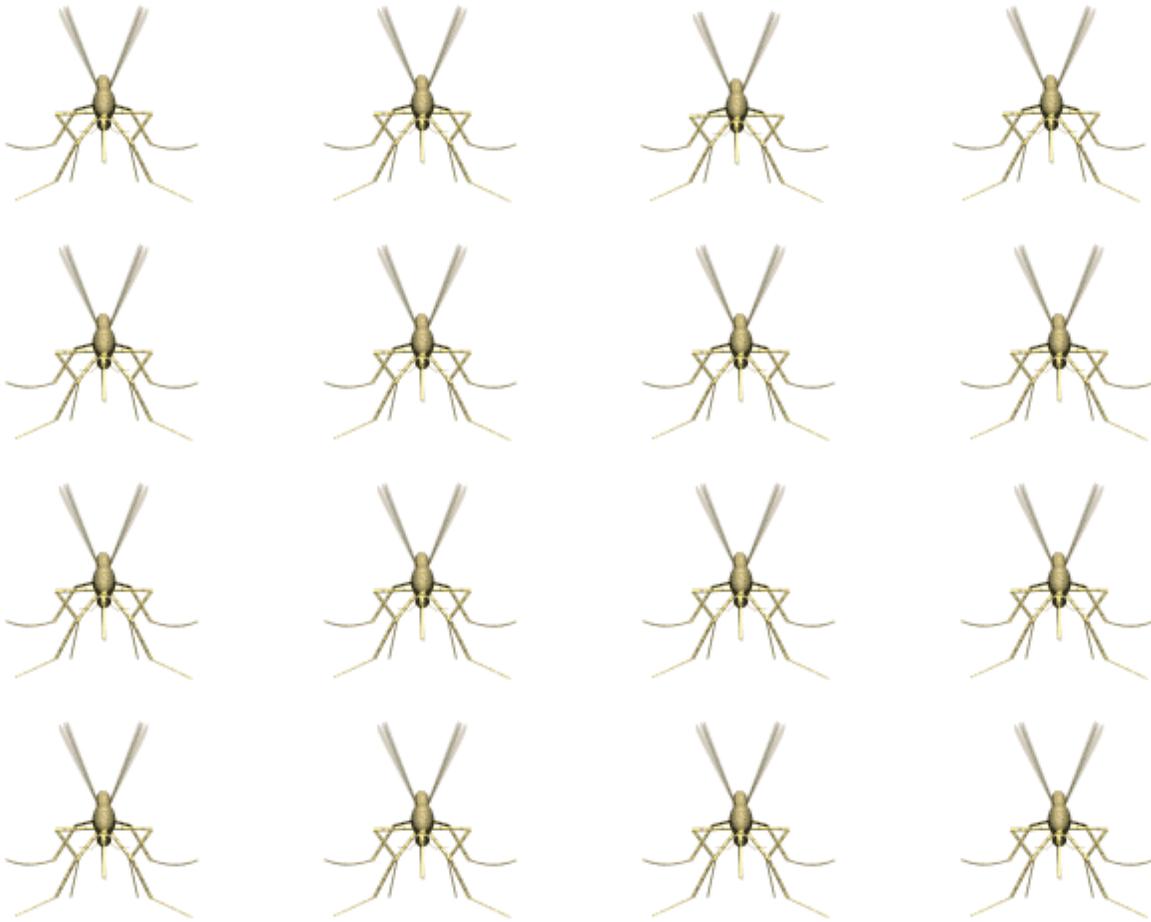


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2013 North Dakota Mosquito Surveillance Program's Mission

Through mosquito collection and speciation, the North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) monitors the risk of infection from arboviral encephalitides that are known to occur in this region. The North Dakota Mosquito Surveillance team focuses activities on *Culex tarsalis*, monitoring for increased numbers in the New Jersey mosquito trap network and viral identification using the CDC miniature light mosquito trap network. Should mosquito populations reach significant levels or arbovirus activity is detected, appropriate recommendations for mosquito population control will be issued by the NDDoH to the vector control districts.

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North Dakota Mosquito Surveillance Program Background

Since 1975, the North Dakota Department of Health has monitored the mosquito populations throughout the state. The Mosquito Surveillance Program traditionally has been activated following arboviral outbreaks or flooding incidences in various locations statewide.

The program was first initiated in 1975 following an outbreak of western equine encephalitis (WEE) and St. Louis encephalitis (SLE) in the United States. In 1977, the program was officially formed under the title *North Dakota Arboviral Encephalitis Surveillance Program* and housed with the Division of Environmental Sanitation and Food Protection. This program was responsible for equine and human arbovirus surveillance until 1989.

The program was reinstated under the name *North Dakota Mosquito Surveillance Program* in 1994 in response to flooding of the Red River in 1993. This program was operated by the Division of Microbiology until 1997.

In 2000, the *North Dakota Mosquito Surveillance Program* was reinstated in response to the 1999 West Nile virus (WNV) outbreak in New York. In 2002, North Dakota had its first confirmed human cases of WNV, as well as detectable virus through laboratory testing in birds, horses and mosquitoes.

The 2003 program was expanded from 50 New Jersey mosquito traps to a network of 87 traps and 18 CDC miniature light mosquito traps. These enhancements provided network coverage statewide. The 2004 program further expanded the trap network to include 94 New Jersey mosquito traps and 33 CDC miniature light mosquito traps. A video also was produced to aid in trap placement training.

The 2005 program was further expanded to 103 New Jersey mosquito traps and 39 CDC miniature light mosquito traps. The program for 2006 had 100 New Jersey traps in operation, with at least one in each county. The dry conditions during the 2006 season kept the mosquito numbers low when compared to other seasons, and it was decided to postpone any live trapping.

In 2007, there were 97 New Jersey traps in use. In July, live trapping was initiated at nine locations in Grand Forks, at two locations on the grounds of the laboratory, and at one location set up by the city of Bismarck due to increased *Culex tarsalis* numbers in the state. Four out of 17 pools collected at the laboratory tested positive for West Nile virus. All 14 pools collected by the city of Grand Forks and the five pools collected by the city of Bismarck were negative. In 2008, trappers across the state maintained a New Jersey light trap network of 92 traps. Live trapping was not implemented in 2008 by the Division of Laboratory Services - Microbiology.

In 2009, there were 91 total New Jersey light traps in operation. Live trapping was not implemented. For the 2010 season, there were 92 traps in operation. With the spread of West Nile virus continuing westward and proving it is established in our state, funding for many programs is being limited and we will discontinue live trapping. The New Jersey light trap portion of the program will not be affected. In 2012, the program ran unchanged from 2010 and 2011.

In 2013, there were 75 active New Jersey light traps throughout the state of North Dakota, representing a majority of the counties in the state and nearly all state parks.

Information about West Nile virus in North Dakota is available at www.ndhealth.gov/wnv.

New Jersey Mosquito Trap Network

The New Jersey mosquito trap network monitors mosquito populations throughout the state. By identifying mosquito populations known to be competent encephalitis vectors, the information from the network is used to determine the threat of mosquito-borne encephalitis in various regions of the state.

Thank you to the following New Jersey mosquito trap operators whose dedication and commitment to the North Dakota Department of Health Mosquito Surveillance Program made the 2013 program a success!

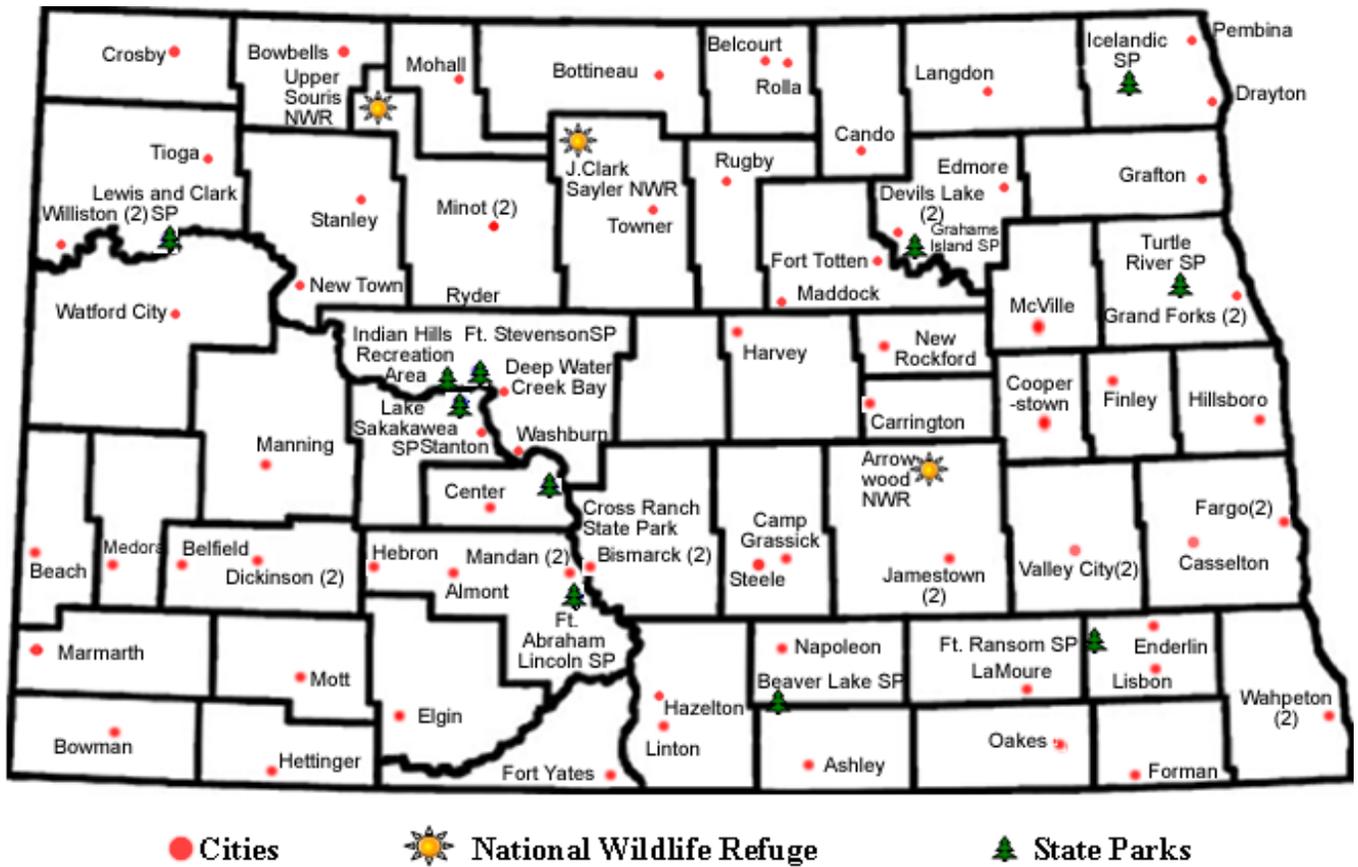
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Location	Trapper	Location	Trapper	Location	Trapper
Arrowwood**	Paulette Scherr	Dickinson	Denny Smith	Hettinger	Julie Kramlich
Beaver Lake*	James Loken	Elgin	Duane Schatz	Hillsboro	Jim Anderson
Bismarck	Anton Sattler	Edmore	David Levang	Icelandic*	Char Binstock
Bottineau	Keith Fulsebakke	Enderlin	Rick Gillund	Jamestown	Judy Huisenga
Bowbells	Peter Willyard	Fargo	Ben Prather	Lakota	DeAnne Miller
Bowman	Andrea Bowman	Finley	Brittany Ness	Lake Metigoshe*	Larry Hagen
Dawson	Dan Mimnaugh	Forman	Colleen Sundquist	Lake Sakakawea*	Keith Orth
Carson	Donna VandenBurg	Fort Ransom*	John Kwapinski	Lamoure	Tony Hanson
Carrington	Shaunette Koenig	Fort Stevenson*	Chad Troutman	Langdon	Rob Gilseth
Casselton	Ben Prather	Ft. Abraham Lincoln*	Dan Schelske	Lewis & Clark*	Greg Corcoran
Cooperstown	Nancy Paintner	Grahams Island*	Henry Duray	Lisbon	Randy Seelig
Crosby	Dennis Lampert	Grand Forks	Todd Hanson	Maddock	Frank Mosser
Cross Ranch*	Eric Lang	Harvey	Jay Stolz	Mandan	Aaron Johnson
Deep Water Creek Bay	Kerry Hartman	Hazelton	Bev Voller	Manning	Kevin Pavlish
Devils Lake	Myron Asleson	Hazen	Keith Johnson	Minot	Lisa Otto & Jim Heckman

