



NEW JERSEY STATE MOSQUITO CONTROL COMMISSION



A STATE MOSQUITO SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM FOR NEW JERSEY

FINAL WEEKLY REPORT FOR 2007 – SPECIES SUMMARIES

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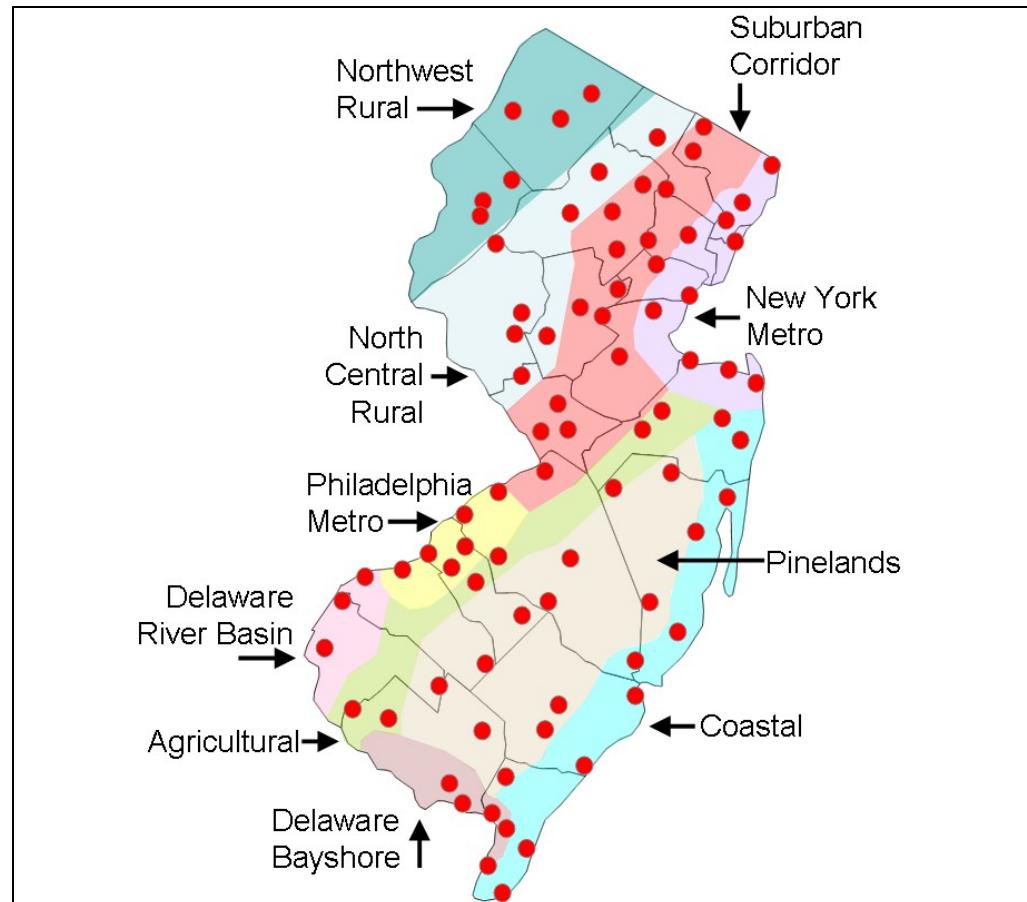
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Purpose: Data from 84 New Jersey light traps contributed by county mosquito control agencies are used to calculate trends in mosquito populations for species of nuisance or health concerns.

Calculations are based on regional distributions, with emphasis on mosquito habitat and land use. Trends will allow a statewide evaluation of changing mosquito populations, in response to control and/or changes in habitat.

The State Surveillance Program Overview

In New Jersey, county-level mosquito control agencies use New Jersey light traps to monitor certain nuisance and health-risk mosquito species. Agencies have many years worth of experience in the placement, use, and interpretation of light traps and their data as monitoring mosquito populations is an essential part of an integrated pest management approach. But county agencies are limited to county data, and a landscape-wide view of changing mosquito trends is not available. The purpose of this program is to cover that gap and provide information of nuisance and health-risk mosquito populations on a regional level.



The 2007 Season: Twenty of the 21 county mosquito control agencies participated in this program during the season. One county that was unable to participate during the regular season submitted data in after the season. Most agencies provided data in a timely matter. However, at times, most agencies were occasionally pressed to get the data to Headlee Labs. Therefore, interpretation of the data is more robust for the previous weeks' report than during the current week. Care must be taken with the interpretation of the most current week's data.

During 2007, 34 mosquito species were identified out of the 148,366 individual mosquitoes caught in the statewide surveillance light trap network throughout New Jersey. In comparison, over 300,000 individuals from 42 species were caught in 2004. From 2004, total numbers caught have declined, and we may actually be experiencing more “normal” overall totals and species diversity caught, and that 2004 was an unusually productive year. In 2005, less than 200,000 individuals were caught, and currently (at the time of this report) in 2008, about 130,000 individual mosquitoes have been collected and identified in this program.

The Coastal and Suburban Corridor continue to collect a wider variety of mosquitoes than do less populated areas. The number of traps set for each region is not significantly correlated with the number of species found (Table 1. Pearson's $r=0.521$, $df=8$, $p > 0.05$) so that regions with a larger number of species caught are not doing so because a greater number of traps are able to sample more environments. It may be that more suburban and urbanized areas have more diverse environments than those that catch fewer species.

Table 1. Number of county traps used in each region with the number of mosquito species identified in the traps.

Region	Number of Traps	Number of Species
Agricultural	6	25
Coastal	9	27
Delaware Bayshore	6	17
Delaware River Basin	4	21
New York Metro	10	26
North Central Rural	8	19
Northwestern Rural	7	26
Philadelphia Metro	6	23
Pinelands	11	24
Suburban	17	27
Statewide Total	84	34

The most abundant species caught statewide were the *Culex* Mixed (including *Cx. pipiens*, *Cx. salinarius* and *Cx. restuans*), *Aedes vexans*, *Ae. sollicitans* and *Ae. cantator* (Figure 1). In 6 of the 10 regions, the Mixed *Culex* populations were in greatest number. Significant in this is the fact that these mosquitoes provided the greatest number of positive pools for West Nile virus – the three species are involved in the amplification cycle with avian hosts and transmission to mammals. In most other areas, *Ae. vexans* was the predominant species. This species can transmit dog heartworm and is abundant in all regions except the Delaware Bayshore. *Ae. sollicitans* is a significant pest in 4 of the regions, but is outnumbered by *Ae. cantator* in the Coastal region. There was a brief, two week period in which *Ae. cantator* experienced a large emergence that far exceeded *Ae. sollicitans*.

A calibration class in the spring prior to the 2007 mosquito season was offered to any county that wished to learn about the proper maintenance and calibration of light traps of which several counties attended. Clean and calibrated traps infers compatibility of the dataset.

Figure 1. Cumulative totals for light trap species statewide and Top Ten for each region, 2007.

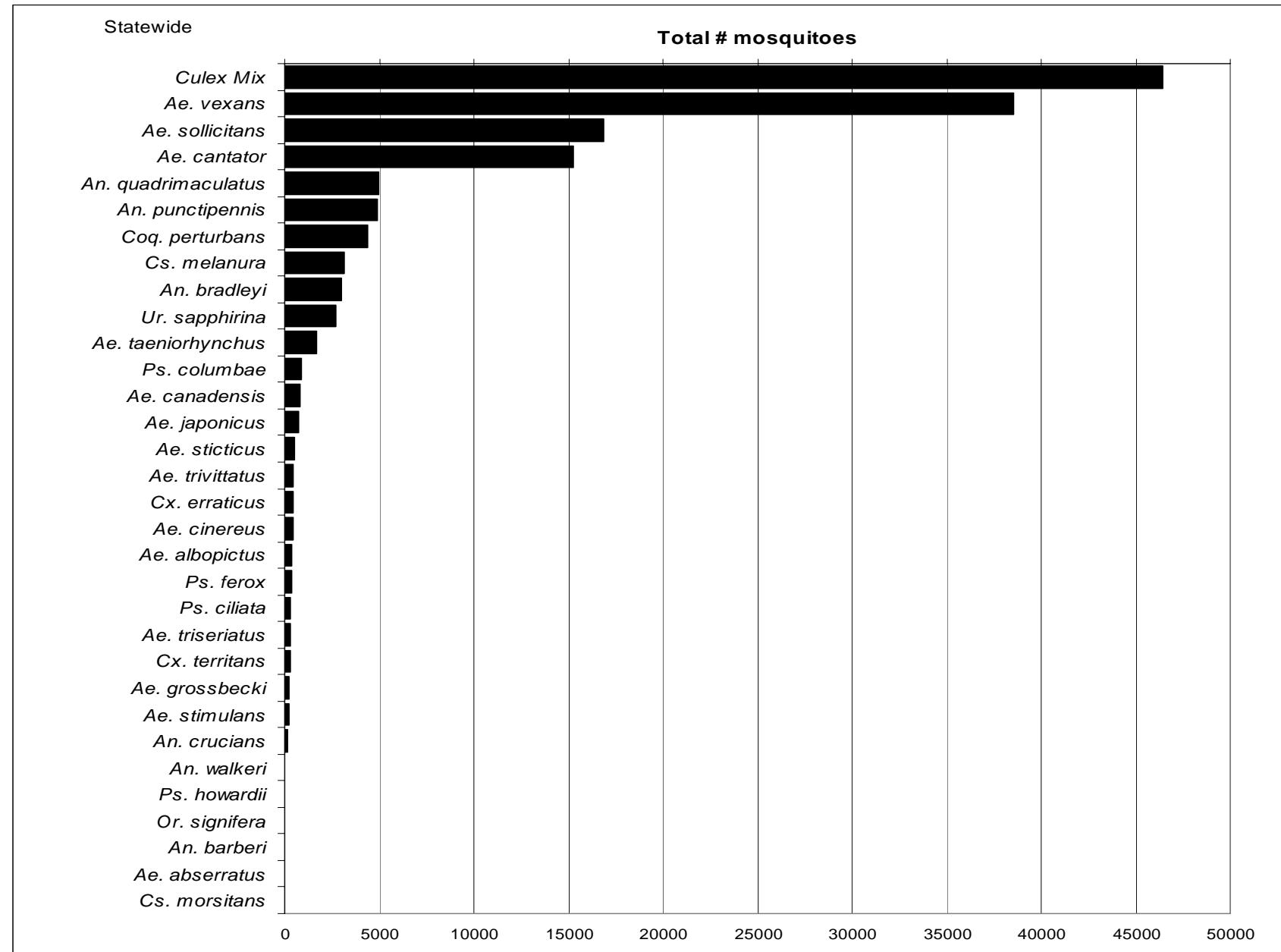


Figure 2. Agricultural Region.

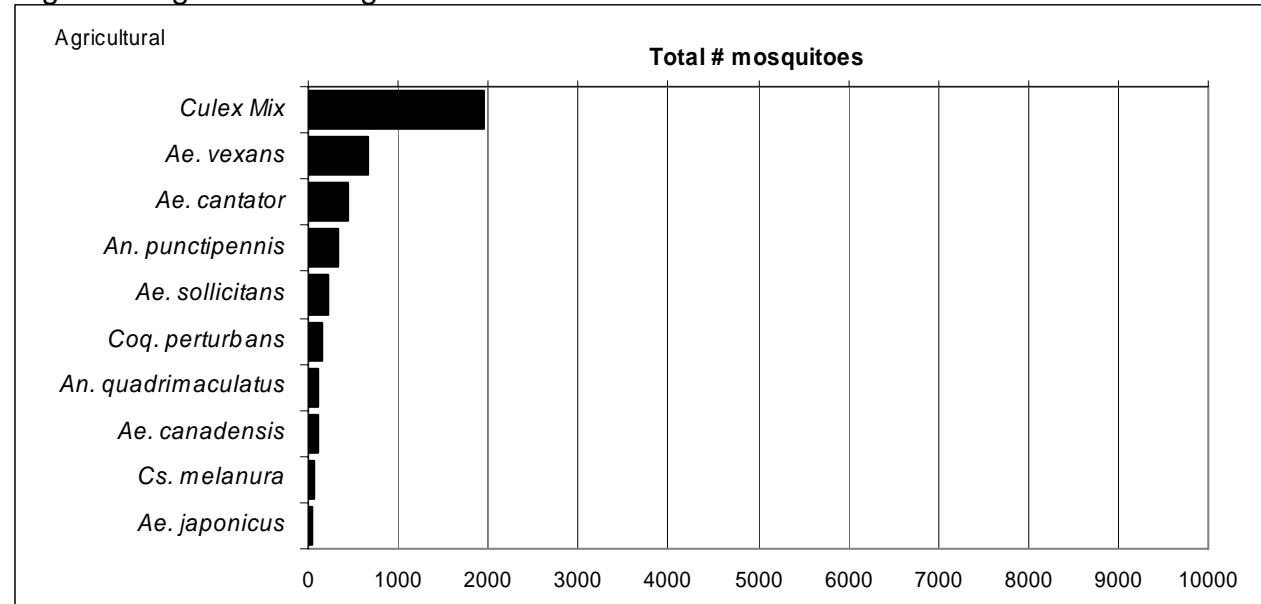


Figure 3. Coastal Region.

