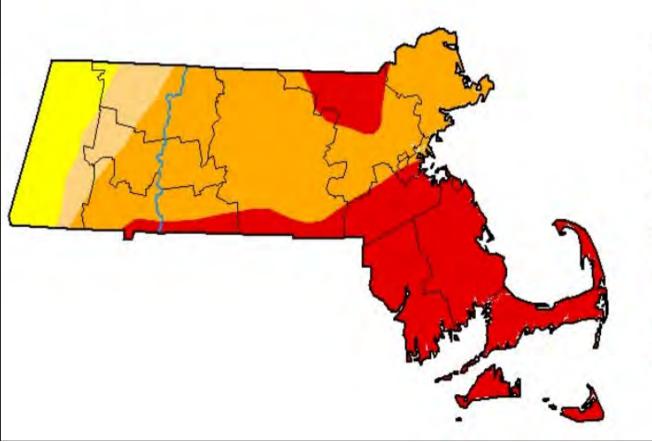


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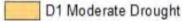
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MOSQUITO-BORNE DISEASES IN MASS.



ARBOVIRUS TRANSMISSION CYCLE



MOSQUITO (VECTOR)









BIRD (RESERVOIR)





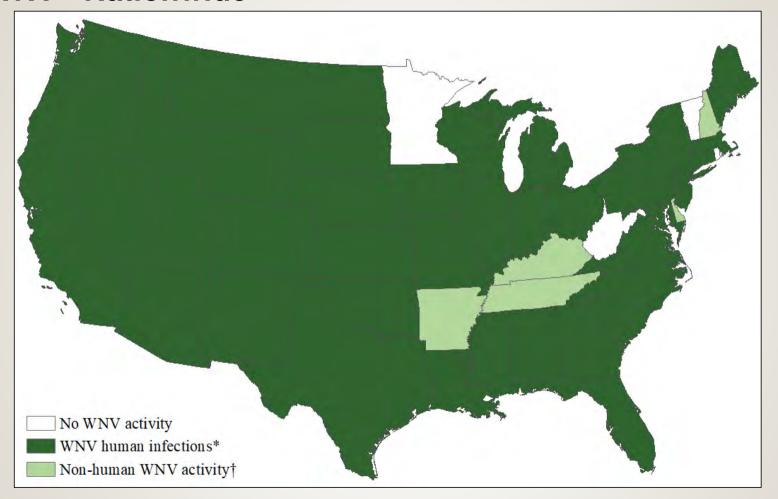
"ARBOVIRUS" - <u>arthropod-borne</u> virus. A mosquito (vector) picks up a virus from a bird (reservoir), lays eggs and transmit the virus to another bird - this is called amplification. Incidental infections occur when an infected mosquito bites a susceptible mammal.

West Nile Virus

- Discovered in USA in New York in 1999
- Discovered in Mass, in 2000
- Firmly established in the nation with sporadic, localized outbreaks



2020 WNV - Nationwide



664 human cases reported – 11 in Mass. 52 deaths nationwide – 0 in Mass.



MA WNV Surveillance Summary 2020

Mosquito Pools Positive 97
Horses Positive 0
Humans Positive 11



Eastern Equine Encephalitis

- 30-50% mortality
- Of the survivors, most have severe permanent neurological damage
- Most common in SE Mass. but may be moving west/north