Mosquito Trap Network Continued:

Location	Trapper	Location	Trapper
Mohall	Tammy Aberle	Wahpeton	Randy Nelson
Napoleon	Sheldon Gerhardt	Washburn	Sandy Birst
New Rockford	George Ritzke	Watford City	Bruce Peterson
Oakes	Robert Schaefer	Williston	Daphne Clark
Pembina	Ken Norby		
Rolla	Scott Hanson		
Ryder	Jody Reinsch		
Tioga	Kirk Odegard		
Towner	Jeffrey Smette		
Turtle River*	Joseph Allen		
Upper Souris**	Thomas Pabian		
Valley City	Jeff Differding		

2013 New Jersey Mosquito Trap Surveillance Sites & Regions



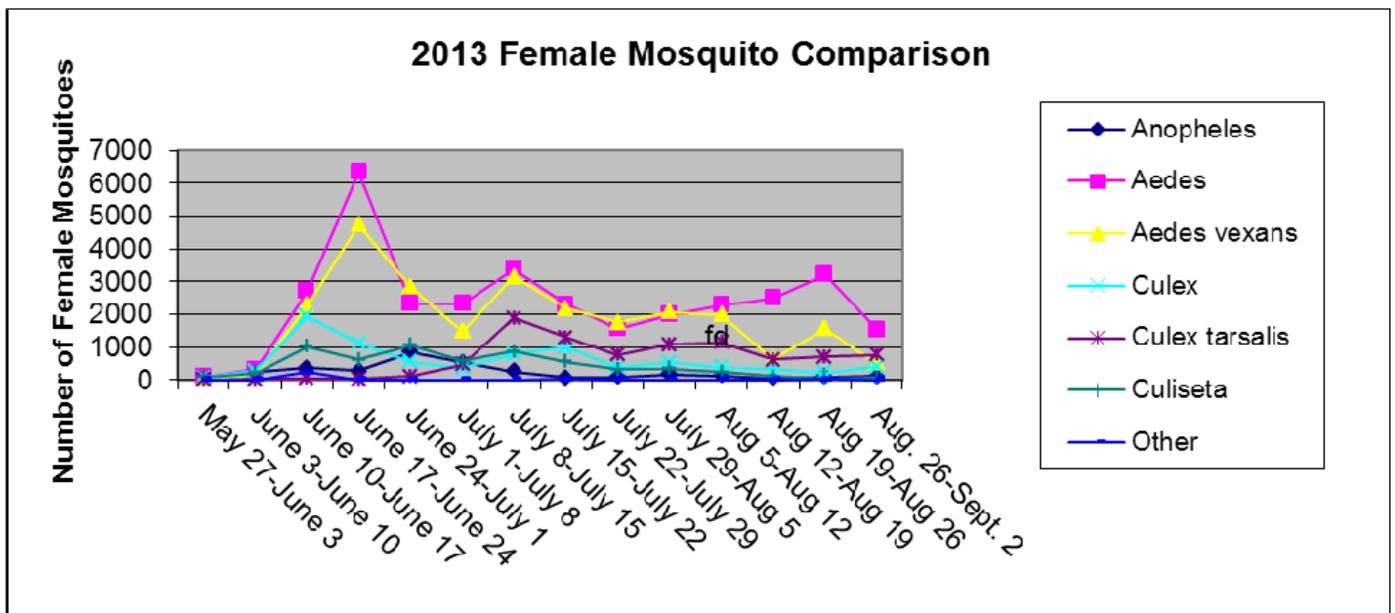
New Jersey Mosquito Trap Network Information

In 2013, the New Jersey mosquito trap network had a total of 75 traps across North Dakota. There were 11 in state parks and two in national wildlife refuges. Two New Jersey mosquito traps were located in each urban area with a population greater than 5,000 citizens.

At the beginning of the mosquito trapping season, usually Memorial Day, the New Jersey mosquito trap operator installs a trap in a suitable location. Using a programmable timer, the trap is set to operate from dusk to dawn seven nights a week. At the end of the seven-day period, the trap contents are collected and sent to the North Dakota Department of Health, Division of Laboratory Services - Microbiology in Bismarck for counting and speciation. This process is repeated weekly until Labor Day.

At the Division of Laboratory Services - Microbiology, mosquito surveillance personnel sort the mosquitoes by sex and genera. Since male mosquitoes do not bite, they are of little health concern. However, their numbers are monitored because male mosquitoes hatch first, and increased numbers may indicate a future female mosquito population boom. The female mosquitoes are separated into four genera: *Anopheles*, *Aedes*, *Culex* and *Culiseta*. These genera are then enumerated.

- *Anopheles* is associated with malaria and West Nile virus.
- *Aedes* is associated with illnesses such as canine heartworm, LaCrosse encephalitis (LCE), eastern equine encephalitis (EEE), western equine encephalitis (WEE), California encephalitis (CAE), and West Nile virus (WNV). Although *Aedes vexans* has been shown to be capable of laboratory transmission of WNV, its mammalian feeding preferences decrease its potential as an enzootic vector for WNV.
- *Culex* is the mosquito of greatest public health concern in North Dakota, since all species are competent vectors of Saint Louis Encephalitis (SLE), WEE and WNV. The species most commonly associated with encephalitis in North Dakota is *Culex tarsalis*, a principal arbovirus vector in rural agricultural ecosystems.
- *Culisetas* are monitored due to its association with eastern equine encephalitis.



2013 New Jersey Mosquito Trap Count Totals by Week - Counties

Week of	Male	Female									% Trap sites submitted
		Anopheles	Aedes	Aedes vexans	Culex	Culex tarsalis	Culiseta	Other	Total female	Total mosquitoes	
May 27-June 3	48	11	80	16	56	0	85	0	248	296	58.1
June 3-June 10	682	242	318	145	261	14	219	0	1,199	1,881	69.4
June 10-June 17	4,868	356	2,663	2,265	1,929	37	1,001	240	8,491	13,359	77.0
June 17-June 24	5,680	275	5,998	4,718	1,040	30	595	0	12,656	18,336	82.0
June 24-July 1	1,282	219	1,881	2,610	448	101	915	0	6,174	7,456	73.0
July 1-July 8	1,561	268	1,500	1,157	294	466	488	0	4,173	5,734	82.2
July 8-July 15	2,649	175	3,040	2,895	712	1,835	779	1	9,437	12,086	93.5
July 15-July 22	1,893	58	2,219	2,051	983	1,263	559	16	7,149	9,042	87.1
July 22-July 29	1,420	88	1,259	1,127	304	707	285	6	3,776	5,196	80.6
July 29-Aug 5	2,008	141	1,663	2,007	467	935	308	1	5,522	7,530	88.7
Aug 5-Aug 12	1,245	123	2,040	1,829	342	1,089	226	0	5,649	6,894	85.5
Aug 12-Aug 19	1,103	50	2,001	586	315	599	136	1	3,688	4,791	77.4
Aug 19-Aug 26	1,398	60	2,717	1,245	210	644	39	12	4,927	6,325	85.5
Aug. 26-Sept. 2	2,491	64	1,375	442	365	752	70	2	3,070	5,561	61.3
2013 Totals	28,328	2,130	28,754	23,093	7,726	8,472	5,705	279	76,159	104,487	

2013 New Jersey Mosquito Trap Count Totals by Week - State Parks

Week of	Male	Female									% Trap sites submitted
		Anopheles	Aedes	Aedes vexans	Culex	Culex tarsalis	Culiseta	Other	Total female	Total mosquitoes	
May 27-June 3	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	10	10	63.6
June 3-June 10	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	3	3	72.7
June 10-June 17	81	0	32	25	25	0	20	0	102	183	82.0
June 17-June 24	284	6	340	22	76	0	10	0	454	738	73.0
June 24-July 1	160	616	440	228	100	0	140	0	1,524	1,684	82.0
July 1-July 8	288	224	829	329	68	5	78	0	1533	1,821	100.0
July 8-July 15	192	72	344	248	64	52	88	0	868	1,060	100.0
July 15-July 22	9	0	61	108	0	16	0	0	185	194	72.7
July 22-July 29	99	3	219	580	76	29	22	0	929	1,028	100.0
July 29-Aug 5	248	16	179	235	64	128	32	0	654	902	90.9
Aug 5-Aug 12	192	8	248	164	48	48	0	0	516	708	81.8
Aug 12-Aug 19	284	0	480	56	8	16	8	0	568	852	72.7
Aug 19-Aug 26	334	35	483	322	0	50	2	0	892	1,226	72.7
Aug. 26-Sept. 2	195	41	176	62	32	67	0	2	380	575	54.5
2013 Totals	2,366	1,021	3,842	2,379	562	411	401	2	8,618	10,984	

2013 New Jersey Mosquito Trap Count Totals by Week - National Wildlife Refuges

Week of	Male	Female							Total female	Total mosquitoes	% Trap sites submitted
		Anopheles	Aedes	Aedes vexans	Culex	Culex tarsalis	Culiseta	Other			
May 27-June 3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50.0
June 3-June 10	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	8	8	100.0
June 10-June 17	24	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	4	28	100.0
June 17-June 24	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	100.0
June 24-July 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50.0
July 1-July 8	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	2	50.0
July 8-July 15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50.0
July 15-July 22	12	0	32	12	4	0	0	0	48	60	100.0
July 22-July 29	96	0	80	56	0	16	8	0	160	256	50.0
July 29-Aug 5	224	16	144	104	0	8	0	0	272	496	100.0
Aug 5-Aug 12	28	4	4	0	0	4	0	0	12	40	50.0
Aug 12-Aug 19	24	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	8	32	100.0
Aug 19-Aug 26	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	6	100.0
Aug. 26-Sept. 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50.0
2013 Totals	413	20	272	175	12	28	9	0	516	929	

Arbovirus Information

More than 2,500 different species of mosquitoes are found worldwide, with about 200 species in the United States and at least 34 of these in North Dakota. The most common vector in the spread of arboviruses is the mosquito; however, not all mosquitoes are vectors in the transmission of arboviruses.

Male mosquitoes feed almost exclusively on nectar and therefore do not bite. Female mosquitoes lay eggs that require a blood meal and bite animals, warm- or cold-blooded, and birds. Stimuli that influence biting include a combination of carbon dioxide, temperature, moisture, smell, color and movement. Humans are seldom the first or second choice for a blood meal. Horses, cattle, smaller mammals and birds are preferred. Although acquiring a blood meal is essential for female egg production, both male and female mosquitoes are mainly nectar feeders.

Mosquito-borne diseases cause more than one million human deaths every year. Some of these diseases include protozoan infections such as malaria; filarial pathogens such as canine heartworm; and viruses that cause dengue, yellow fever and encephalitis.

Arthropod-borne viruses (arboviruses) are the most diverse and serious diseases transmitted to susceptible vertebrate hosts by mosquitoes. All arboviral encephalitides are zoonotic involving a nonhuman primary vertebrate and a primary arthropod vector. Humans and domestic animals can develop clinical illness but usually are “dead-end” hosts because they do not contribute to the transmission cycle.

West Nile virus (WNV) is the most recently emerged arbovirus in North America. West Nile virus is named after the West Nile region of Uganda where it was first discovered in 1937. *Culex* species of mosquitoes are the primary vectors, particularly *Culex tarsalis*. Common in many parts of the world, WNV had not been seen in the United States until late summer 1999, when it made its debut in New York. WNV then proceeded to travel westward across the continent the following year, with the first human case in North Dakota in 2002. West Nile fever can be characterized by fever, headache and rash to more serious symptoms. Although only a small percentage of people infected with WNV display symptoms, WNV can cause encephalitis (an inflammation of the brain) and meningitis (inflammation of the brain and spinal cord) in humans and animals, and even death in some cases.

Western equine encephalitis (WEE) is mostly found in states west of the Mississippi River. The primary vector is *Culex tarsalis*. Birds are the most important host. Since 1964, there have been fewer than 1,000 cases reported. Human cases have historically been reported in North Dakota, however the last documented case in our state was in 1991. Human mortality rates are about 5 percent, with horse mortality rates considerably higher.

Eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) is spread to horses and humans by infected mosquitoes. Annually, there are a small number of cases nationwide, although no cases have historically been reported in North Dakota. EEE is the most serious of the arboviruses that can affect the central nervous system (CNS), resulting in severe complications and even death. Symptoms may range from none at all to flu-like to more serious infections with sudden fever and severe headache followed by seizures and coma. About half of infected patients die, and of those who survive, many suffer permanent CNS damage.