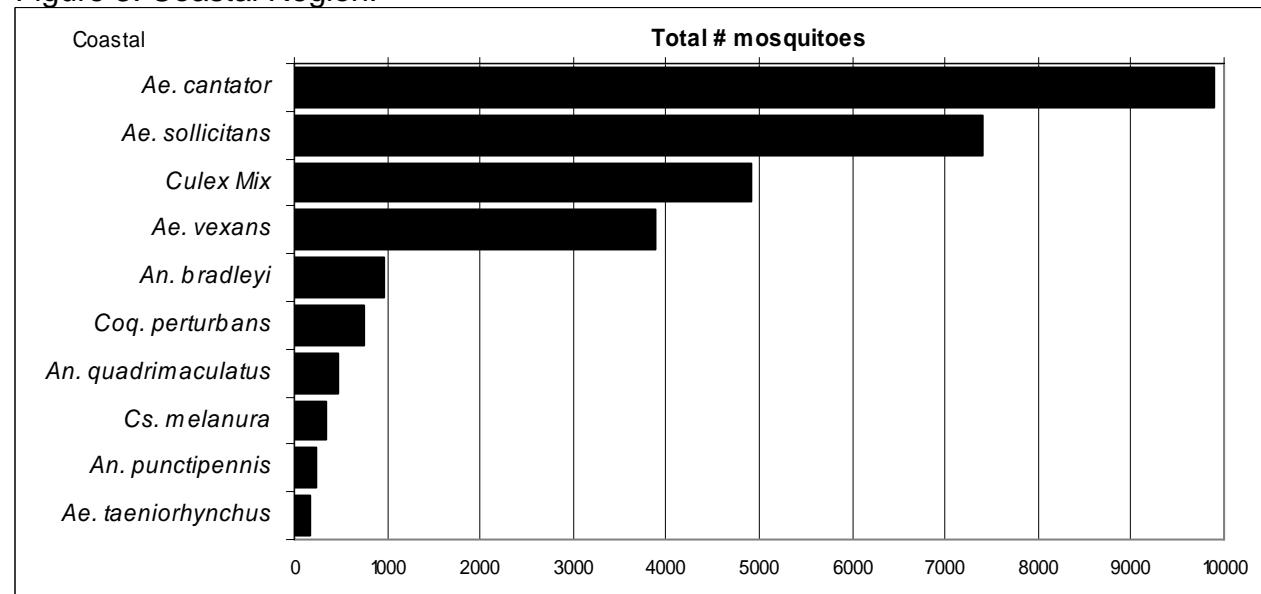


Figure 4. Delaware Bayshore Region.

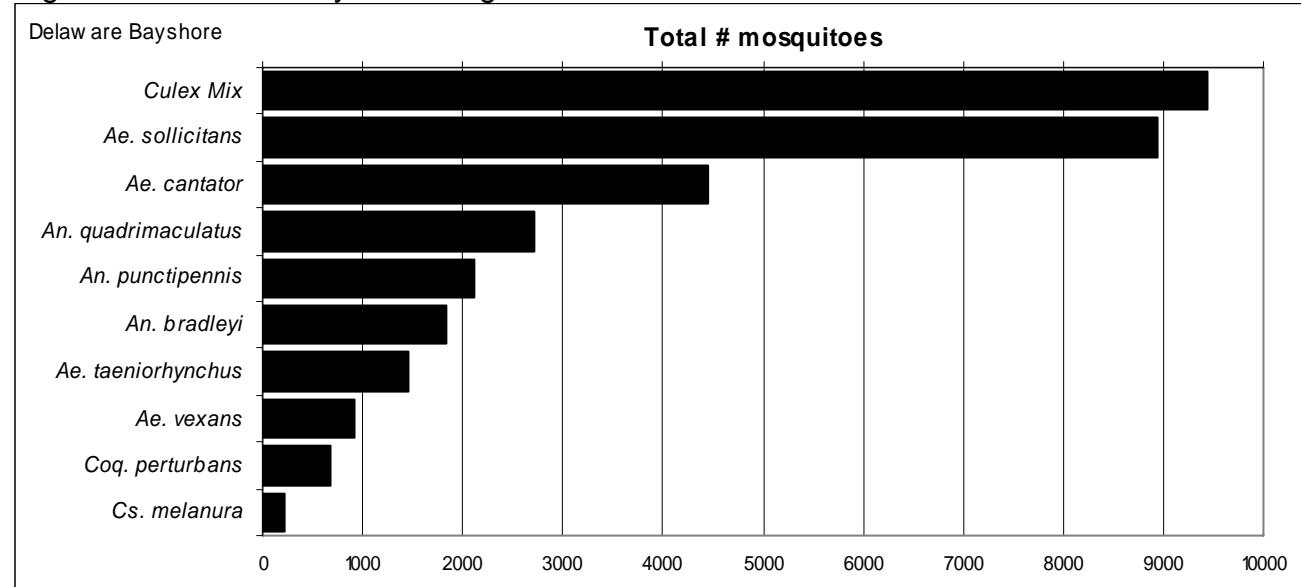


Figure 5. Delaware River Basin Region.

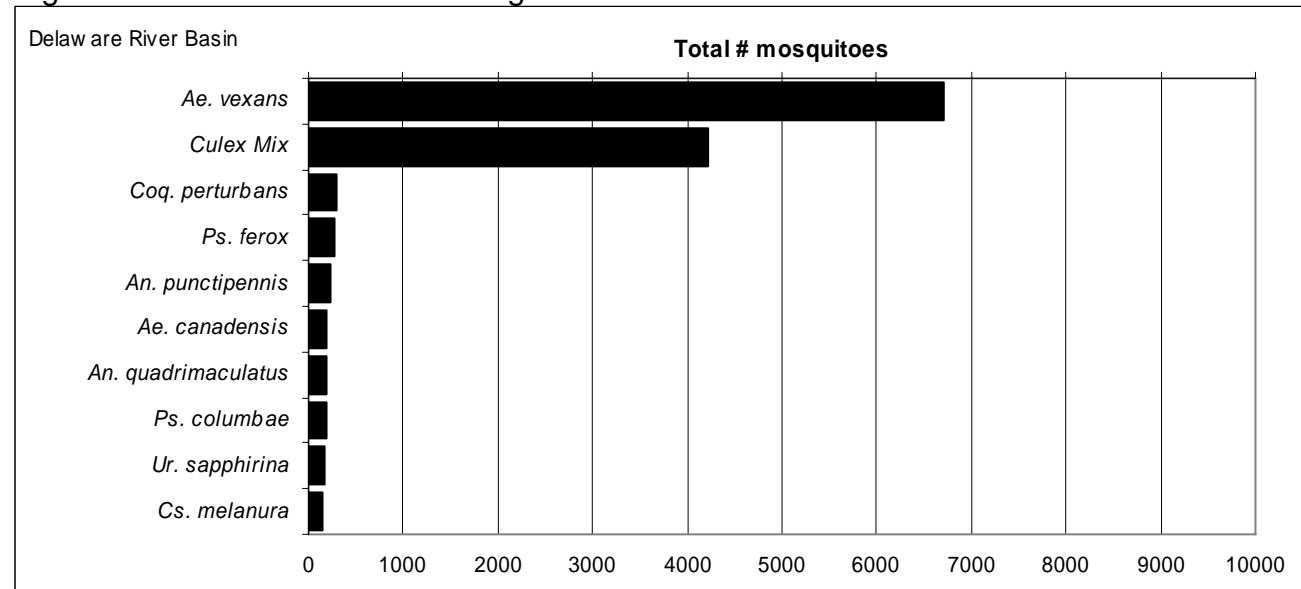


Figure 6. New York Metropolitan Region.

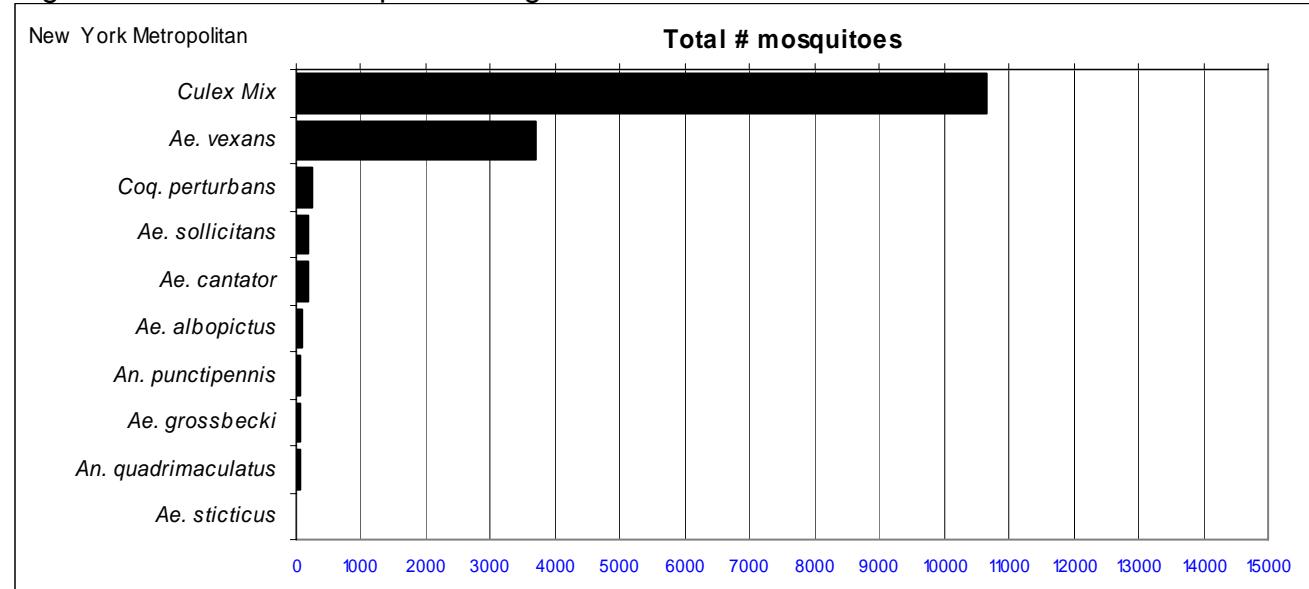


Figure 7. North Central Region.

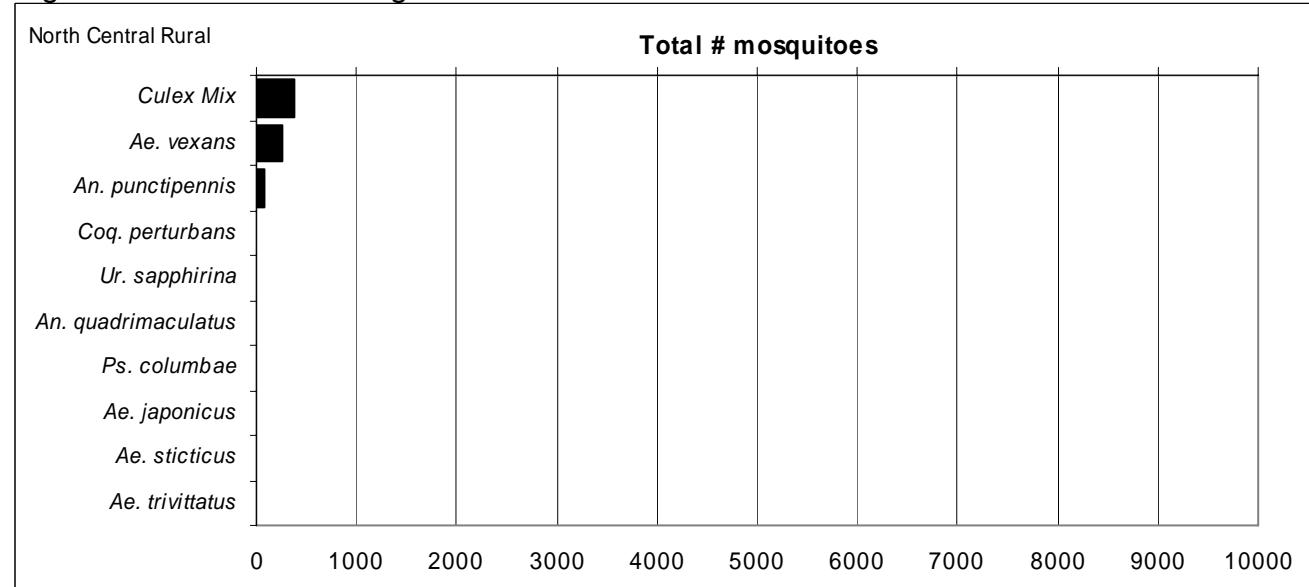


Figure 8. Northwestern Rural Region.