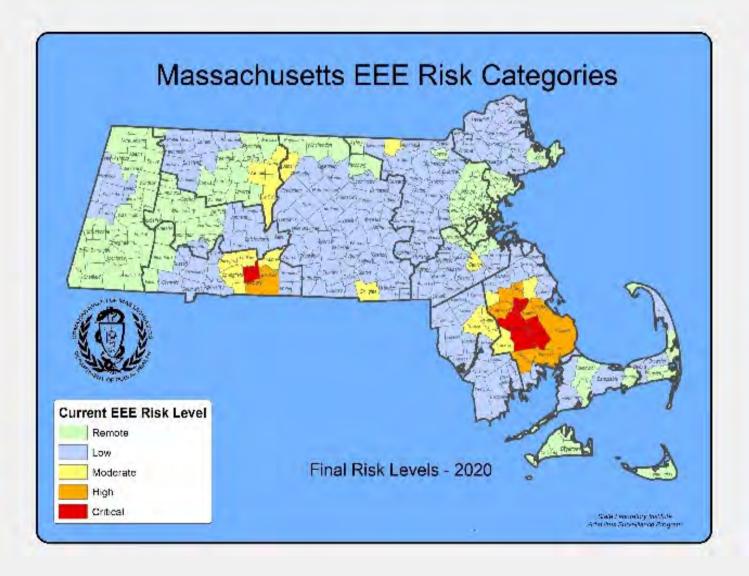
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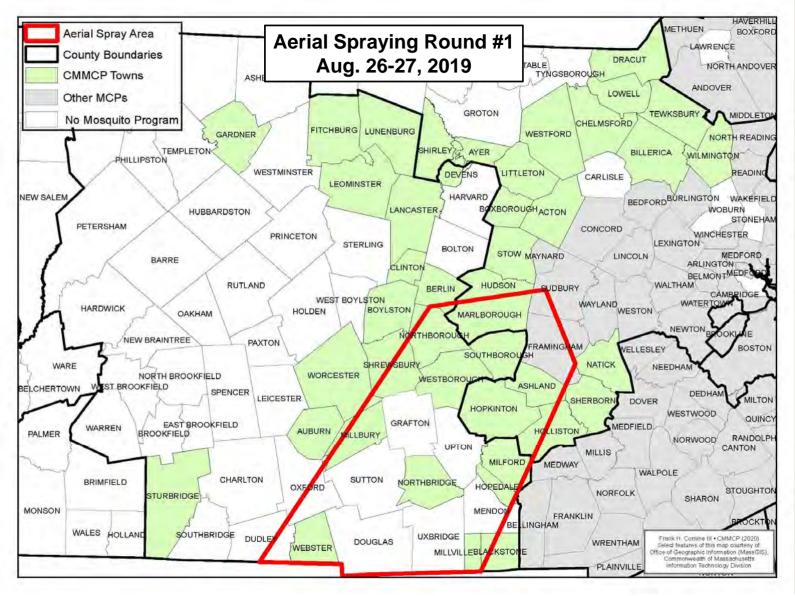


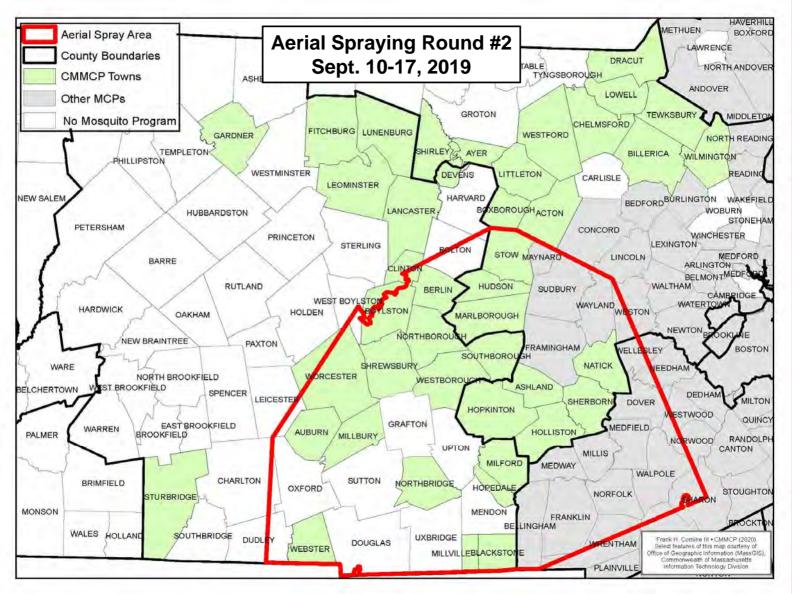