St. Louis encephalitis (SLE) is transmitted from birds to mammals by an infected mosquito. SLE was discovered in 1933 in St. Louis, Mo. Since then, SLE has been reported in 46 states. Most infections of SLE do not result in illness, with mild cases exhibiting aseptic meningitis or fever. The elderly and very young children are more susceptible, with fatality rates from 2 percent to 20 percent and neurologic dysfunction occurring in about 1 percent of survivors. Nineteen human cases have been reported in North Dakota in the time frame from 1964-2010.

The California serogroup is a group of several related viruses that include California encephalitis, La Crosse encephalitis, and Jamestown Canyon virus. Each year, about 75 cases are reported in the United States, with the majority of the illnesses resulting from La Crosse encephalitis. The California serogroup viruses primarily affect male children younger than 16. Infections are mild, with a mortality rate of about four deaths per 1,000 infections.

**North Dakota Mosquito Surveillance
Risk Assessment Chart
for Arbovirus Activity**

Risk Category	Probability of Human Outbreak	Definition of Conditions	Recommended Response by Mosquito Surveillance Team and North Dakota Vector Control Personnel
1a	Remote	Mid-season; first week of July; no observed epizootic activity; low population counts of vector species from New Jersey trap network	Begin preliminary, low-intensity CDC live-trapping network and testing in all areas of the state; test for targeted virus presence.
1b		Late-season; third week of July through September; no observed epizootic activity; high population counts from New Jersey trap network	Deploy mid-intensity CDC live-trapping network and viral testing in areas with high population counts of targeted vector species; continue low-intensity trapping and testing in other areas.
2	Low	Sporadic epizootic activity in birds or mosquitoes	Deploy high-intensity CDC live-trapping network and viral testing in epizootic areas, and consider preliminary control measures such as source reduction and larval control; continue surveillance in other areas.
3	Moderate	Initial confirmation of virus in horse or human; moderate activity in birds or mosquitoes	Continue as in Category 2; consider adult mosquito control as indicated by surveillance activity.
4	High	Measures suggesting high risk of human infection (for example, high dead bird densities, high mosquito infection rates, multiple positive mosquito species, horse or mammal cases indicating escalating epizootic transmission, or a human case)	Response as in Category 3; initiate adult mosquito control program in areas of potential human risk.
5	Outbreak in progress	Multiple confirmed human cases; conditions as listed in Category 4	Implement emergency adult mosquito control program; if widespread, consider aerial spraying.

Appendix A

New Jersey Mosquito Trap Data Analysis

The mosquito's life cycle has four separate and distinct stages: egg, larva, pupa and adult. A female mosquito breeds in the presence of water and lays fertile eggs after obtaining a blood meal. The location in which a female mosquito deposits her eggs in the environment depends upon larval habitat preference. The 43 mosquito species indigenous to North Dakota can be grouped into four categories that reflect their larval habitat preference. These categories include the permanent pool group, the transient water group, the floodwater group, and the artificial container and tree-hole group.

Mosquitoes within the **permanent pool group**, *Anopheles* and *Culex* species, lay eggs either singly or side by side on the water surface of permanent ponds and lakes. Permanent pool mosquitoes can develop continuously in warm water and hatch daily into adults. **Transient water mosquitoes**, such as *Culex tarsalis*, prefer to lay their eggs in pools of a temporary nature. Common habitats of the transient water group are roadside ditches, canals, ground pools and irrigated lands. Transient water mosquito eggs in ditches and small depressions must wait until rainfall to begin the hatching process. **Floodwater mosquitoes**, the *Aedes* species, lay eggs singly on damp soil or along vegetated shorelines; the eggs remain dormant until these areas are flooded. Once flooded, the eggs hatch if conditions are favorable. Large numbers of larvae emerge, and adults can appear as early as six days after flooding. A major rainstorm, a series of showers, or irrigation sufficient enough to produce standing water promotes hatching in the floodwater species of mosquitoes. The **artificial container and tree-hole group of mosquitoes** place their eggs inside the wall of a container or depression inside a tree, at or above the water line, and the eggs hatch when the water levels rise. A heavy rain resulting in standing water in old tires, tin cans and flowerpots will begin the hatching process for artificial container mosquitoes.

Once hatched, larvae of all species emerge and live in water. After four stages, or instars, the larva molts into a pupa. The pupa stage is a resting, non-feeding stage where the pupa is encased until the adult matures and emerges from the skin after one-and-a-half to four days. Adult male mosquitoes hatch first and live from six to seven days. Female mosquitoes can live for about two weeks, but have been found to survive for up to five months with ample food. Peak adult mosquito populations usually appear within two weeks after a number of eggs hatch.

Along with increased rainfall, warmer water temperatures speed up hatching and larval development. If outdoor temperatures are 50 degrees Fahrenheit or higher, productive breeding sites readily produce mosquito larvae. With increasing water temperatures, large mosquito populations can emerge within one week. Research in laboratory settings has shown that if the water temperature exceeds 100 degrees Fahrenheit, it takes only three to four days for larval metamorphosis; if the temperature is 90 degrees Fahrenheit, it takes five days; and a lower water temperature of 70 degrees Fahrenheit decreases rate of growth to 10 days. Floodwater species of *Aedes* larvae generally metamorphose within five to seven days after hatching. The species *Culex tarsalis* completes its life cycle in 14 days at 70 degrees Fahrenheit and in only 10 days at 80 degrees Fahrenheit. On the other hand, some species have naturally adapted to go through their entire life cycle in as little as four days or as long as one month.

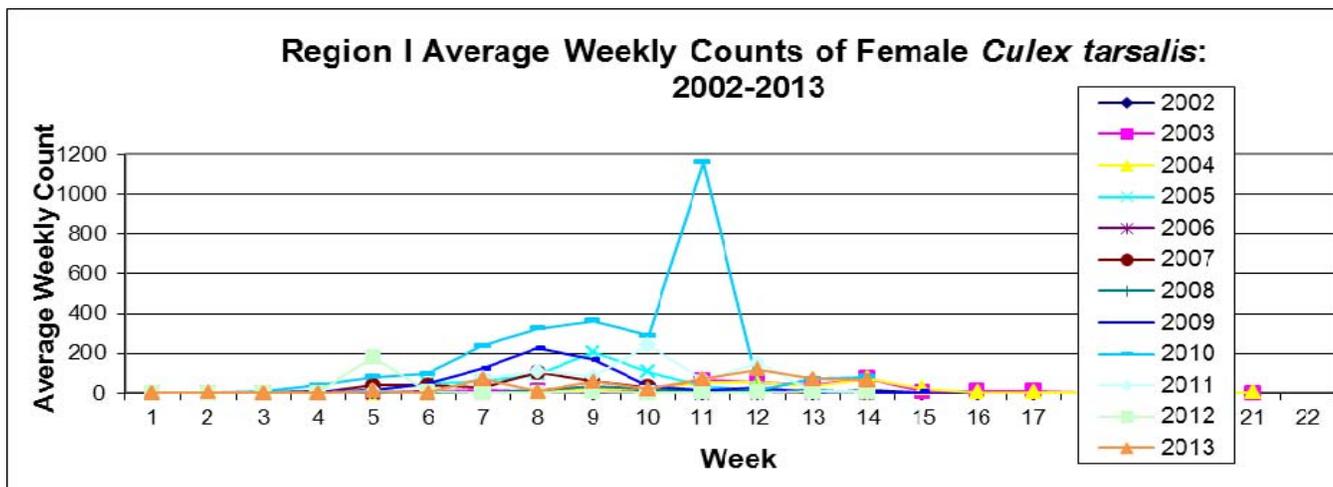
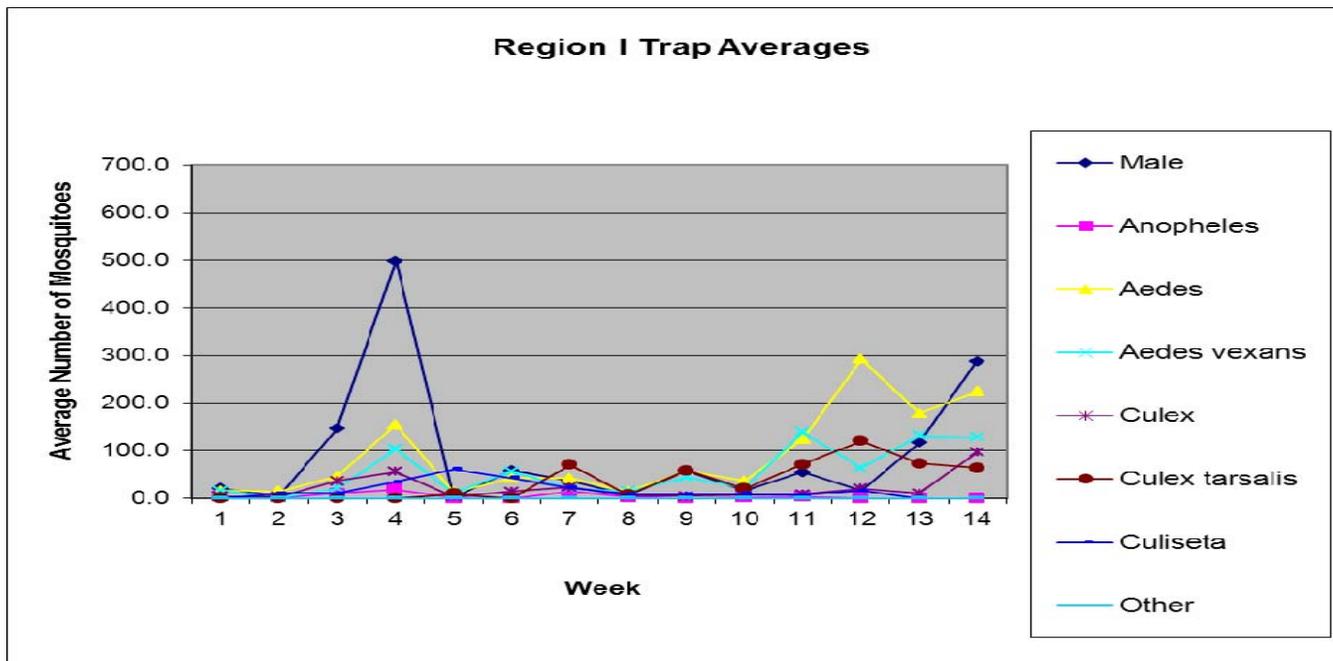
When a mosquito becomes an adult, the weather elements affect its peak activity. Most mosquitoes are active from dusk until dawn when wind speeds are less than eight miles per hour, the air temperature is between 65 degrees Fahrenheit and 80 degrees Fahrenheit, and the weather is moderate.

Heavy rains, gusting winds, and cool or high daytime temperatures all limit a mosquito's feeding activity. At temperatures lower than 50 degrees Fahrenheit, mosquitoes become sluggish, reducing their host-seeking behavior. At higher temperatures, usually during daytime hours, adult mosquitoes seek cover in vegetated or humid areas with shade.