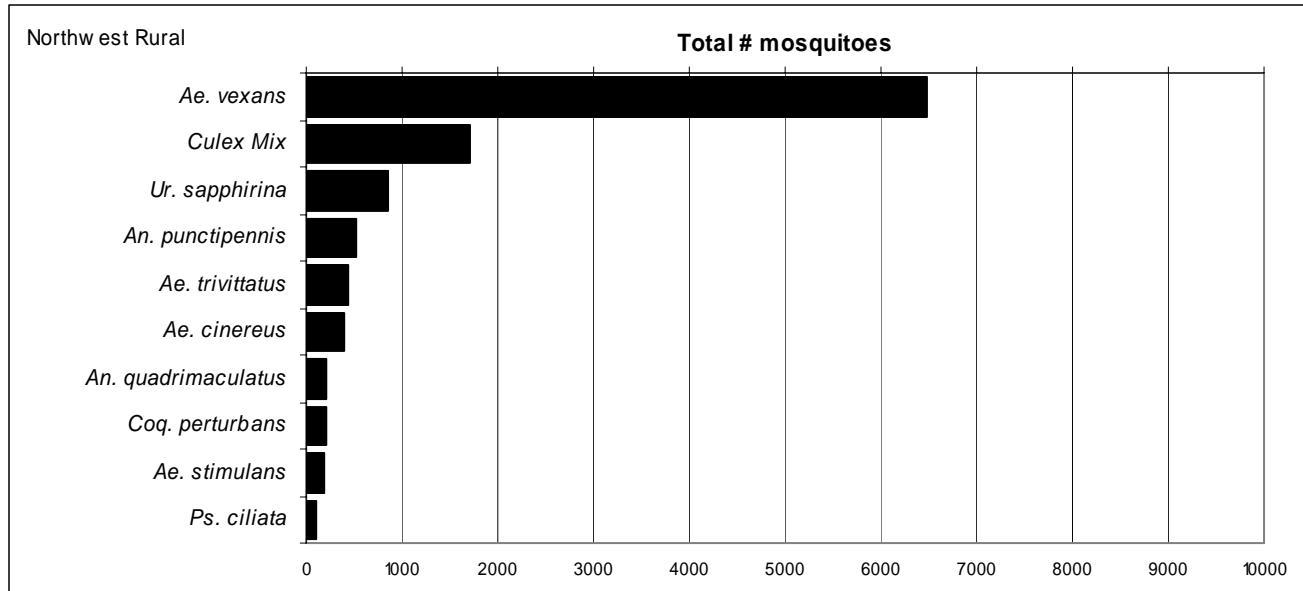


Figure 9. Philadelphia Metropolitan Region.

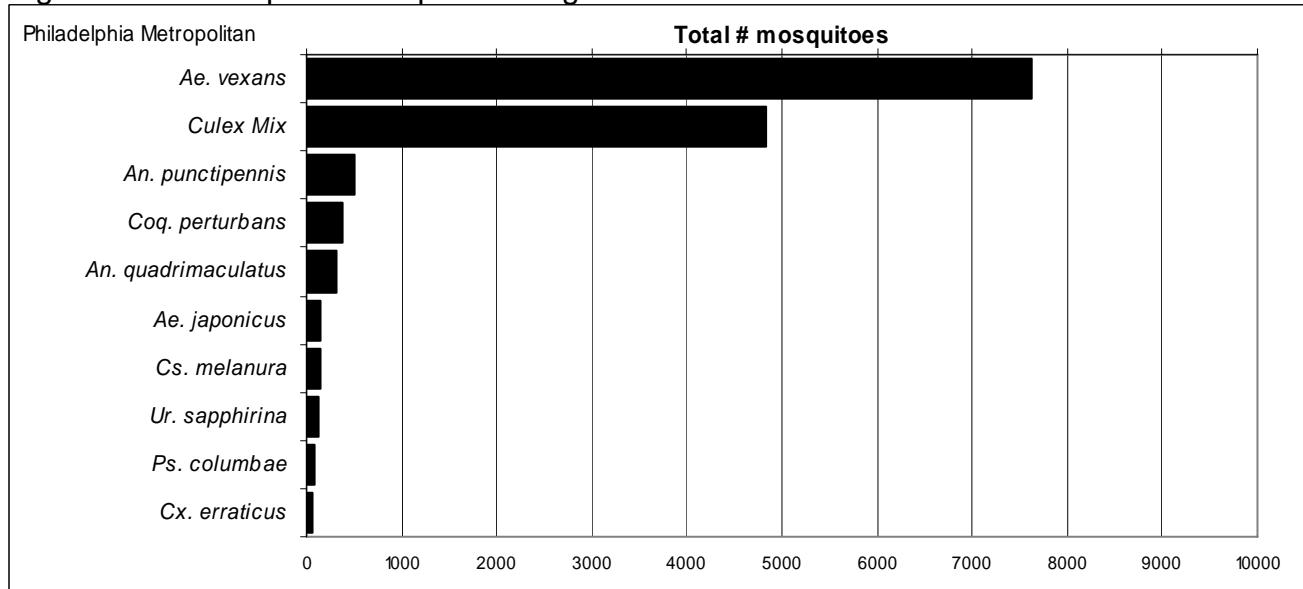


Figure 10. Pinelands Region.

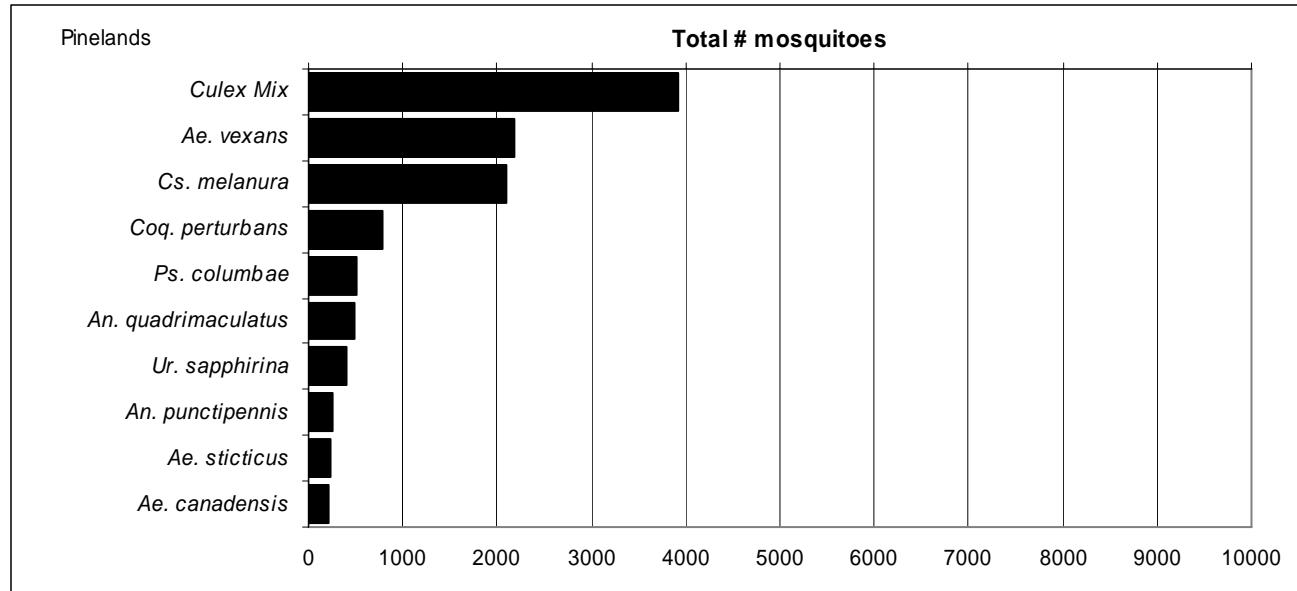
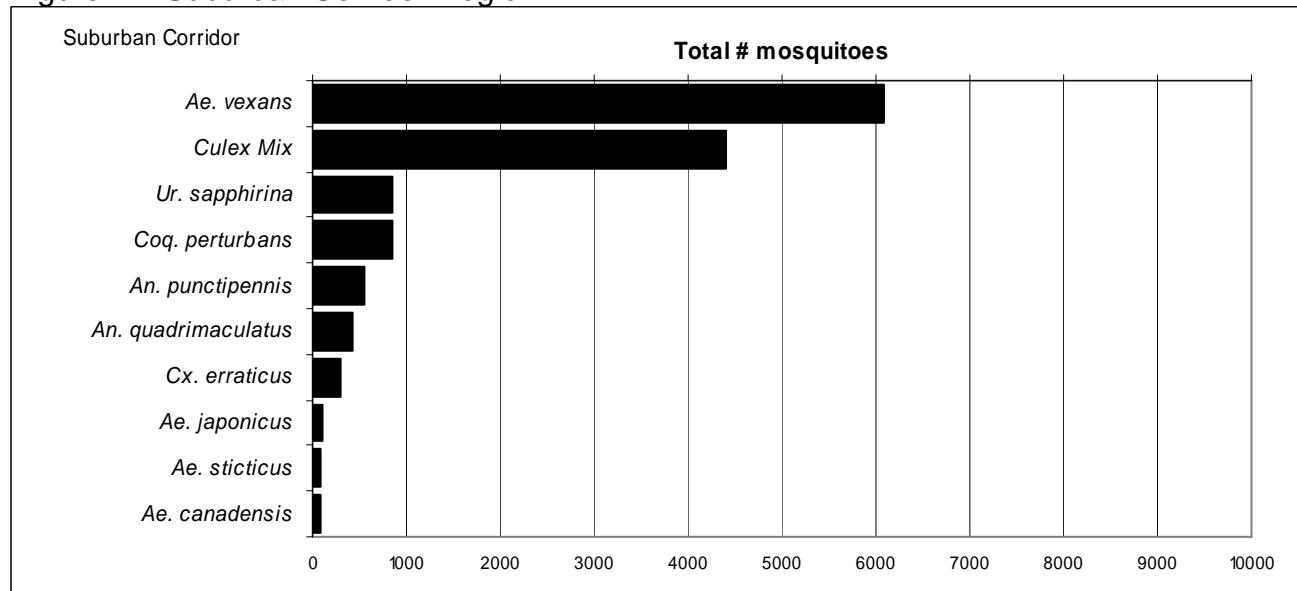


Figure 11. Suburban Corridor Region.



Figures 12-37: Species Summaries. The mosquitoes collected in county operated light traps belong to a series of very different life cycle types as described by Crans (2004). We present the seasonal data for the 26 species from 2007 in the life cycle types below. Historical data was entered for all regions as a running mean encompassing the previous five years. For some regions, historical data is based on fewer than 5 traps. By next year, most of the historical data will be based on the running mean of 5 years as the current dataset becomes incorporated into the historical dataset. Historical data is represented by a solid red line, plotted with error bars, against the black bars of the 2007's dataset:

Univoltine Aedine (*stimulans/canadensis*) Species: Members that belong to this group overwinter as eggs and have a single generation in early spring. The eggs hatch when water temperatures are still quite cold and the adults are usually on the wing during the month of May. In most species, the eggs laid in May and June enter diapause and do not hatch until they are flooded the following year. Some of the members in this group have a generation that reappears in the fall. Most biologists feel that these are eggs that did not hatch during the spring flooding and were left behind as survival insurance. Mosquito species collected in light traps that belong to this group include: *Ae. stimulans*, *Ae. canadensis*, *Ae. sticticus* & *Ae. cinereus*.