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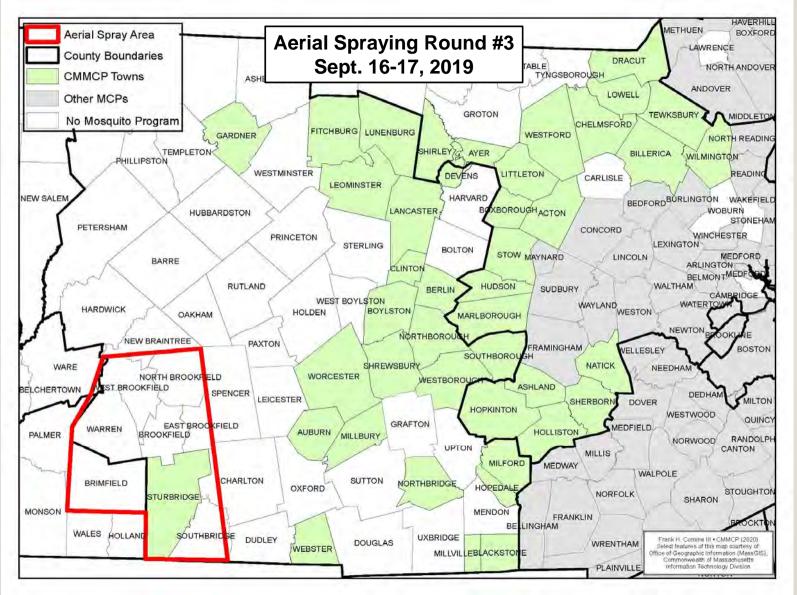
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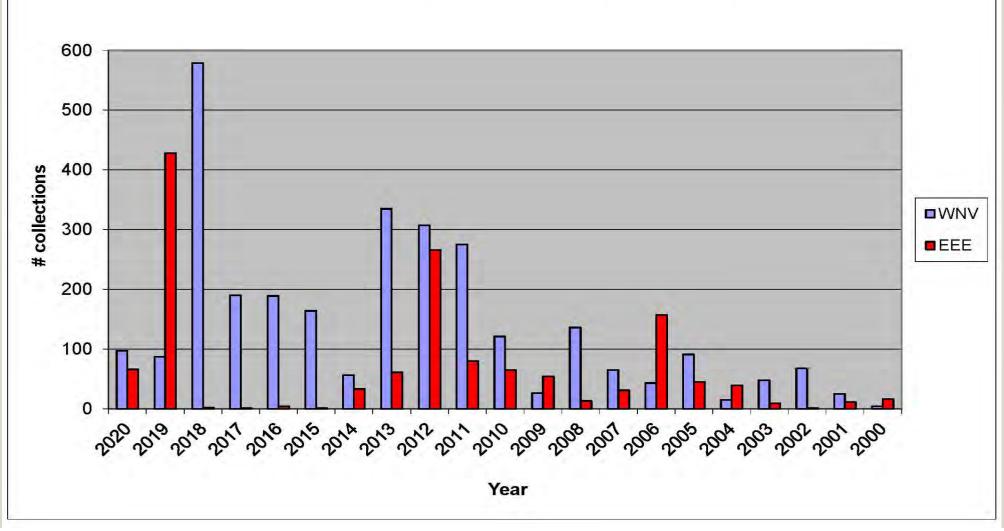