Region I

North Dakota Mosquito Surveillance

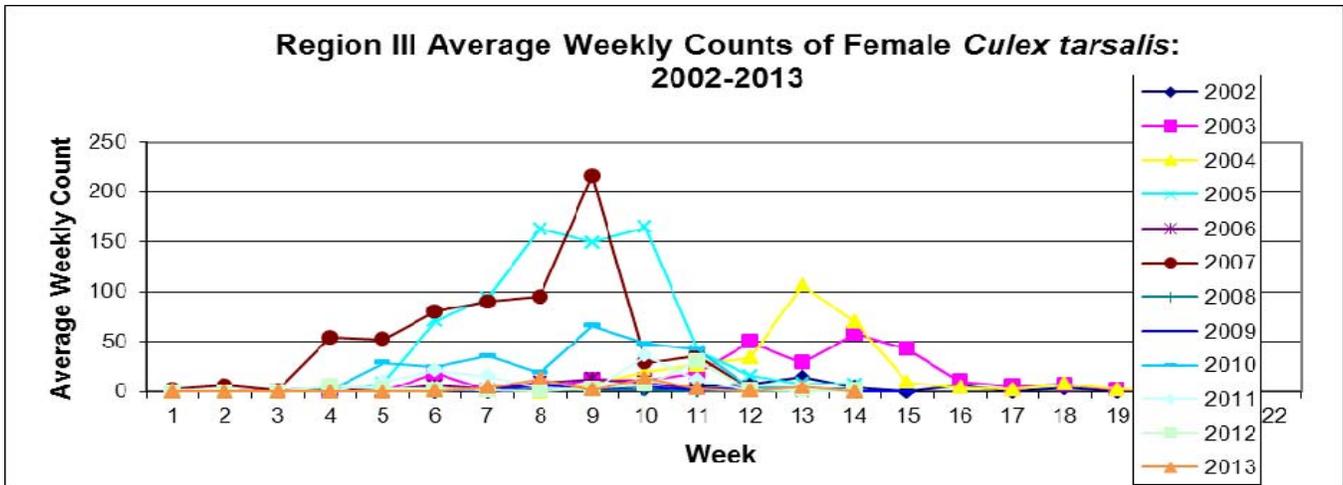
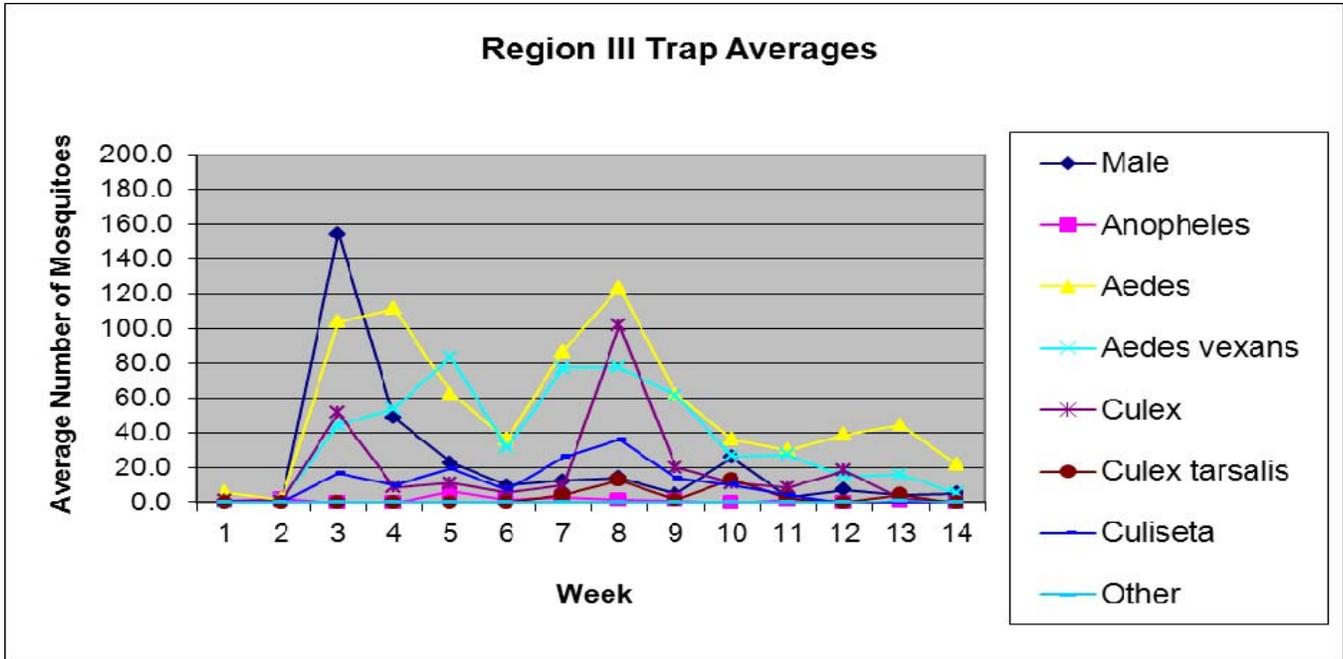
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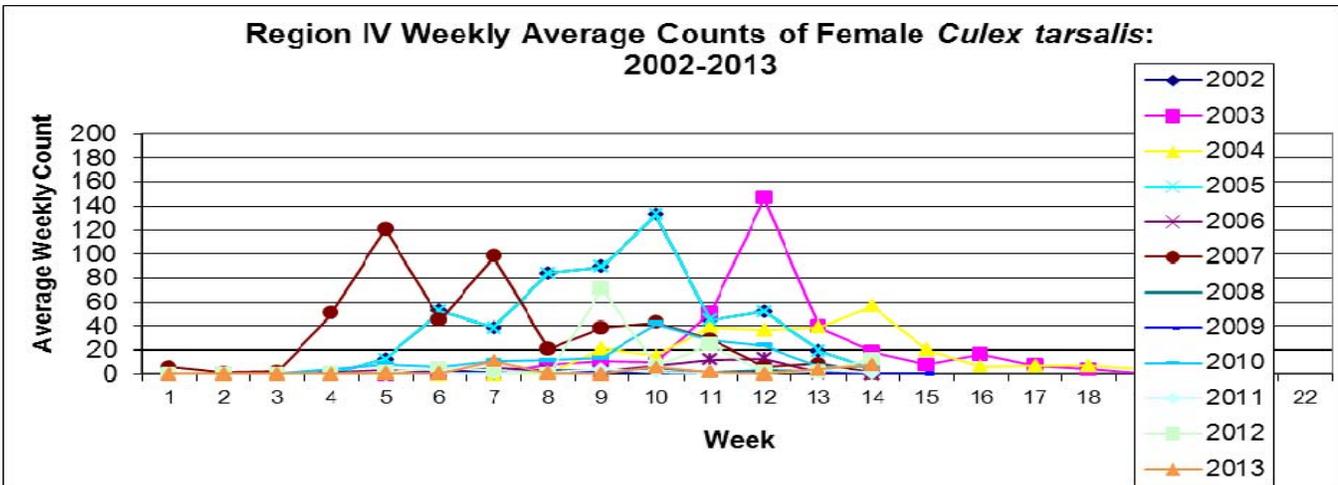
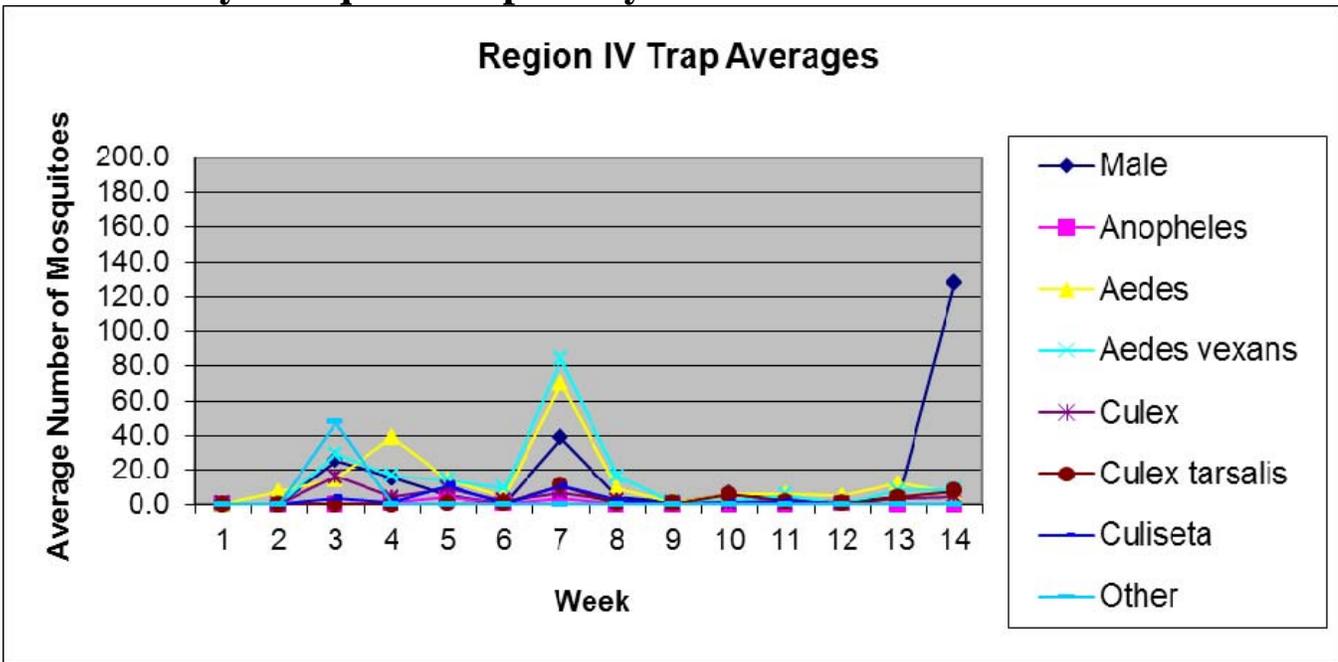
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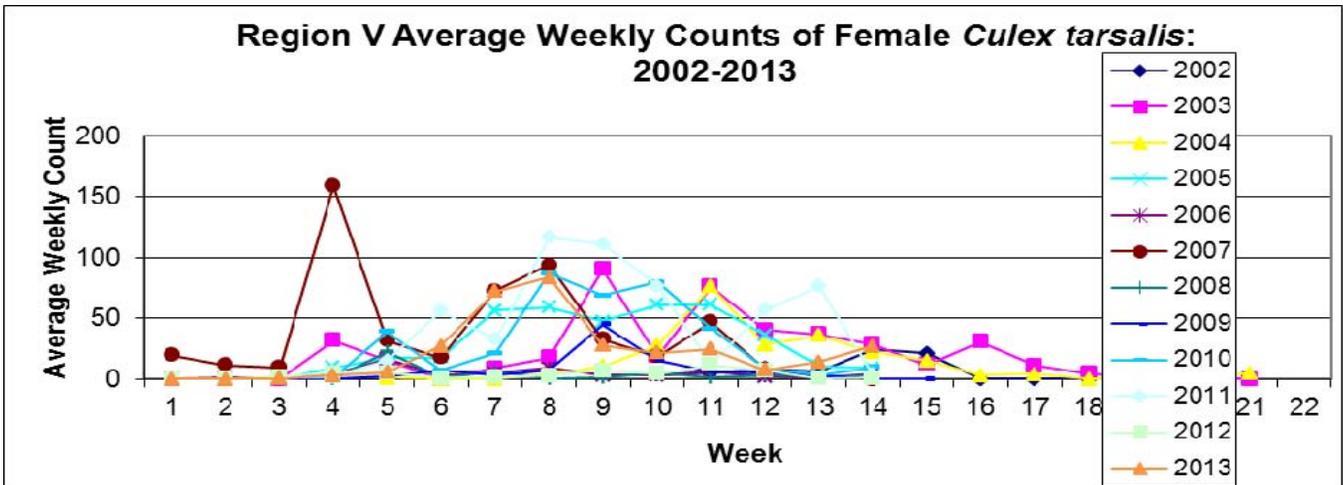
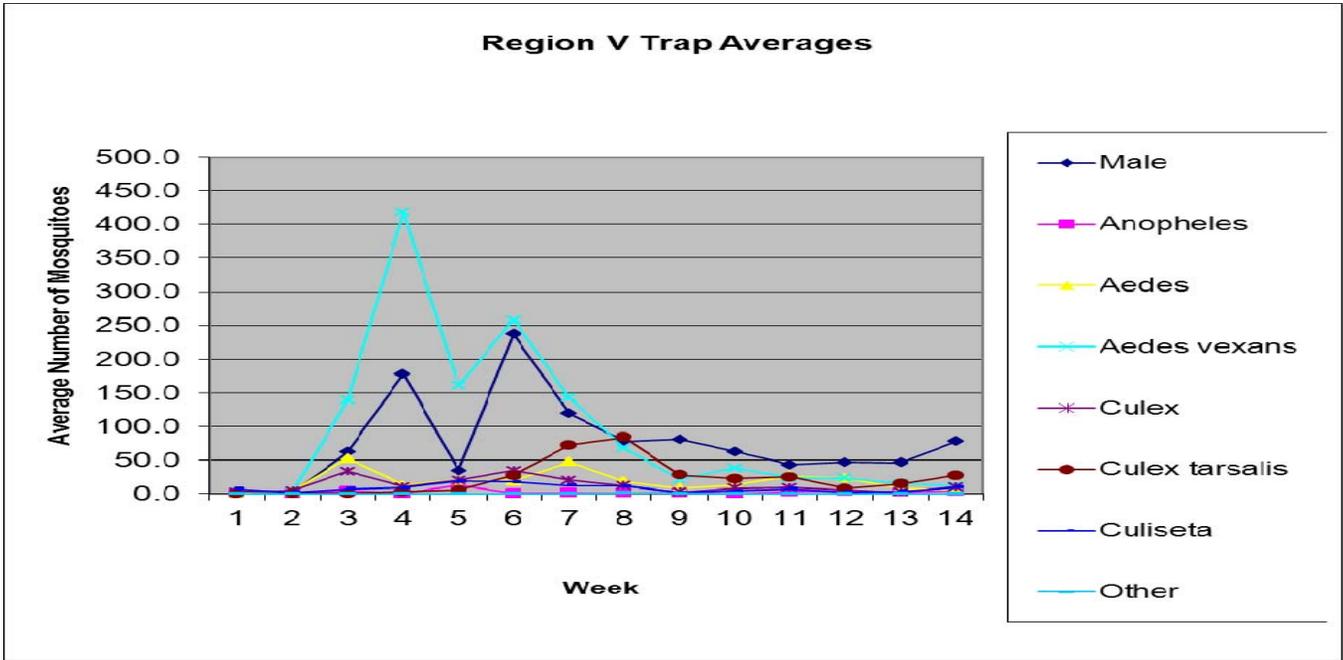