Multivoltine Aedine (*vexans*) Species: Members of this group also overwinter as eggs but do not hatch until later in the season when water temperatures rise to ideal levels. These mosquitoes have multiple generations during the summer months that are regulated by flooding patterns. Each period of excessive rainfall produces a major brood. Minor floodings can generate overlapping broods that are usually localized. Mosquito species collected in light traps that belong to this group include: *Ae. vexans*, *Ae. trivittatus*, *Ps. ferox*, *Ps. columbiae*, *Ps. ciliata*

Multivoltine Aedine (*sollicitans*) Species: Members that belong to this group overwinter as eggs but lay them on tidal marshes where lunar tides provide a method to inundate the eggs. There are multiple generations during the summer months with as many as 2 broods each month from May to October. Rainfall can produce egg hatch which complicates the picture. As a result, biting populations can include mosquitoes of mixed age. Mosquito species collected in light traps that belong to this group include: *Ae. sollicitans* & *Ae. cantator*.

Multivoltine Aedine (*triseriatus*) Species: These mosquitoes glue their eggs to the sides of containers above the water line and rely on rains to raise the water level and hatch the eggs. Like other Aedines, they overwinter as eggs and reappear each spring when water temperatures begin to rise. Most members of the group are active during the day and are enter light traps in very low numbers. Mosquito species collected in light traps that belong to this group include: *Ae. triseriatus* & *Ae. japonicus*.

Multivoltine Culex/Anopheline (*quadrimaculatus*) Species: Members that belong to this group have a life cycle strategy that is very similar to the Multivoltine *Culex*. They overwinter as mated females and build their populations over the course of the summer. They are included as a separate group because they represent an entire genus. Mosquito species collected in light traps that belong to this group include: *An. quadrimaculatus*, *Cx. territans* & *Cx. erraticus*.

Multivoltine Culex/Anopheline (*salinarius*) Species: Members of this group overwinter as mated females that will lay eggs in a variety of brackish water, showing a wide degree of salt tolerance. Larvae generally reach highest numbers in brackish water and with

multiple generations, the populations can build throughout the season. *An. bradleyi* is an example of this type. *note* *Culex salinarius* is grouped with the Culex Complex due to the difficulty in distinguishing this species with *Culex pipiens* and *Culex restuans*.

Multivoltine Culex/Anopheline (*pipiens*) Species: Members that belong to this group overwinter as mated females. Populations in early spring are represented by mosquitoes that survived the winter and the numbers are at relatively low levels. These mosquitoes cannot become active until night time temperatures enter the 60's, thus host seeking and oviposition is delayed until late May or June. The first generation of larvae takes time to develop and populations do not build until mid-summer at the earliest. As soon as night time temperatures begin to cool down, the mosquitoes mate, seek winter hibernaculae, enter diapause and hibernate. Only the females survive in this group. Males will not appear until the eggs hatch very late the following spring. Mosquito species collected in light traps that belong to this group include: The *Culex* Complex, *An. punctipennis*

Miscellaneous Group: The members in this group have little in common because each utilizes a unique life cycle strategy. The mosquito species collected in light traps that we have included in the group include: *Cq. perturbans*, *Cs. melanura* & *An. walkeri*.

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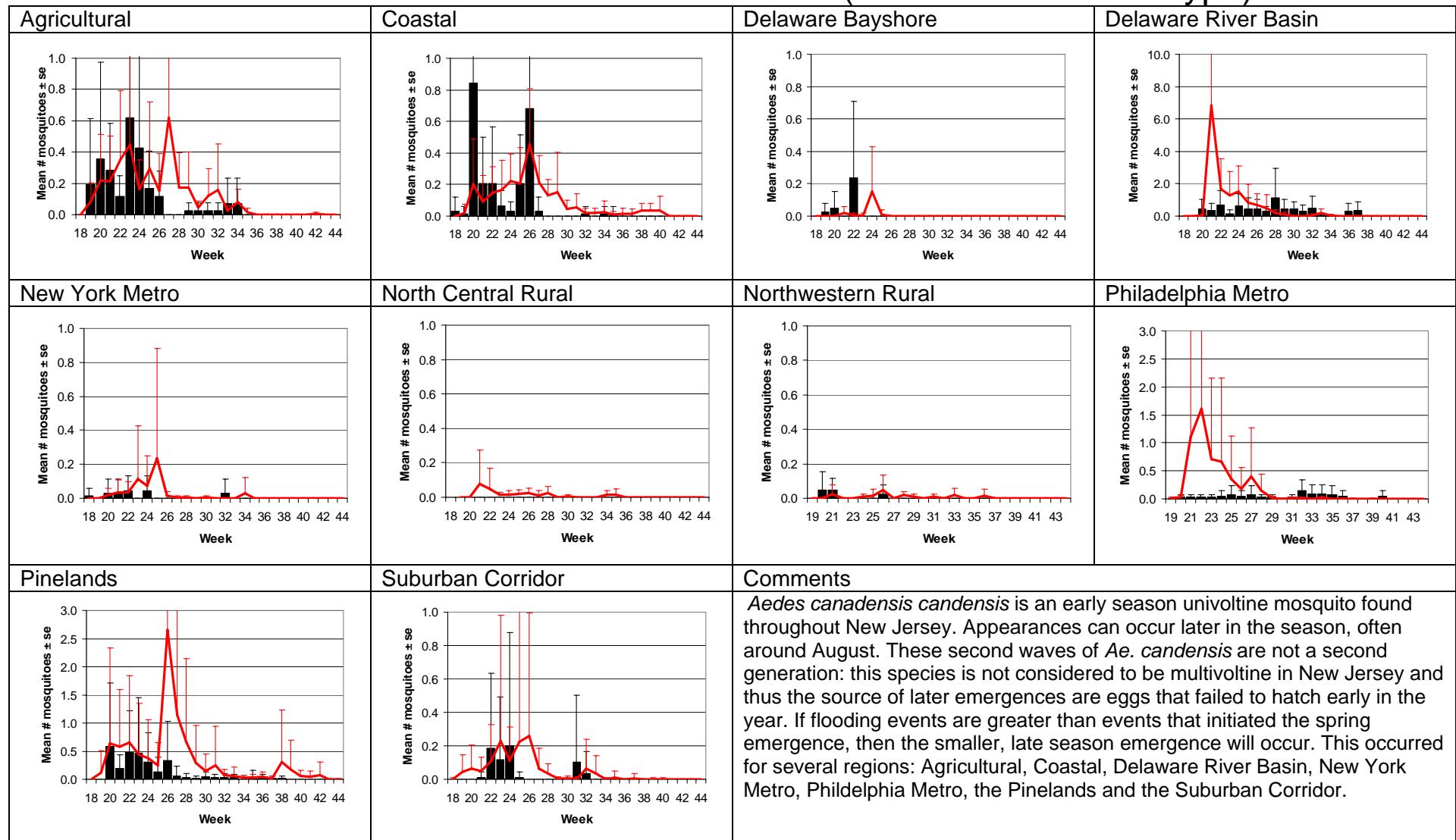
Aedes canadensis – Univoltine Aedine (*Aedes canadensis* Type)

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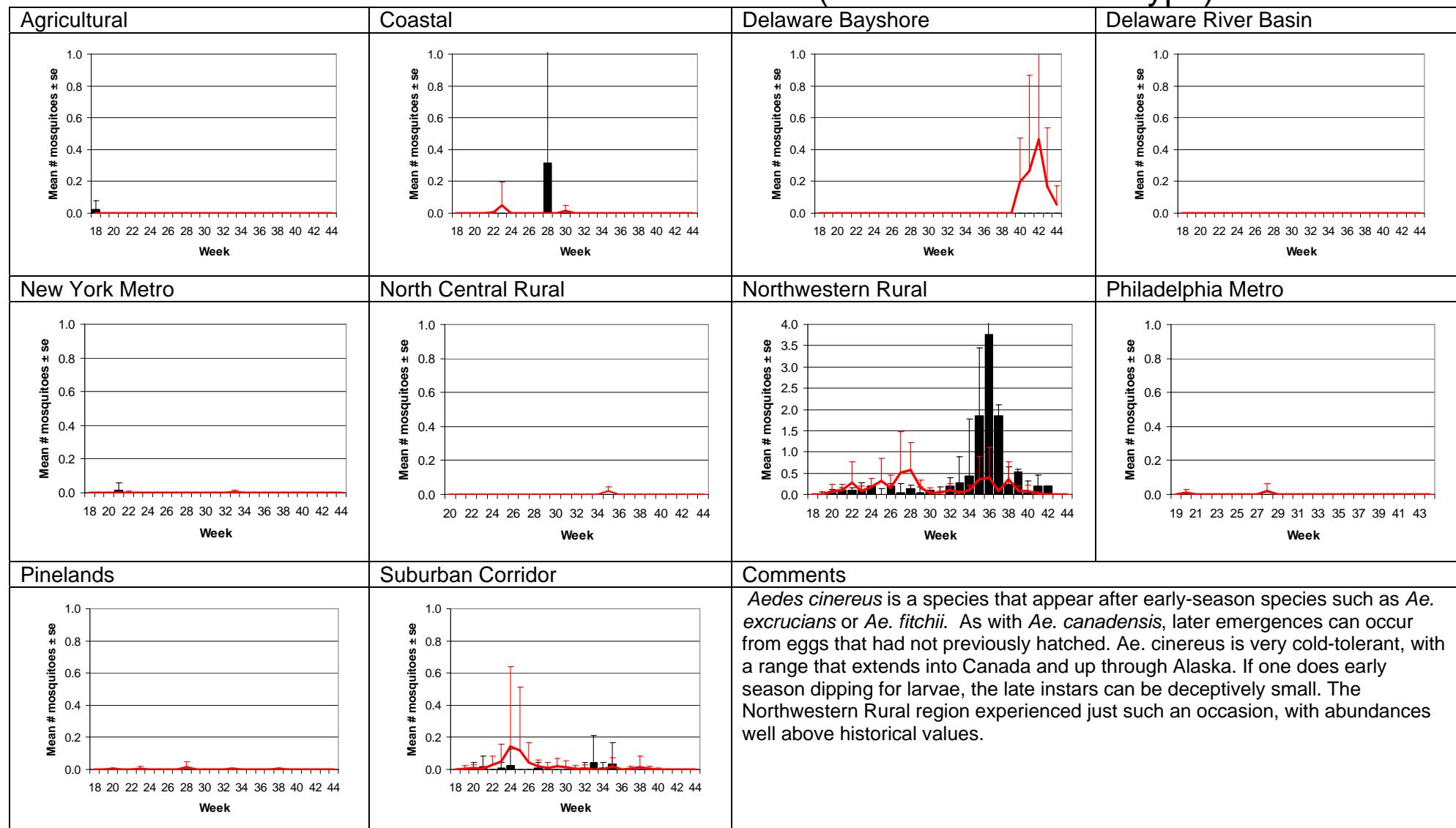
Aedes cinereus – Univoltine Aedine (*Aedes canadensis* Type)

Figure 14.