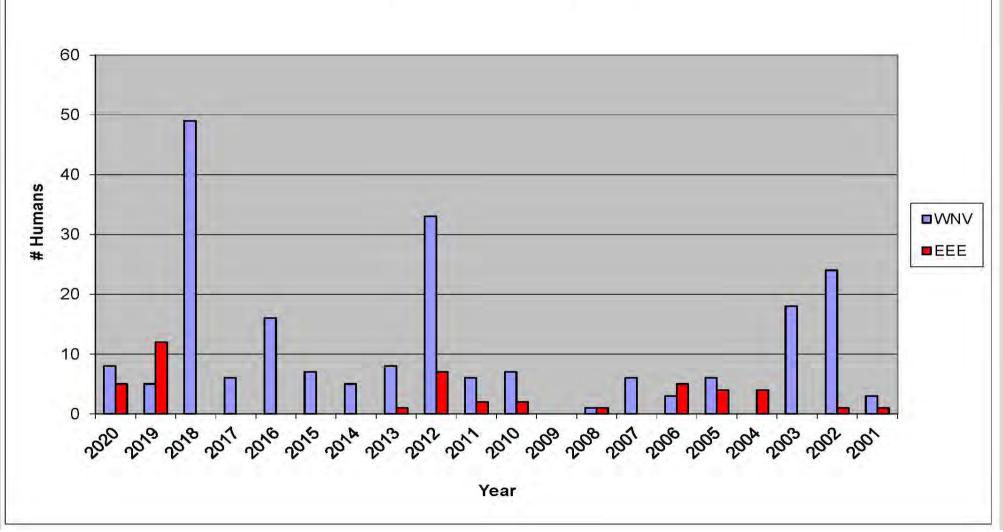




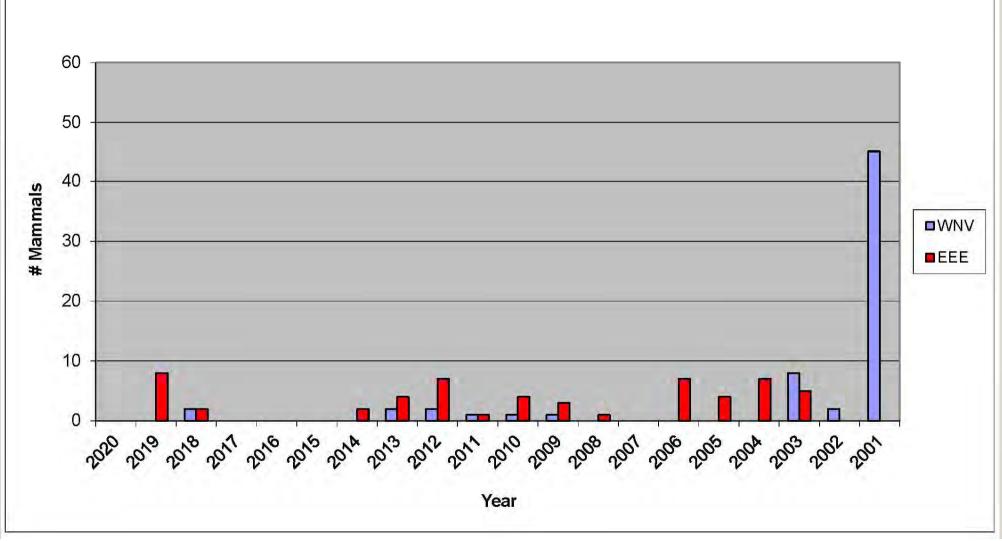
Statewide Mosquito Collections 2000-2020



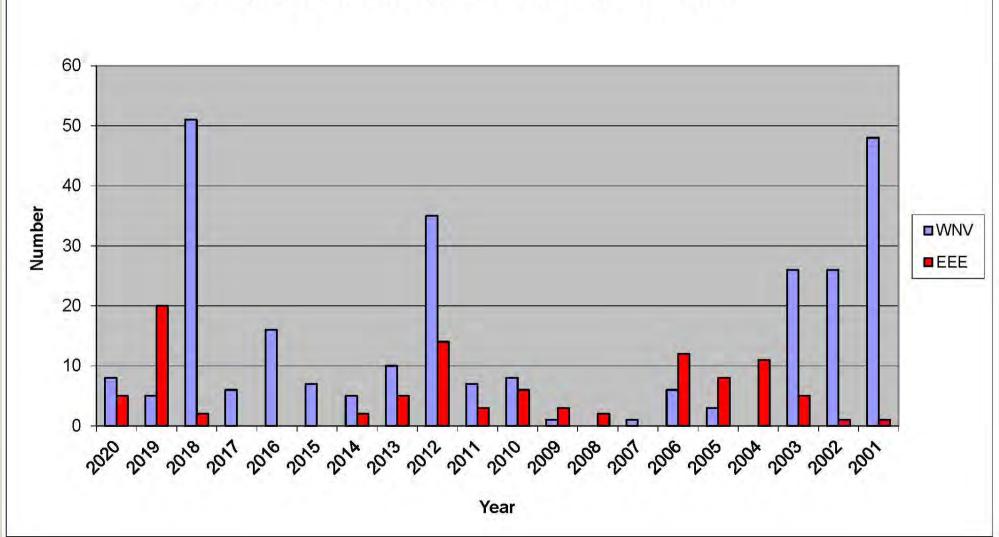
Statewide Human Cases 2000-2020



Statewide Mammal Cases 2001-2020



Mammal & Human Cases Statewide 2001 - 2020



PERSONAL PROTECTION MEASURES



Repellents

- DEET
- Permethrin*
- Picaridin
- Oil of Lemon Eucalyptus (PMD)

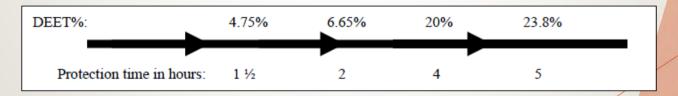
*clothing only



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DEET*

- The "Gold Standard" since 1946 (military use – 1957 civilian use)
- READ THE LABEL under 30% recommended for children >2 months
- Not recommended for infants





Permethrin

- Contact insecticide
- Intended for use on clothing, bed nets, shoes, camping gear – NOT ON SKIN
- Follow label instructions
- Very effective against mosquitoes, ticks
 & other biting insects

READ THE LABEL



Picaridin & PMD

- Shorter effectiveness (comparable to low concentrations of DEET)
- Newer products, less data available
- Don't use PMD (oil of lemon eucalyptus) on children under 3 years of age

READ THE LABEL



Natural Repellents

- Limited data available of effectiveness and toxicity
- Look for products with an EPA registration number
- Just because it's "natural" doesn't mean it works or is safer than alternatives

READ THE LABEL



Application of Repellents

- Don't use repellents under clothing
- Don't use on cuts or irritated skin
- Don't use repellents near the mouth or eyes and use them sparingly around the ears. When using spray products, spray the product onto your hands first, and then apply it to your face.



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Ticks

- Repellents
- Tick checks
- Increase sunlight & wind
- Remove underbrush & leaves
- Information on website:

http://www.cmmcp.org/tickcontrol.htm



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