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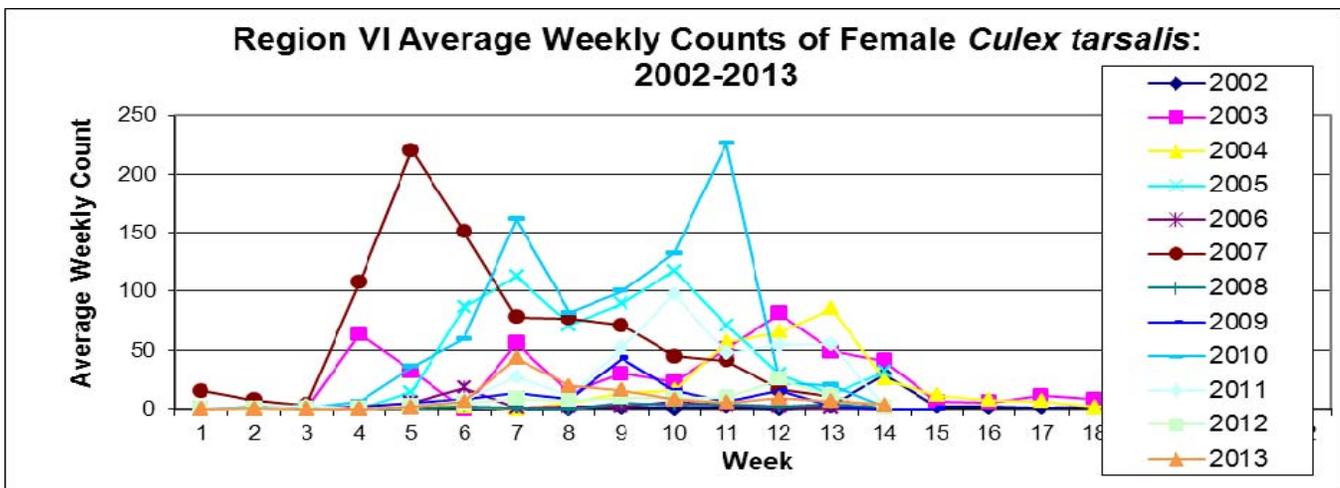
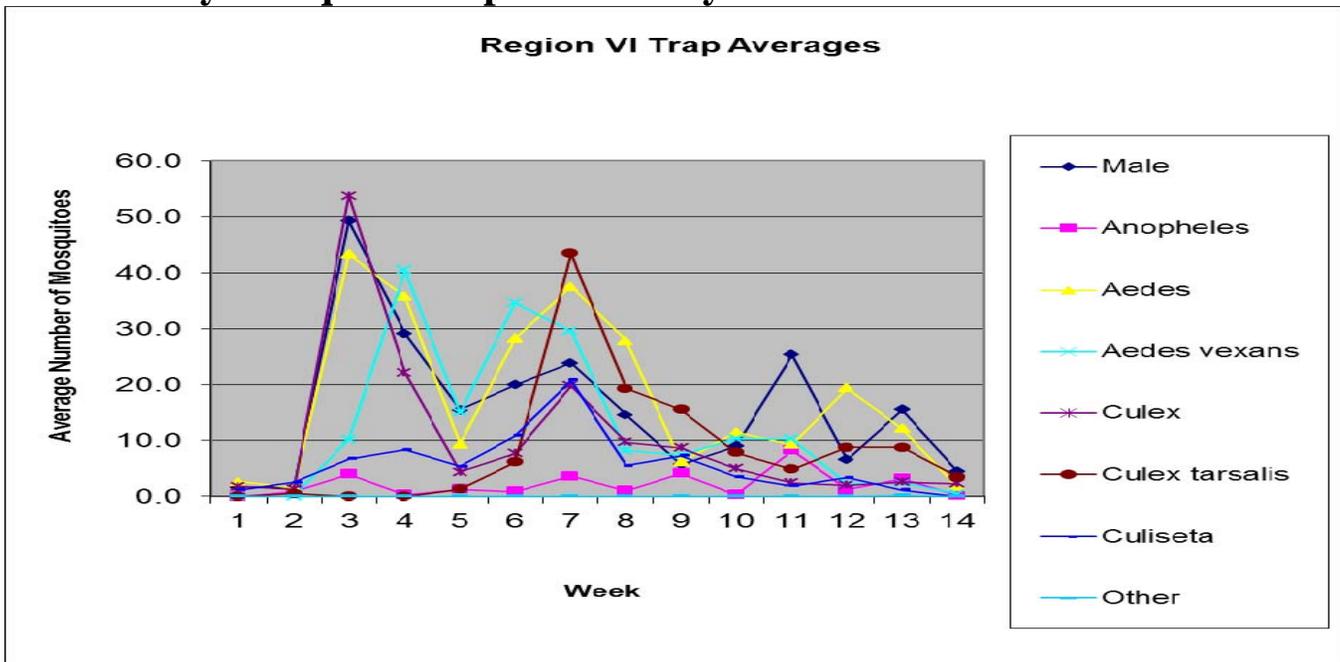
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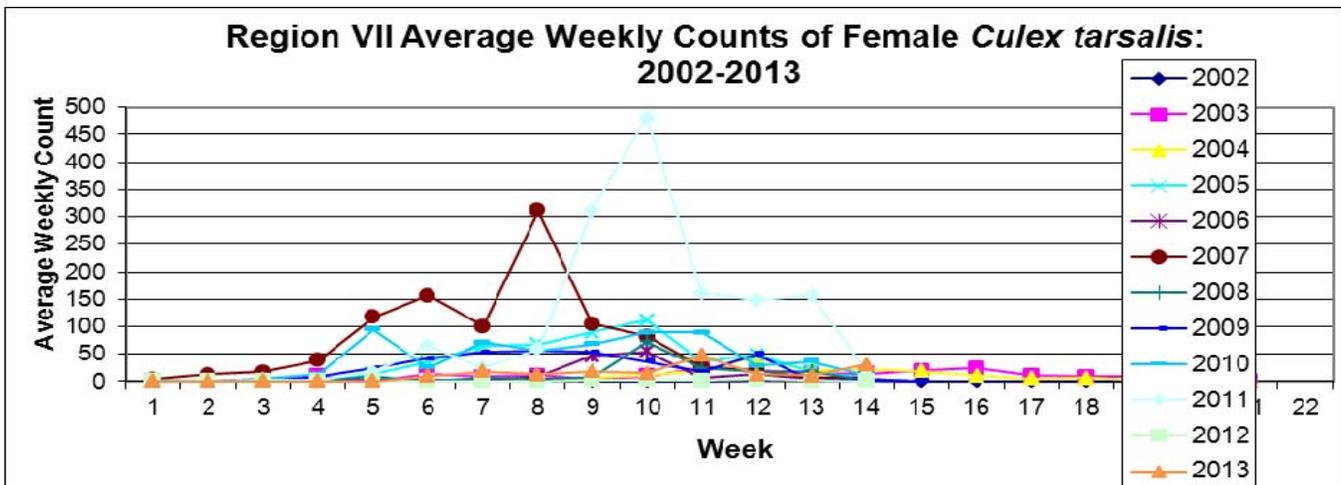
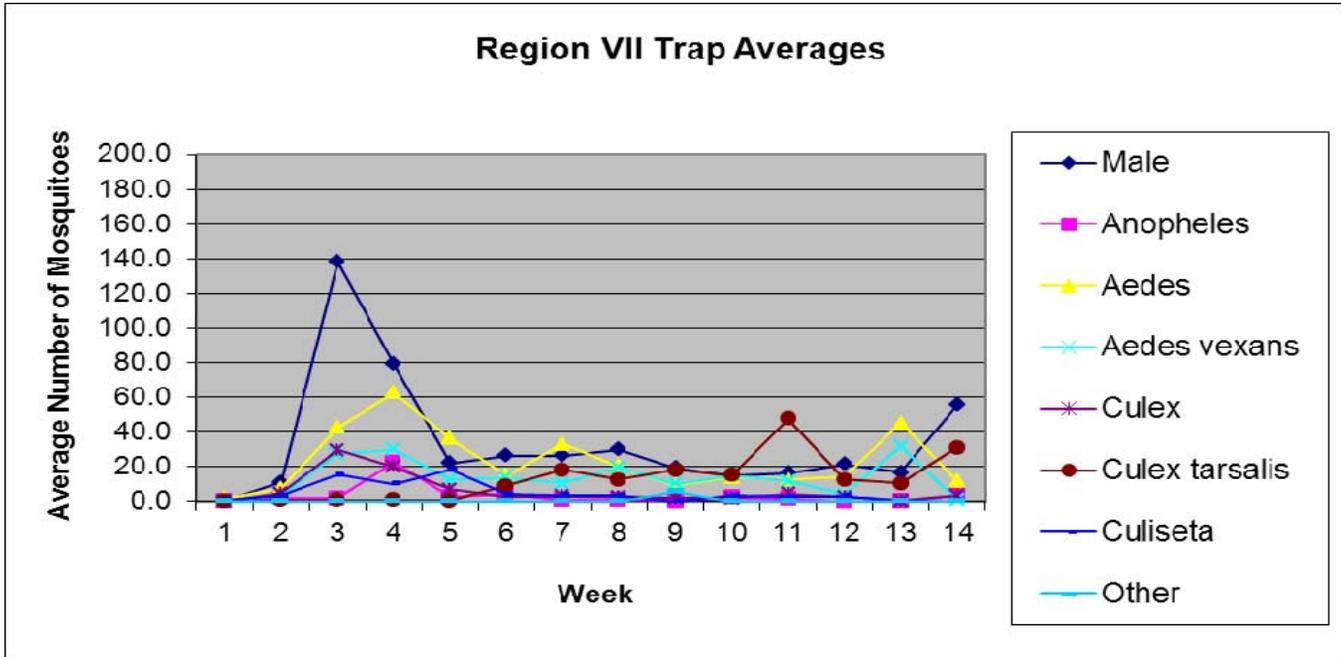
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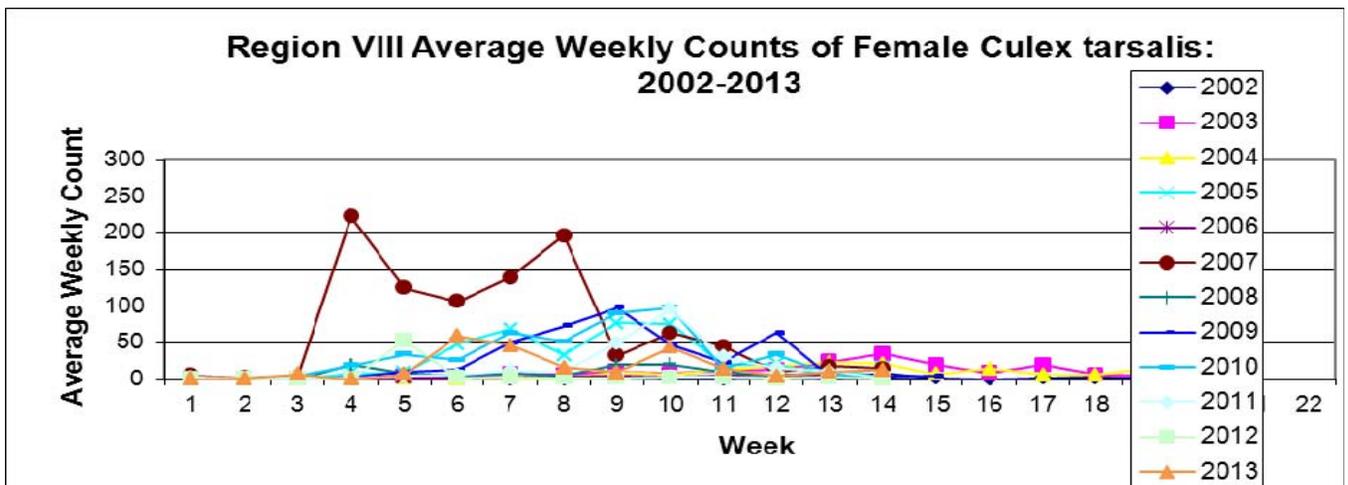
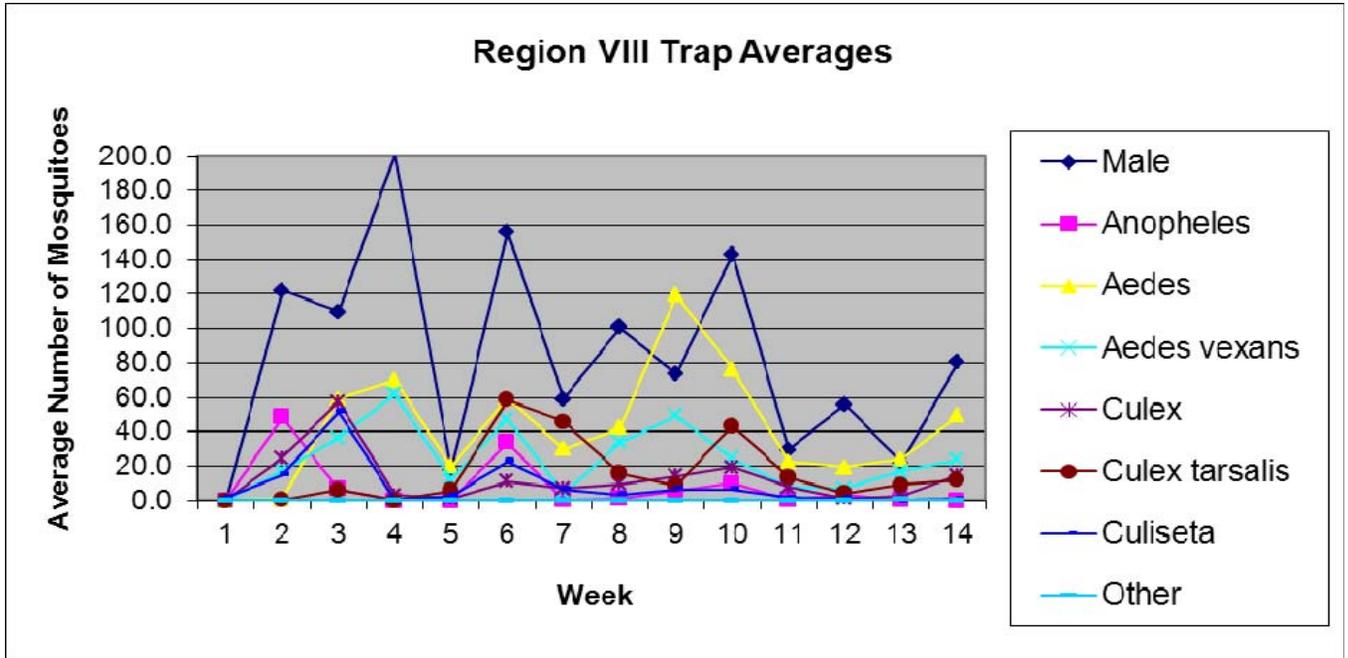
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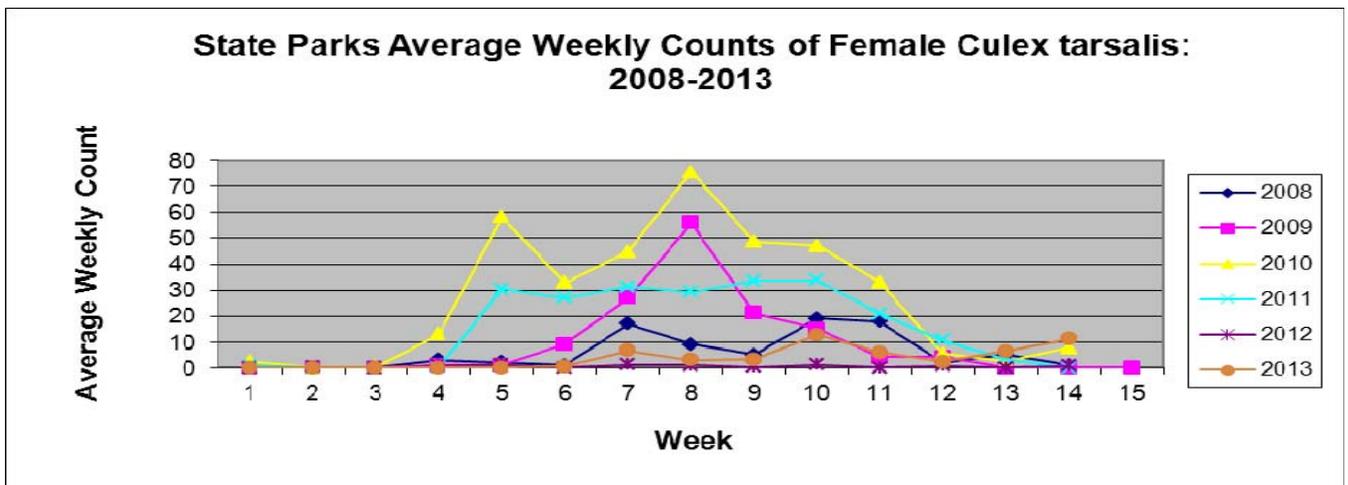