Aedes grossbecki – Univoltine Aedine (Ae. stimulans Type)

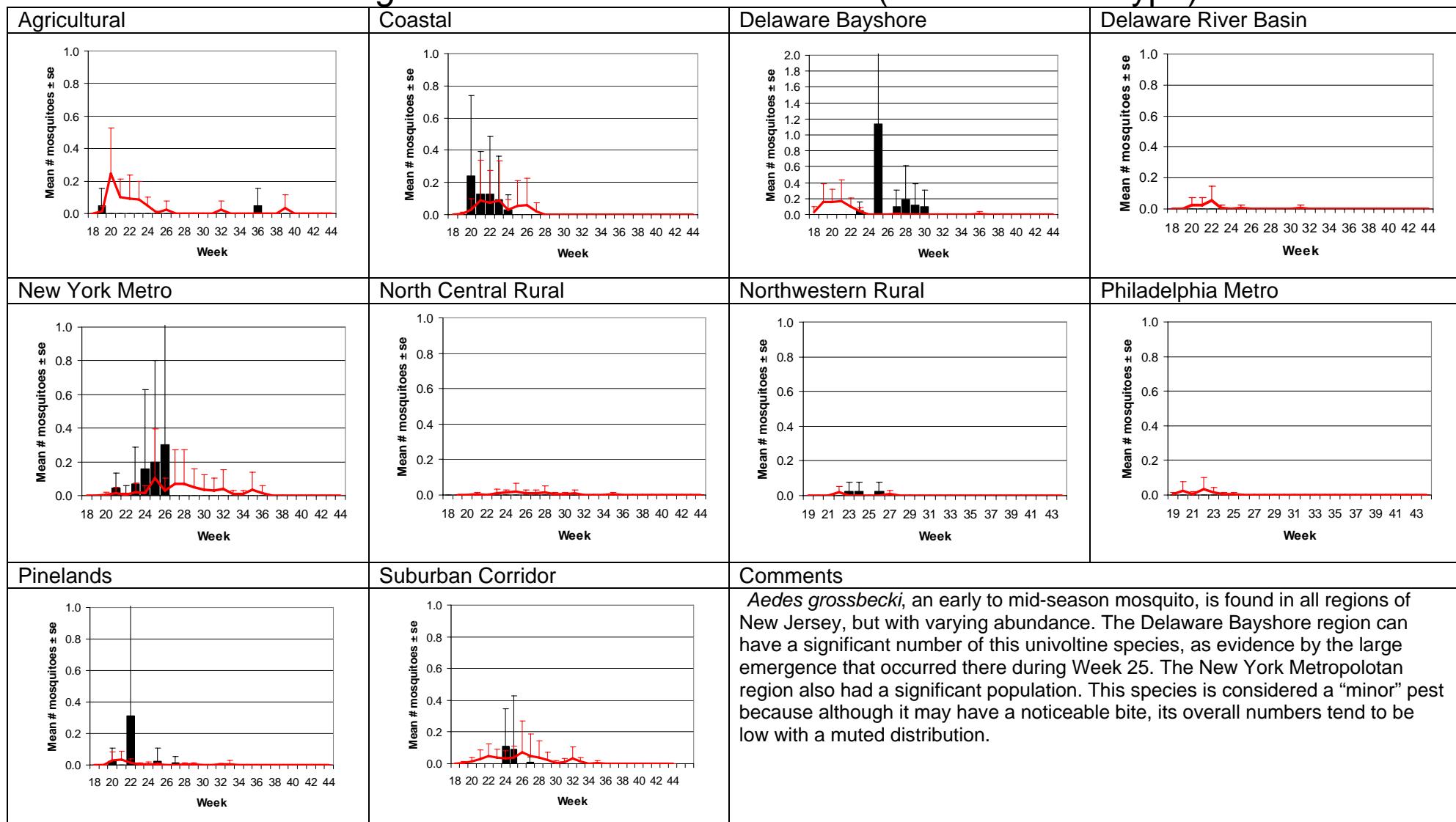


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Aedes sticticus – Univoltine Aedine (*Aedes canadensis* Type)

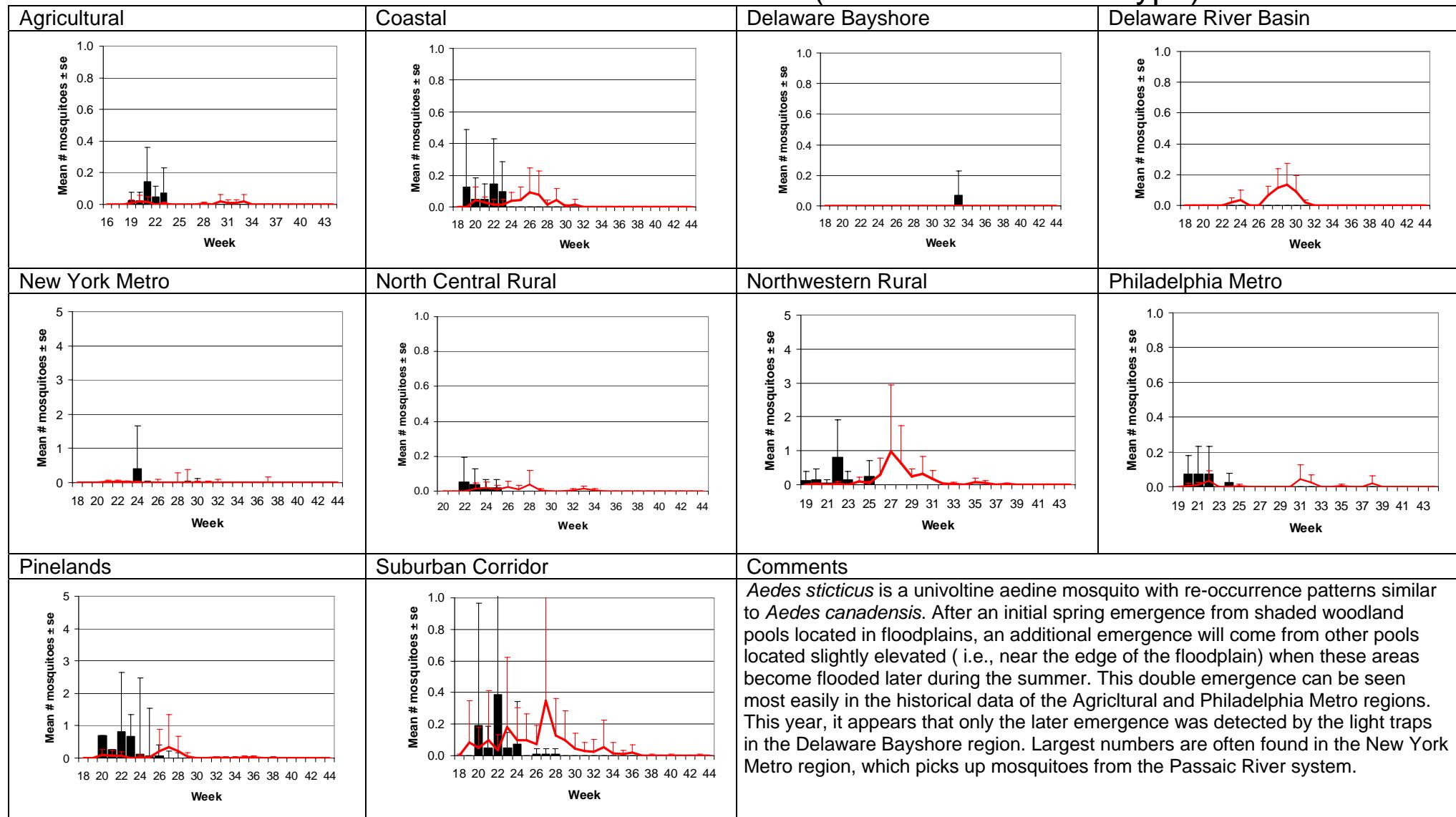


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Aedes stimulans – Univoltine Aedine (Ae. stimulans Type)

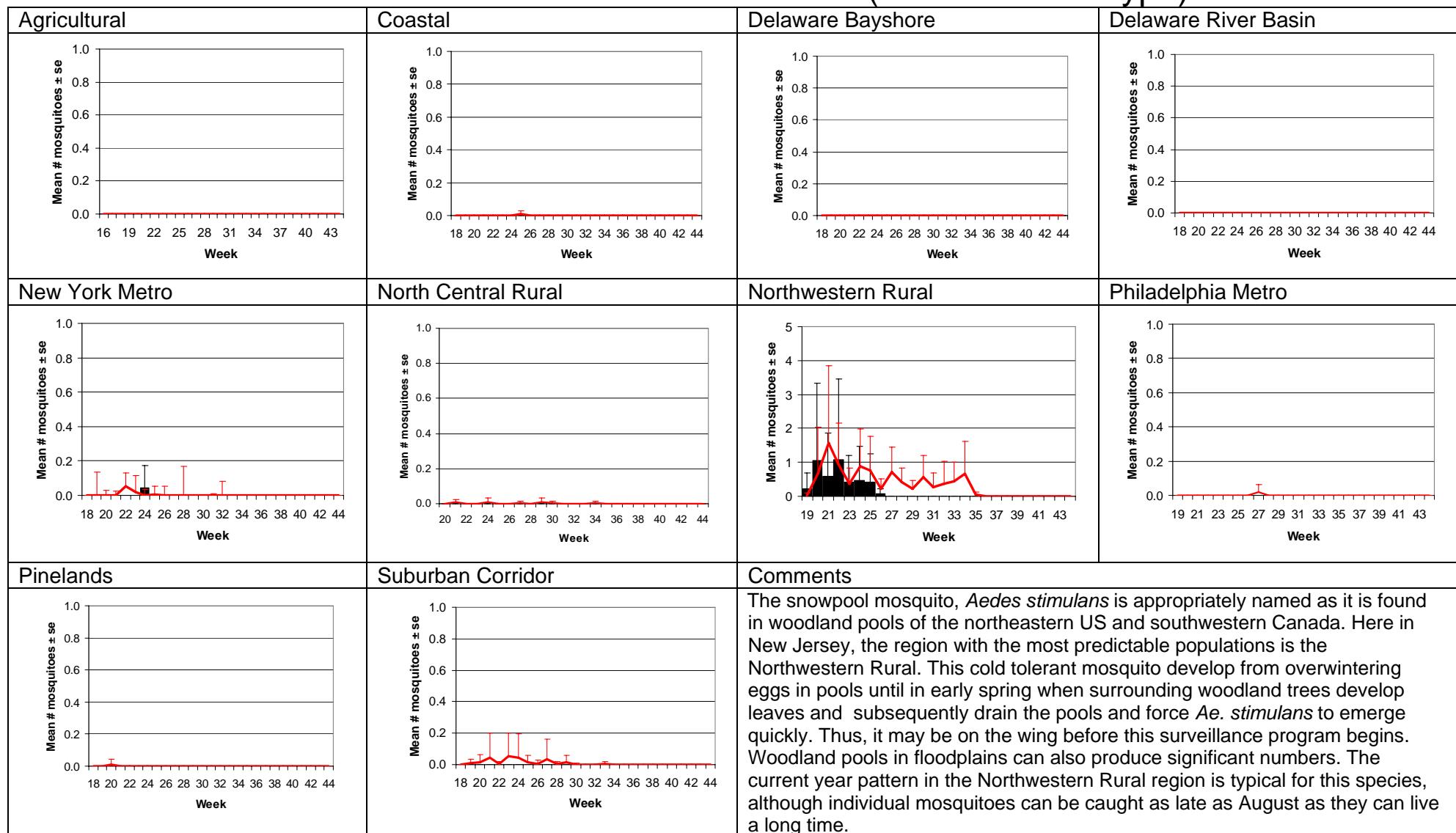


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Aedes vexans – Multivoltine Aedine (Ae. vexans Type)