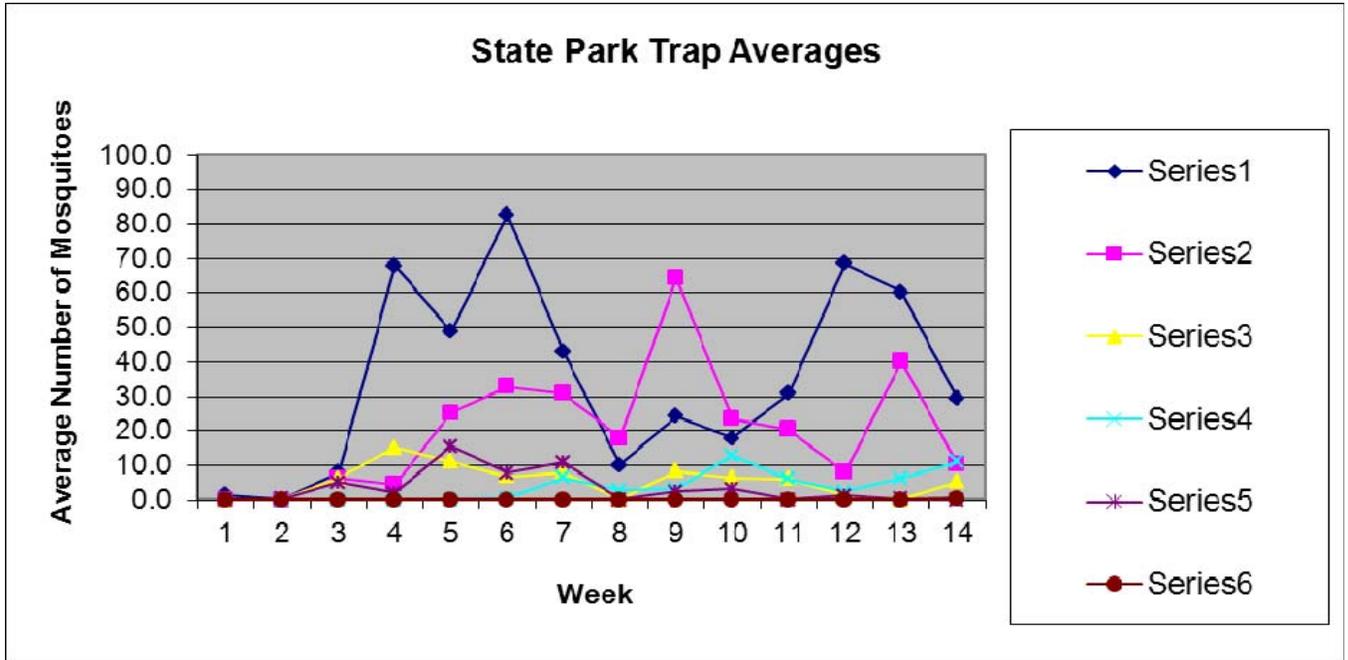
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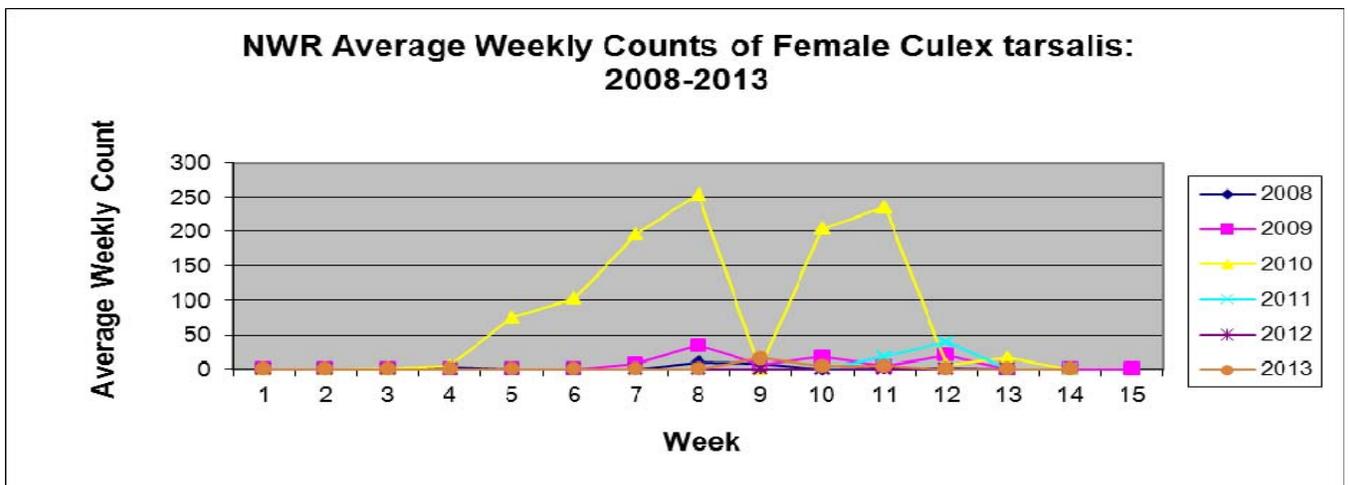
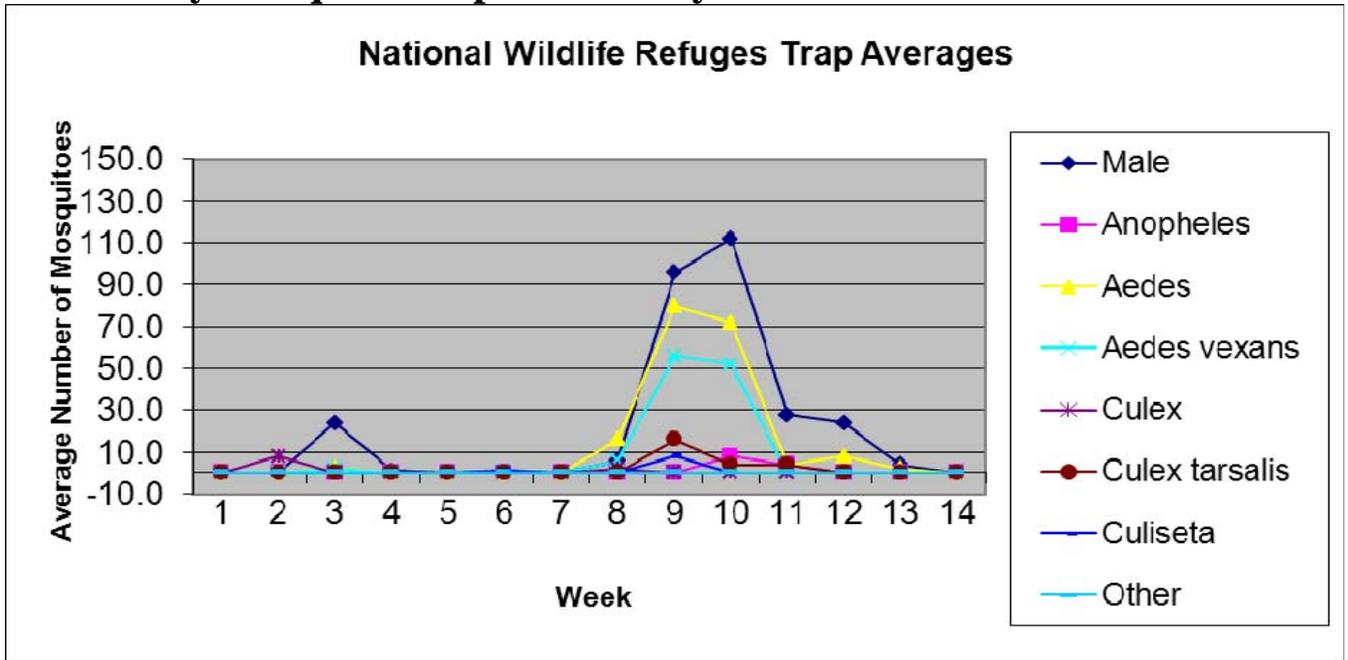
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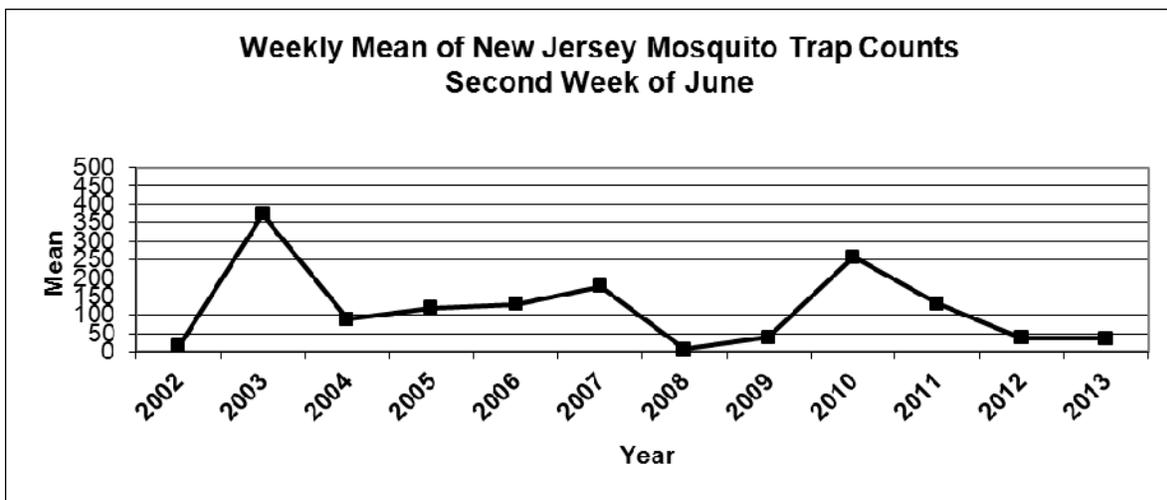
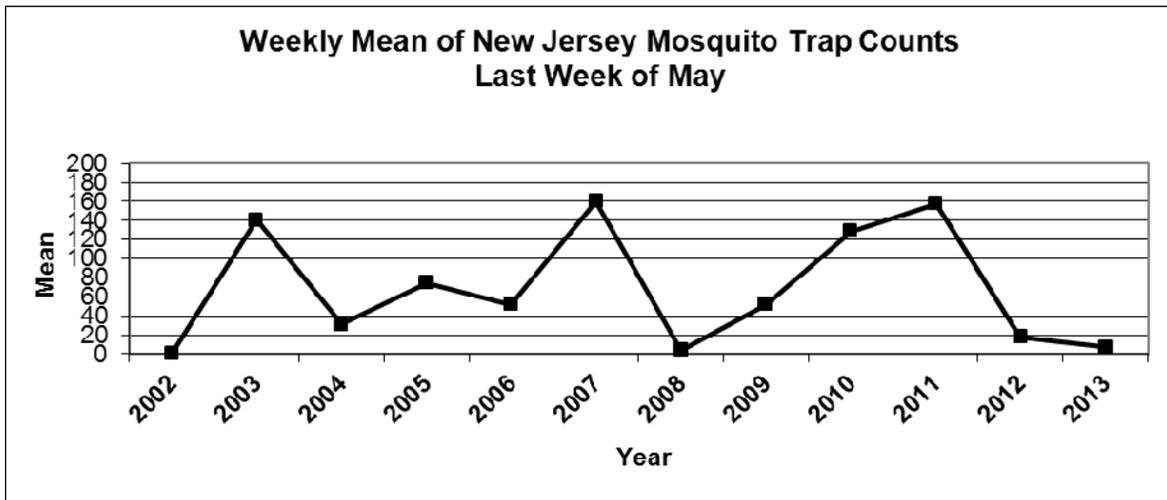
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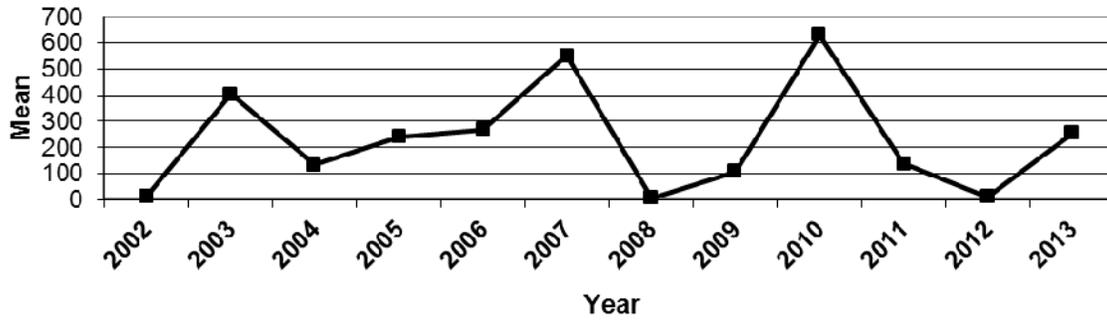
Appendix B 2002-2013

Weekly New Jersey Mosquito Trap Counts Comparison

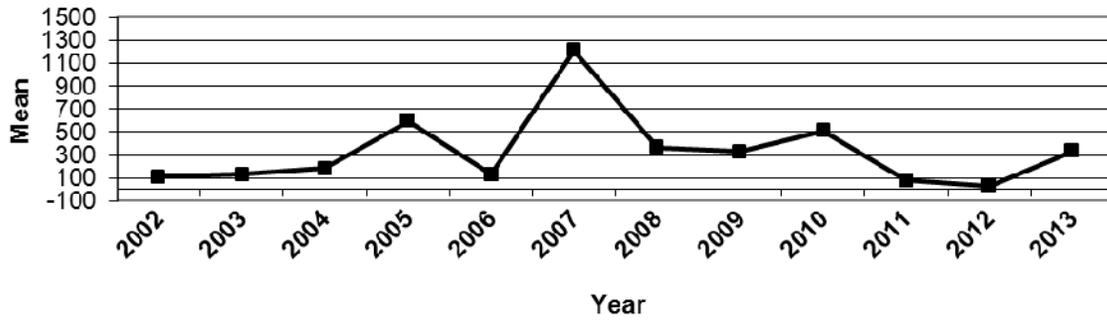
Appendix B includes graphs of the annual trap counts from the last week of May through the first week of September. These graphs depict how the mosquito trap counts have changed between 2002 and 2013. Each year, the general trend of North Dakota's mosquito population is a steady rise in population peaking in early to late July, followed by a gradual decrease through the rest of the mosquito season. Yearly and weekly variances in trap numbers can be attributed to factors such as rainfall, temperature and wind speed.

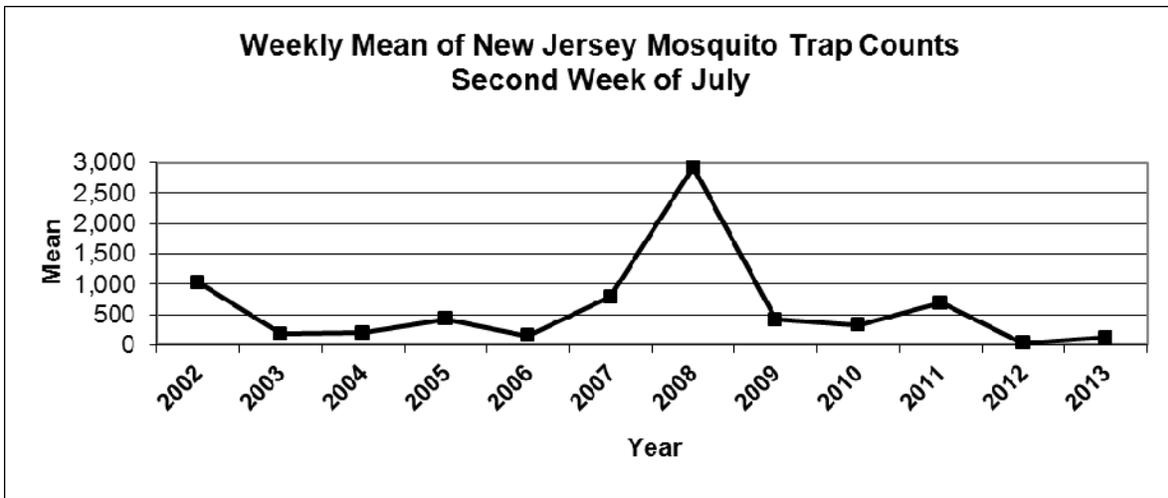
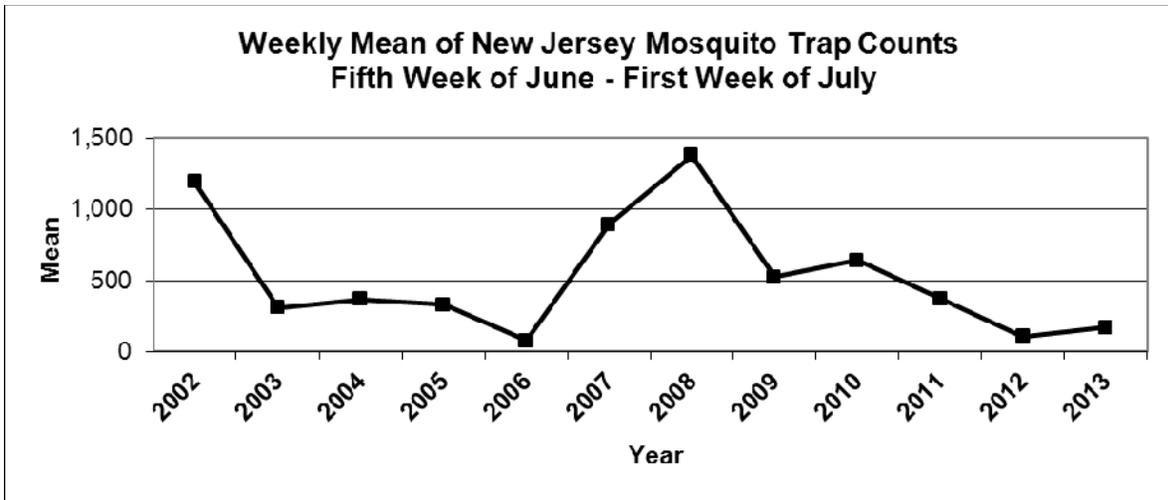


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Third Week of June**

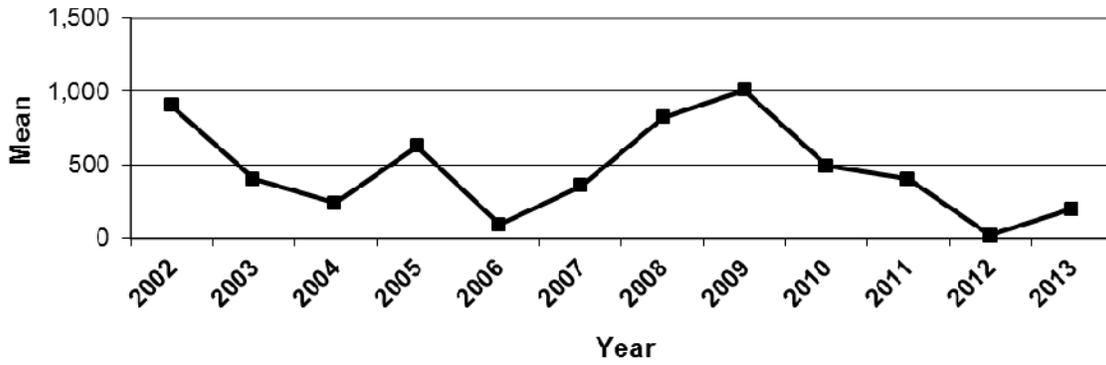


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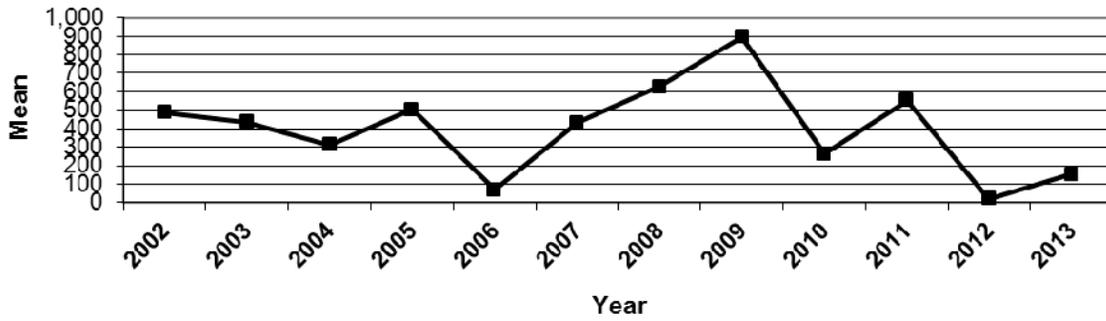