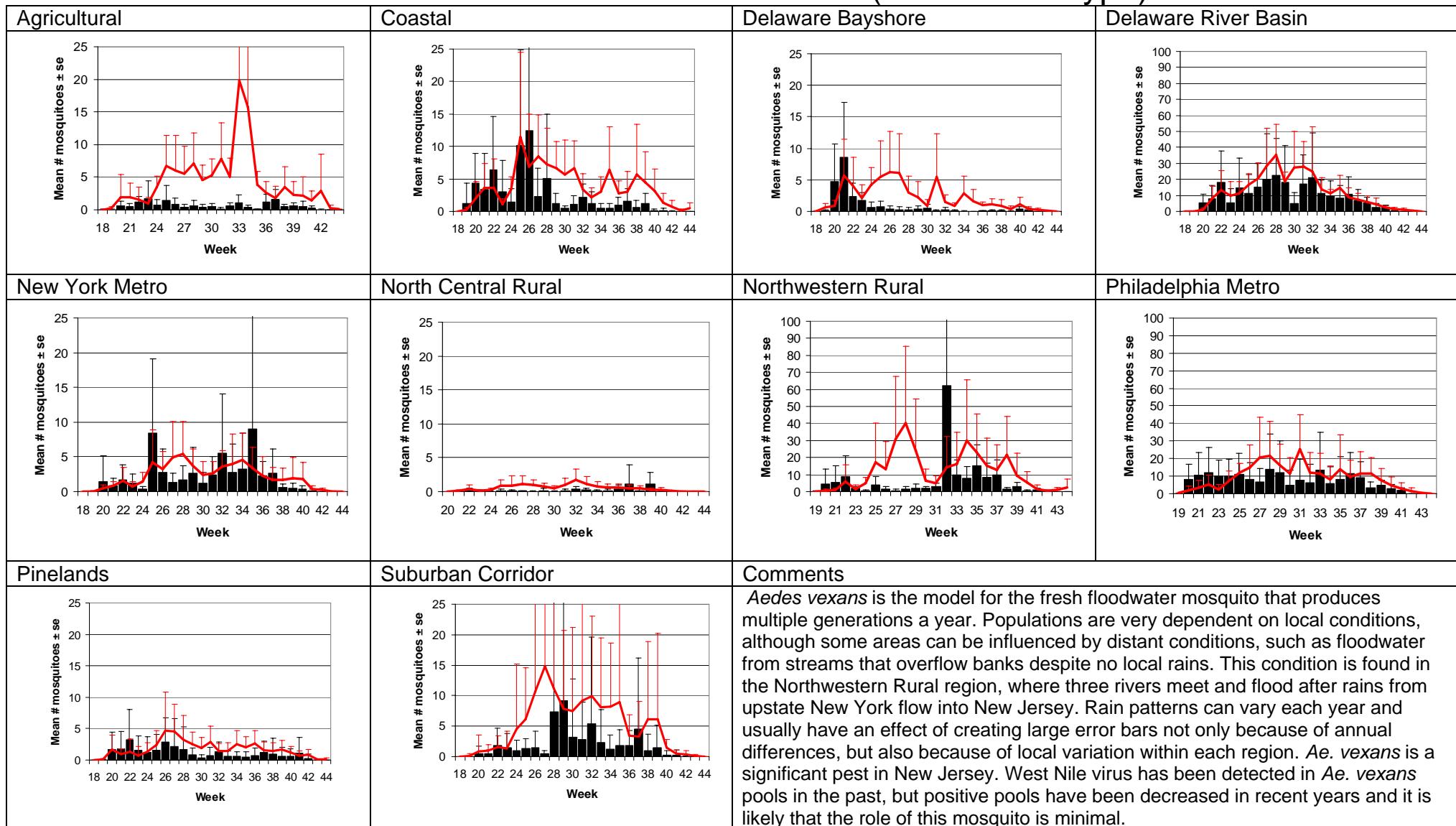


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Aedes trivittatus – Multivoltine Aedine (Ae. vexans Type)

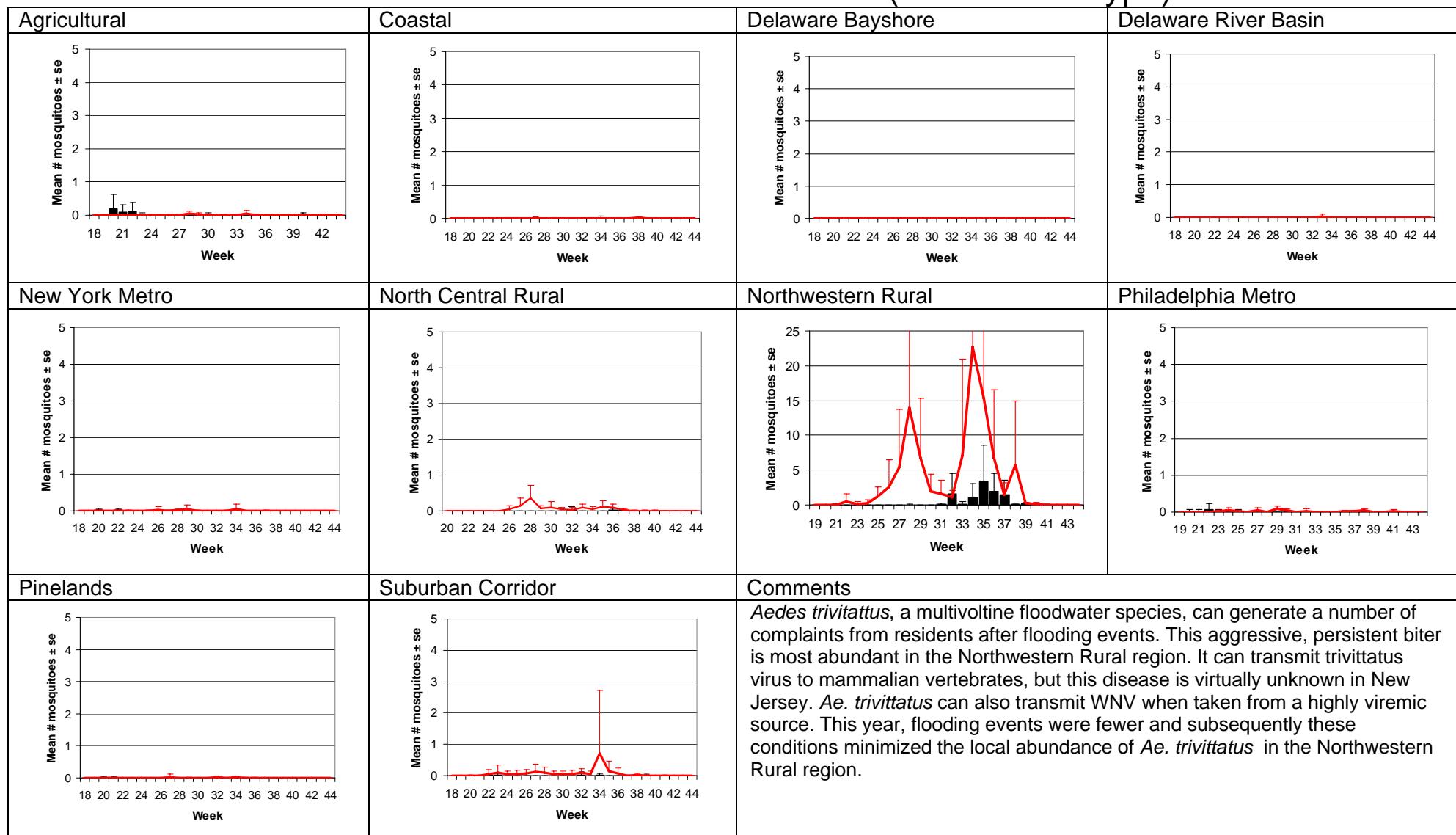


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Psorophora ciliata – Multivoltine Aedine (Ae. vexans Type)

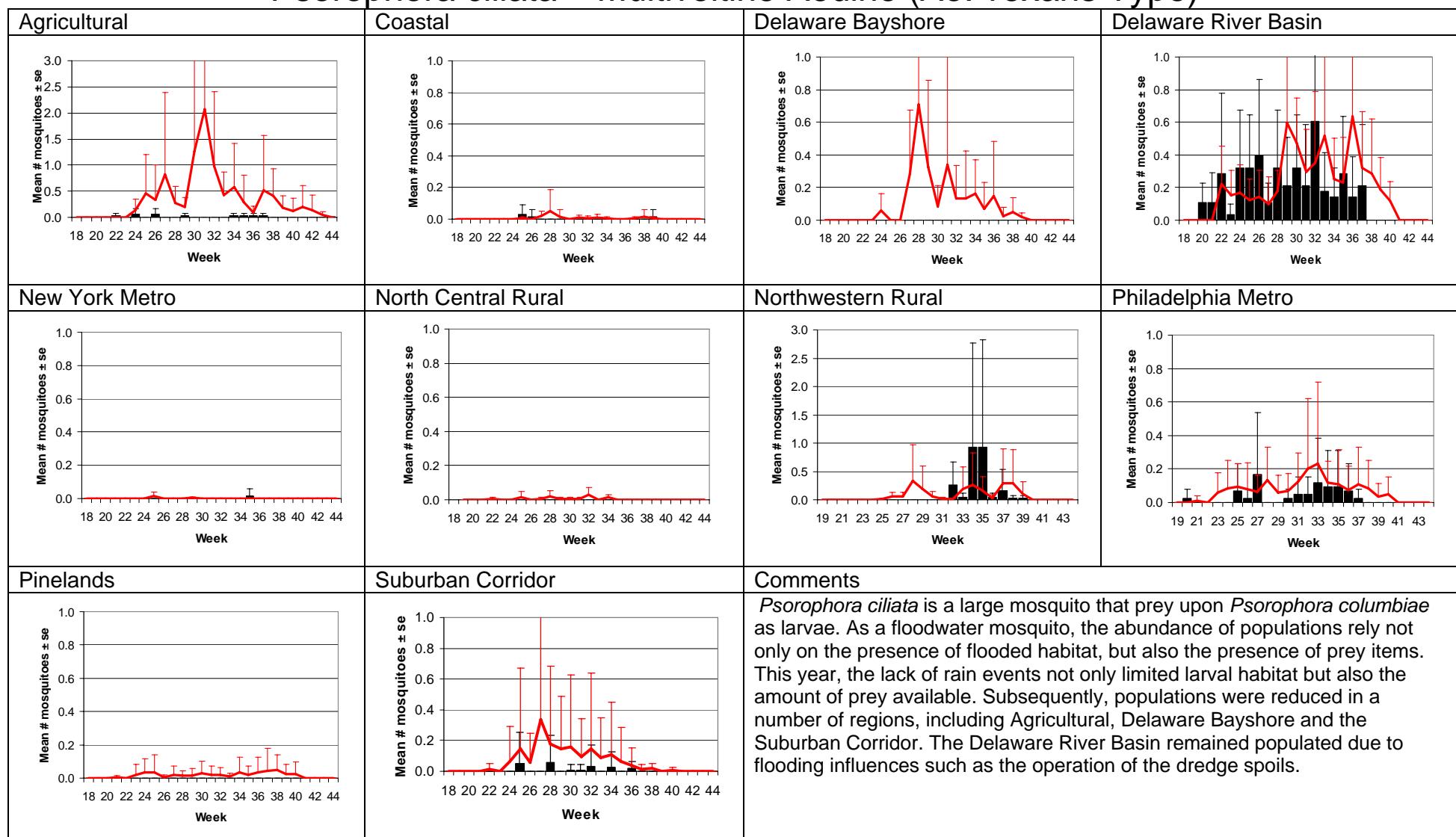


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Psorophora columbiae – Multivoltine Aedine (Ae. vexans Type)

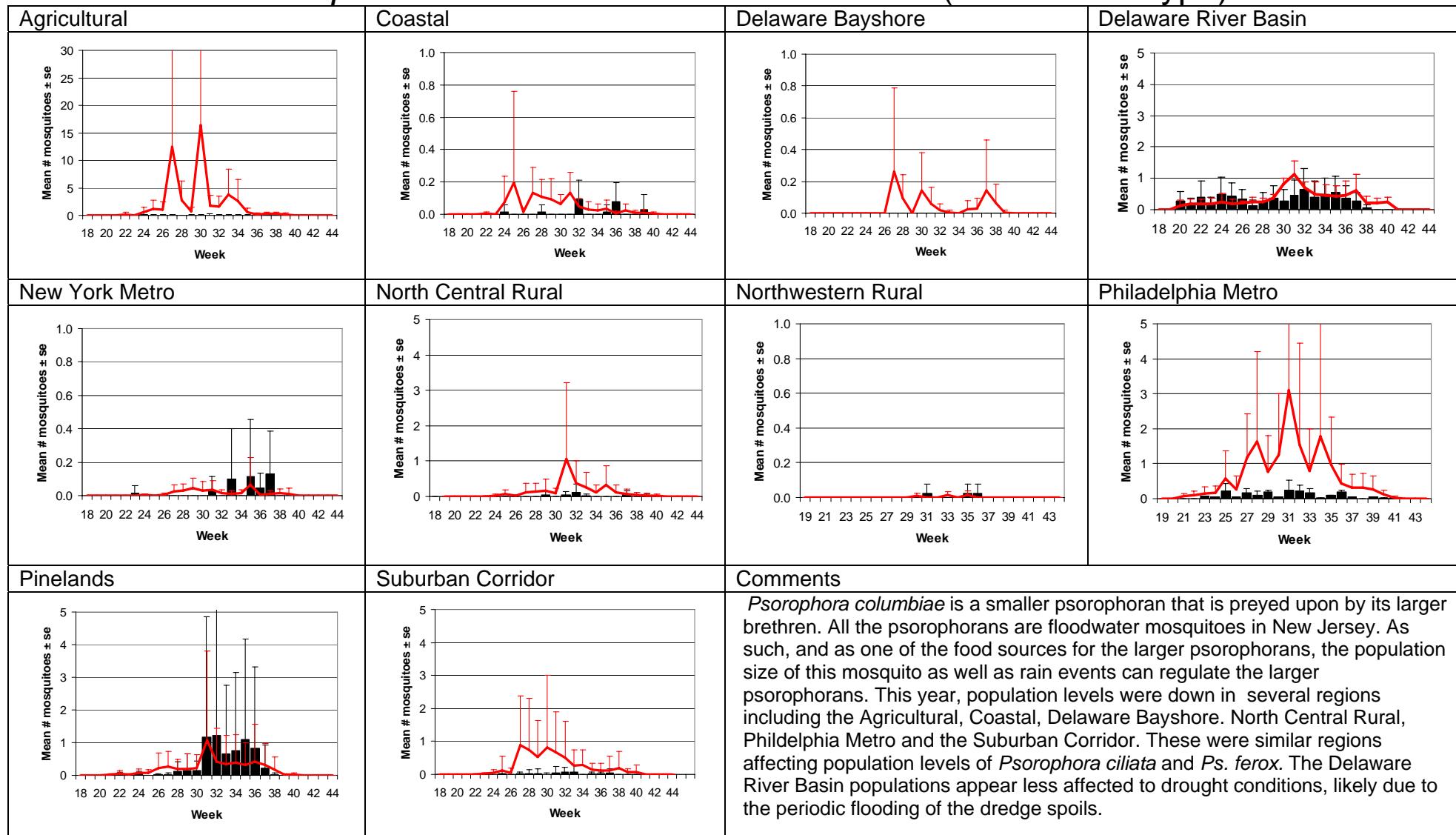


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Psorophora ferox – Multivoltine Aedine (Ae. vexans Type)