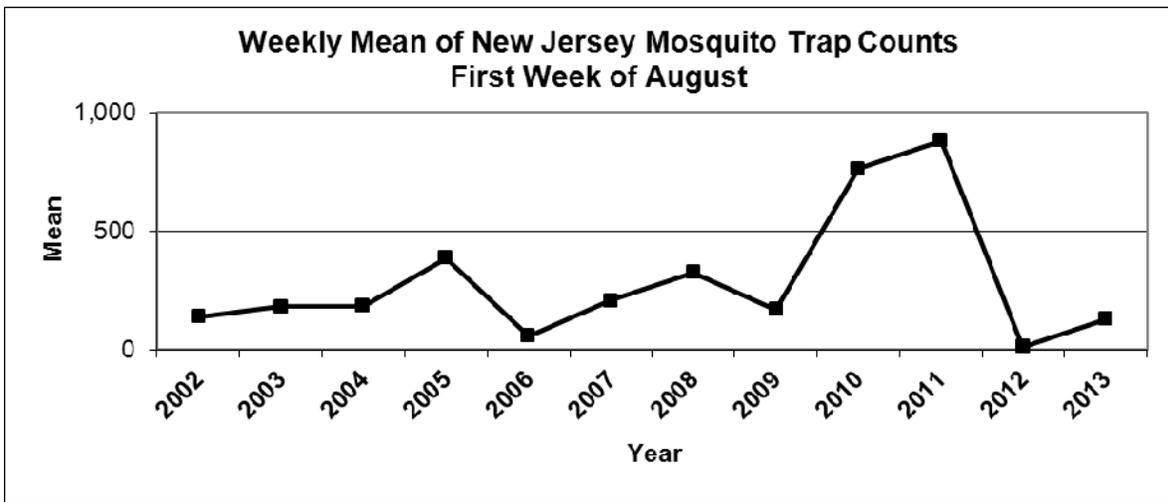
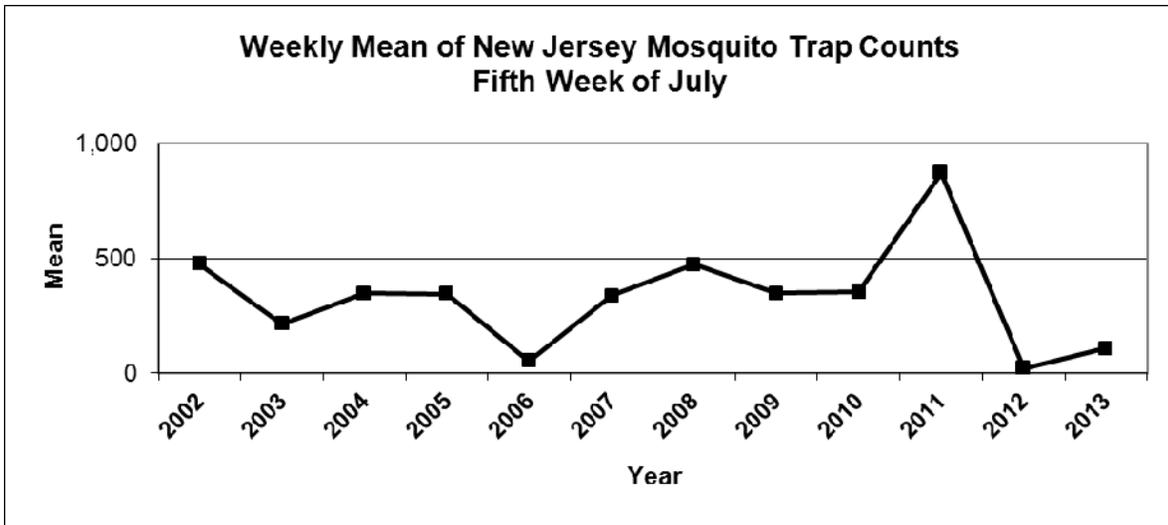


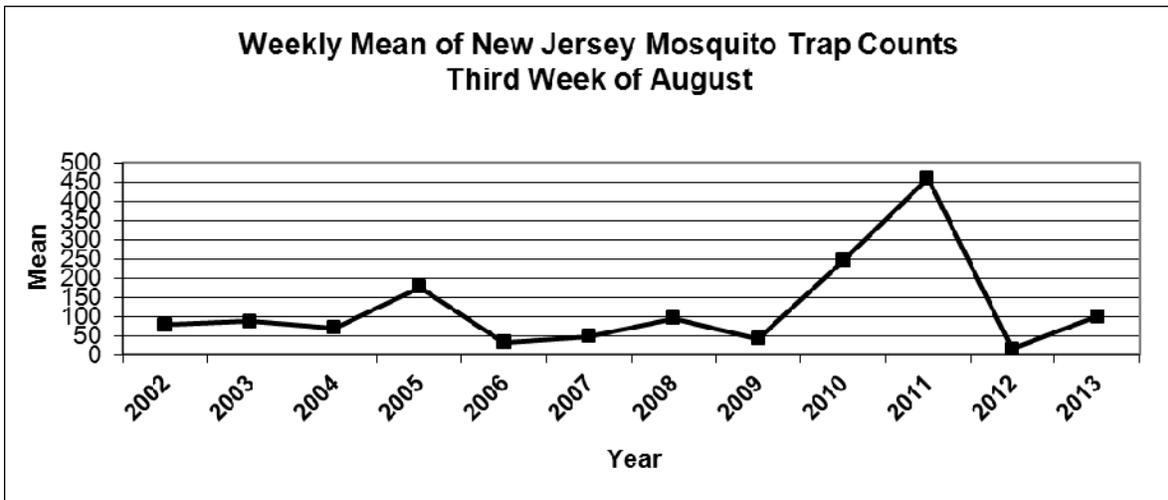
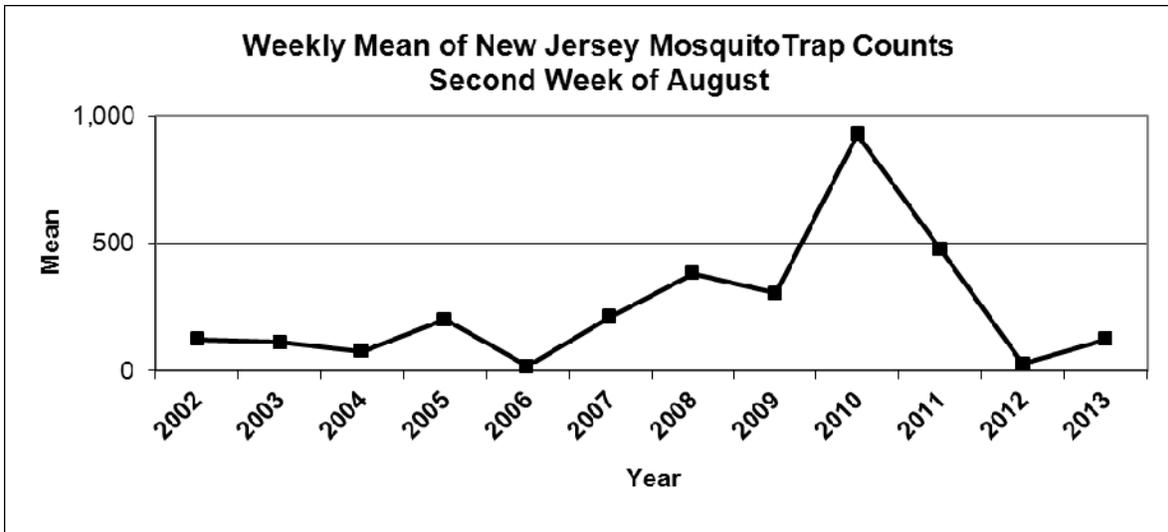
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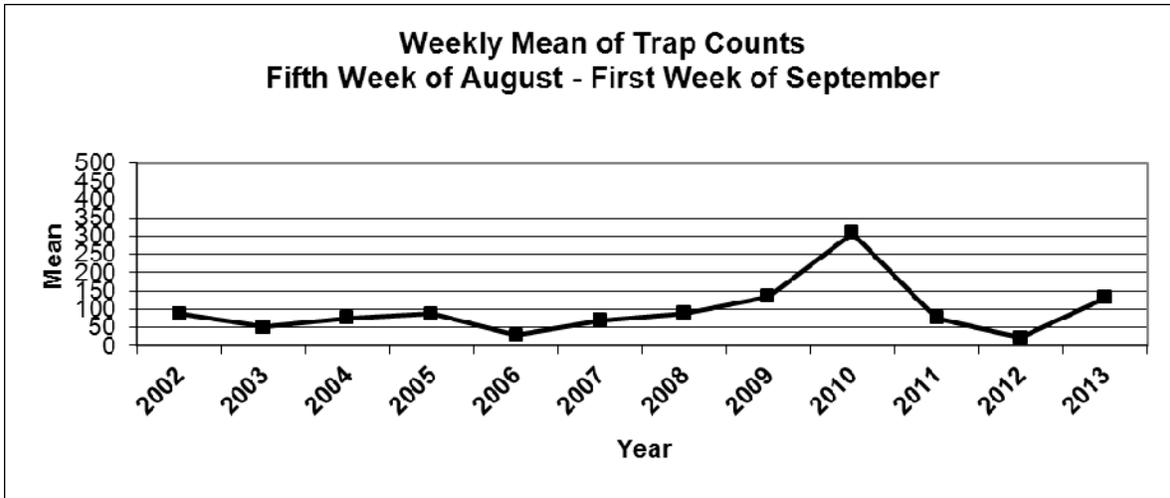
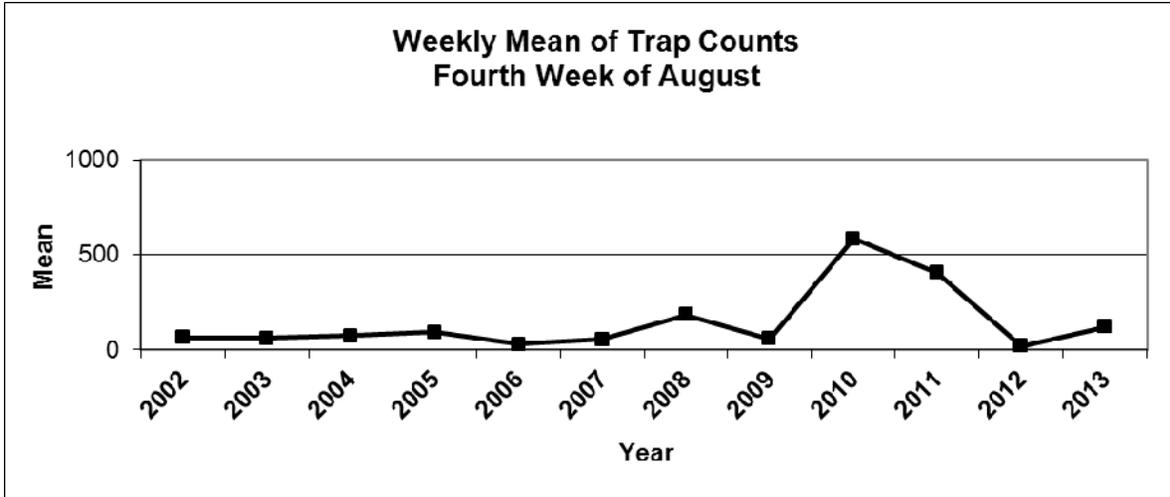


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