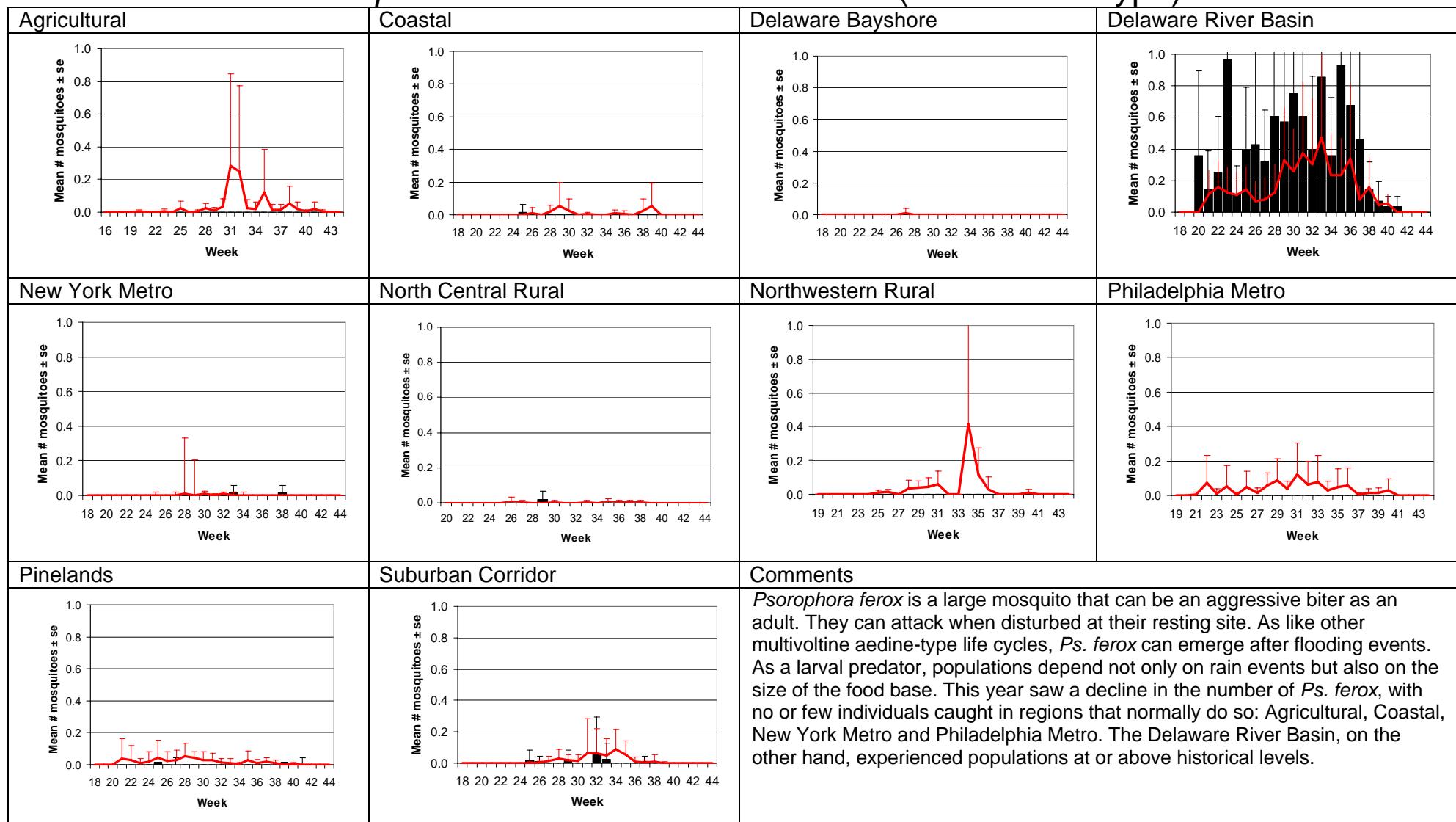


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Aedes sollicitans – Multivoltine Aedine (*Aedes sollicitans* Type)

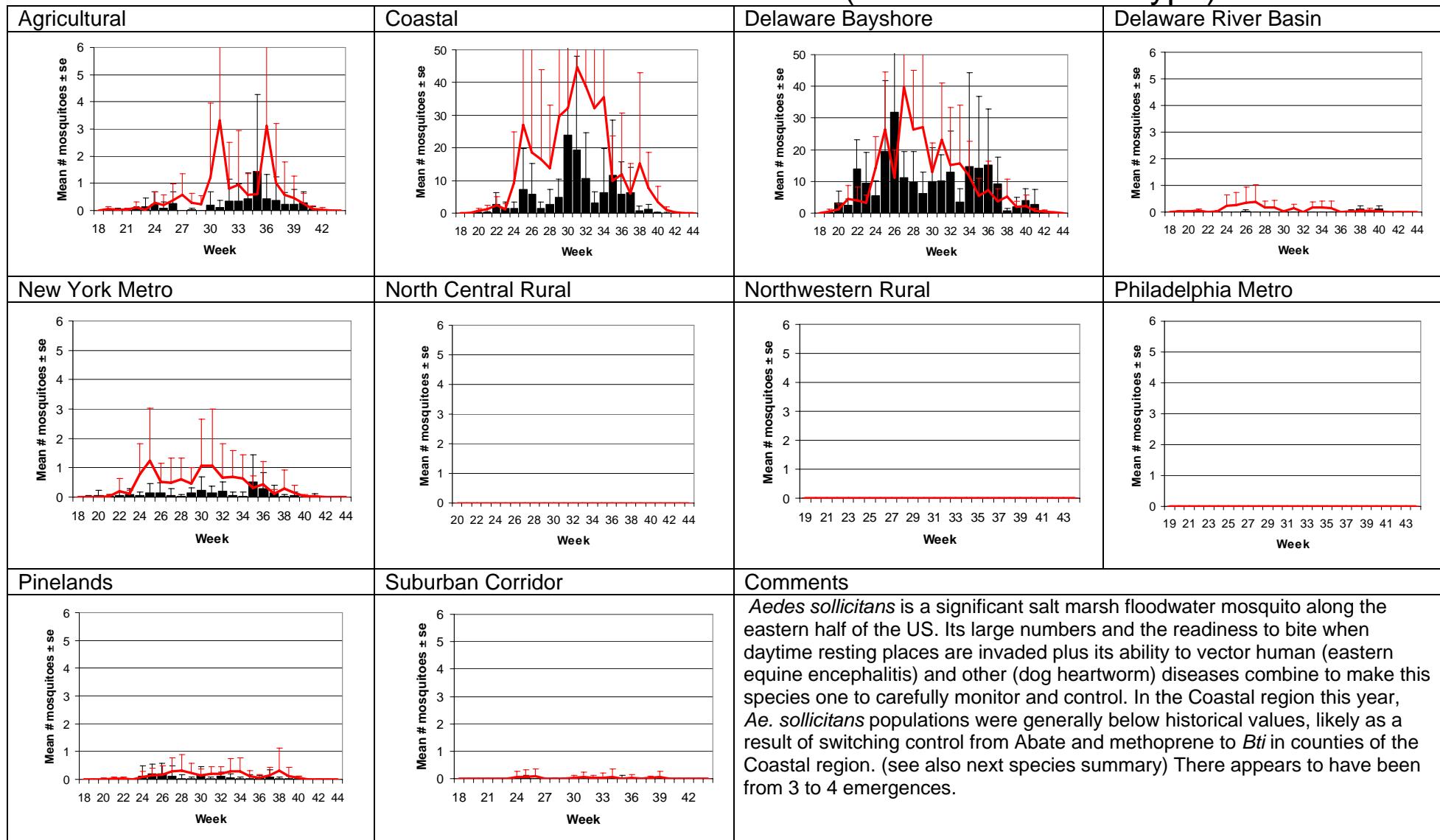


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Aedes cantator – Multivoltine Aedine (*Aedes sollicitans* Type)

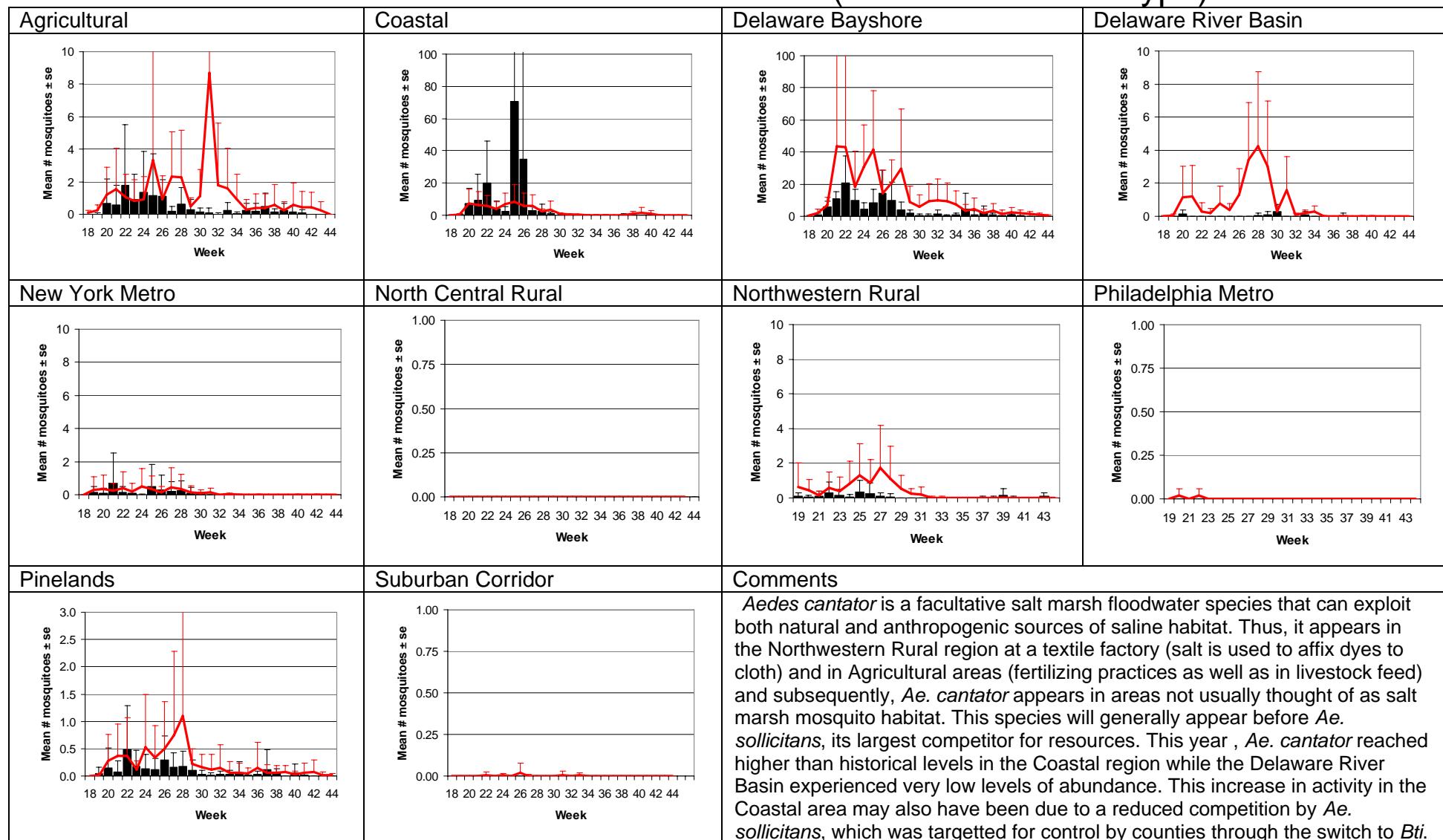


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Aedes taeniorhynchus – Multivoltine Aedine (*Aedes sollicitans* Type)

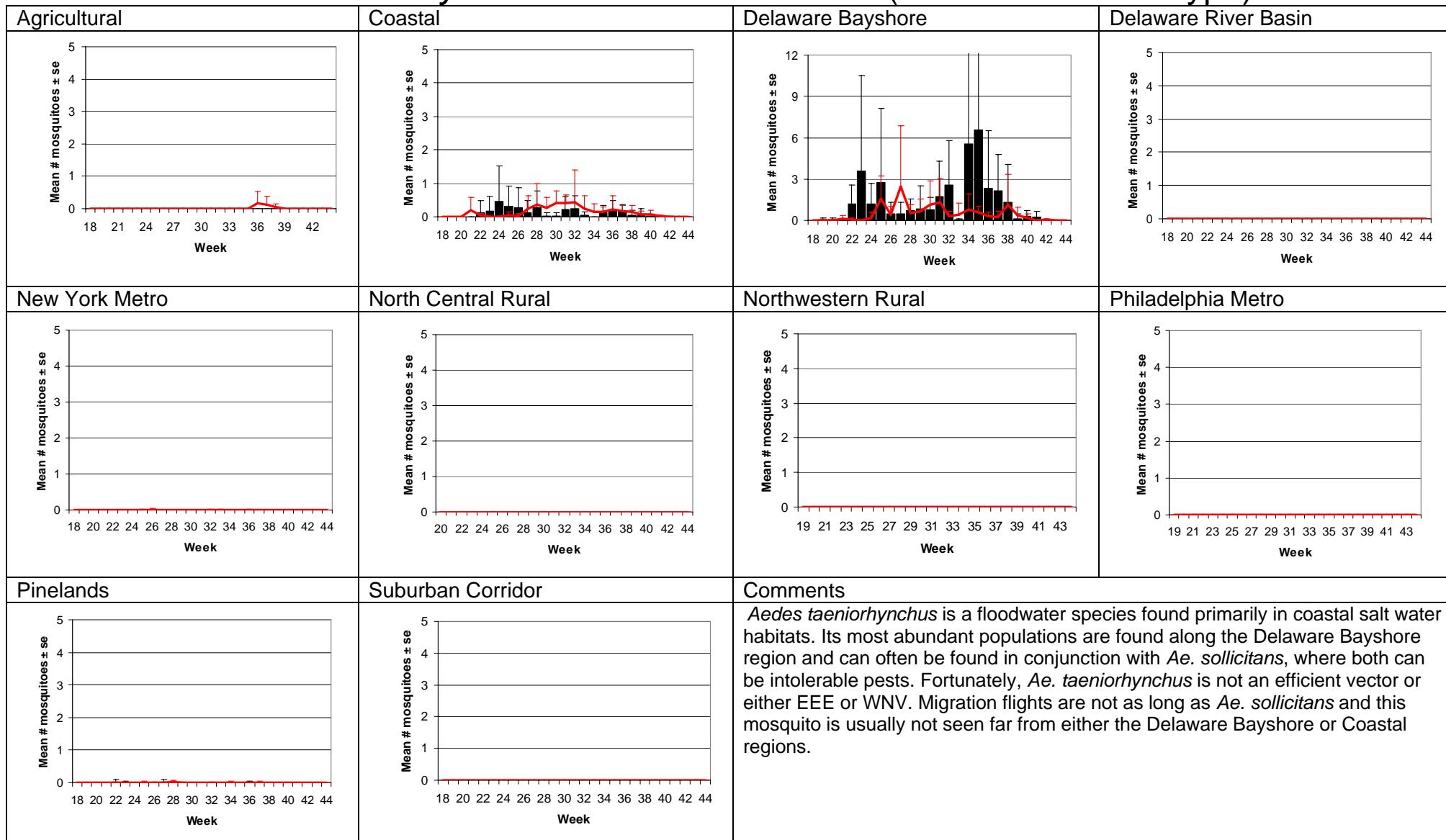


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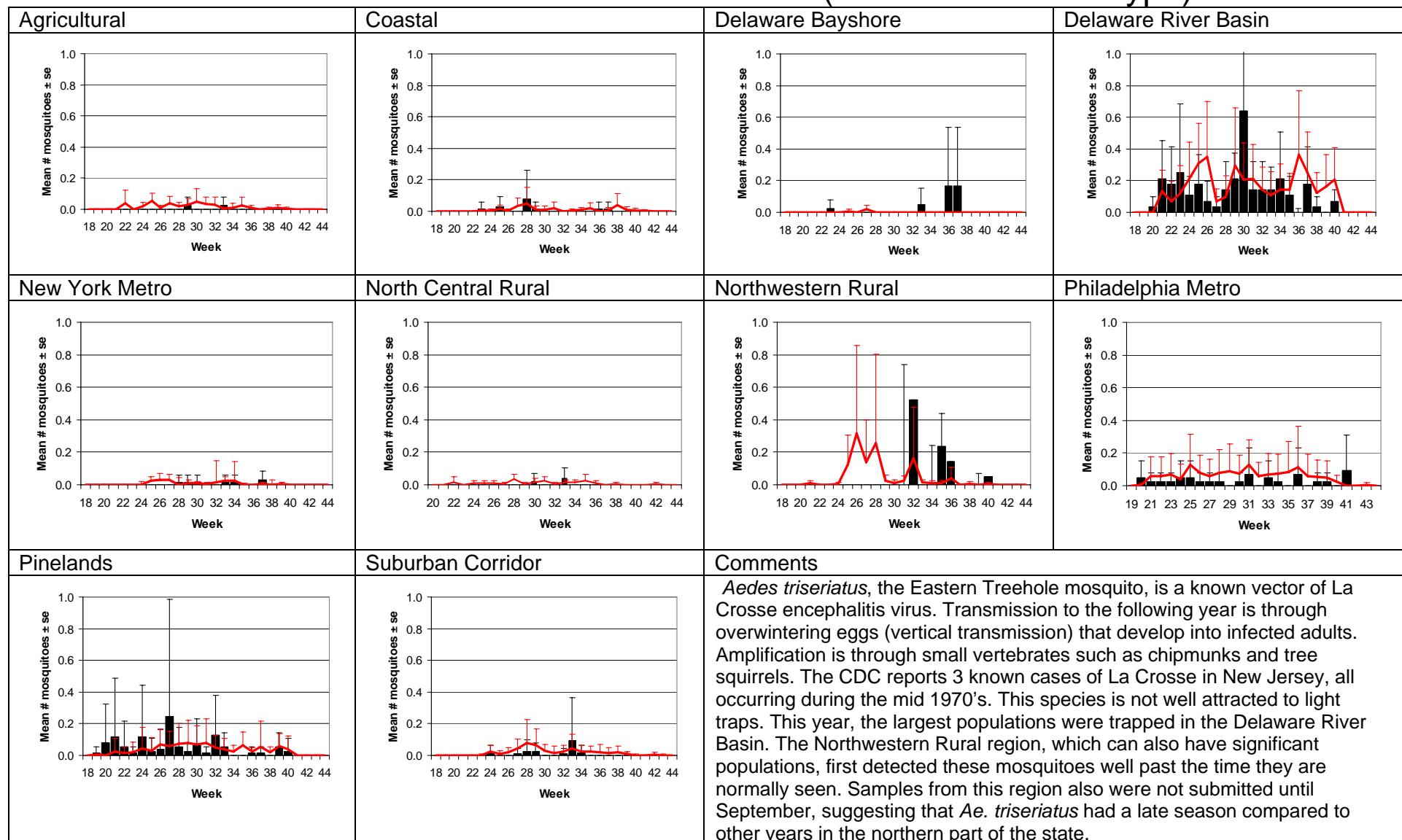
Aedes triseriatus – Multivoltine Aedine (*Aedes triseriatus* Type)

Figure 26.

Aedes albopictus – Multivoltine Aedine (*Aedes triseriatus* Type)

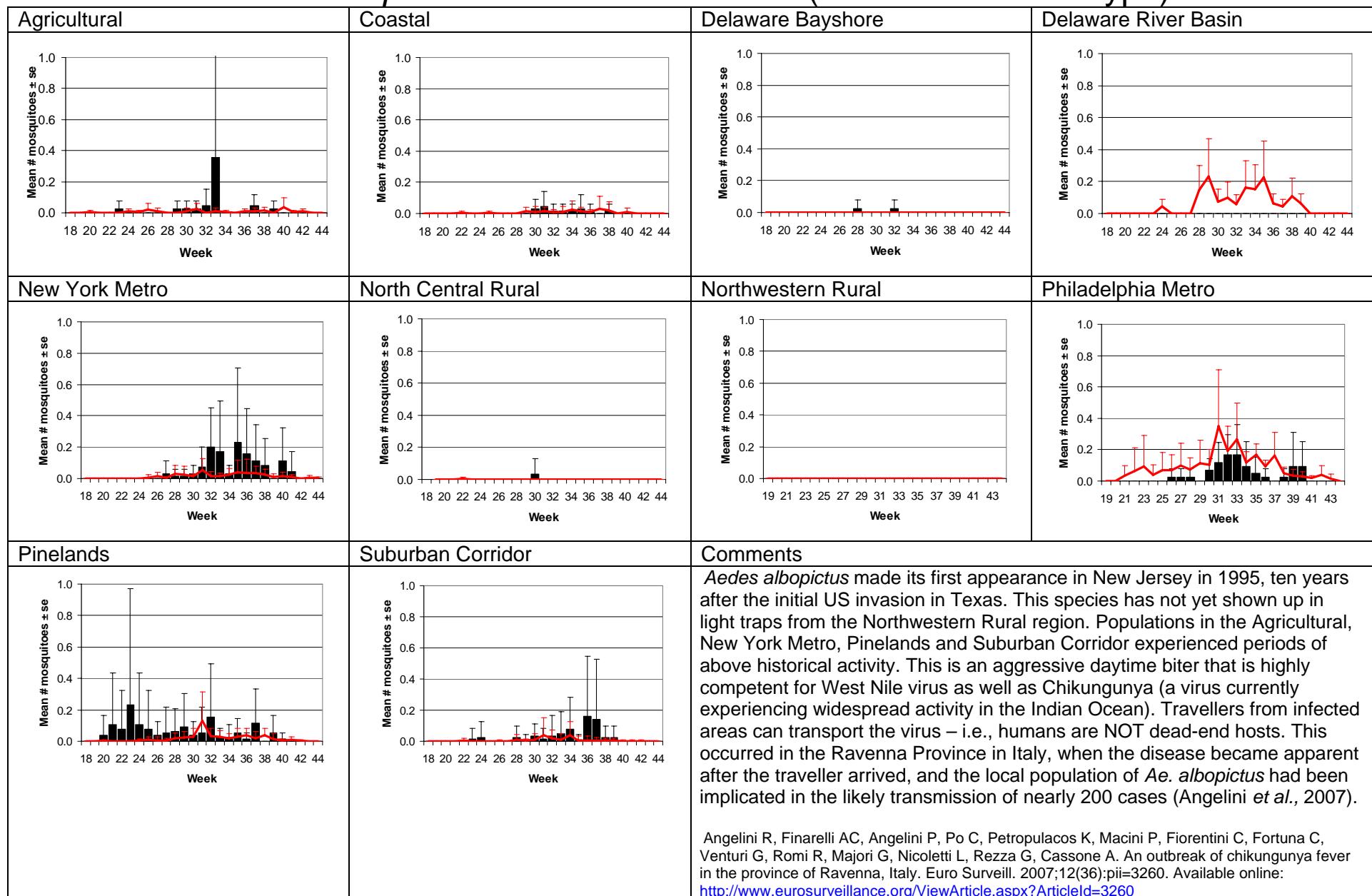


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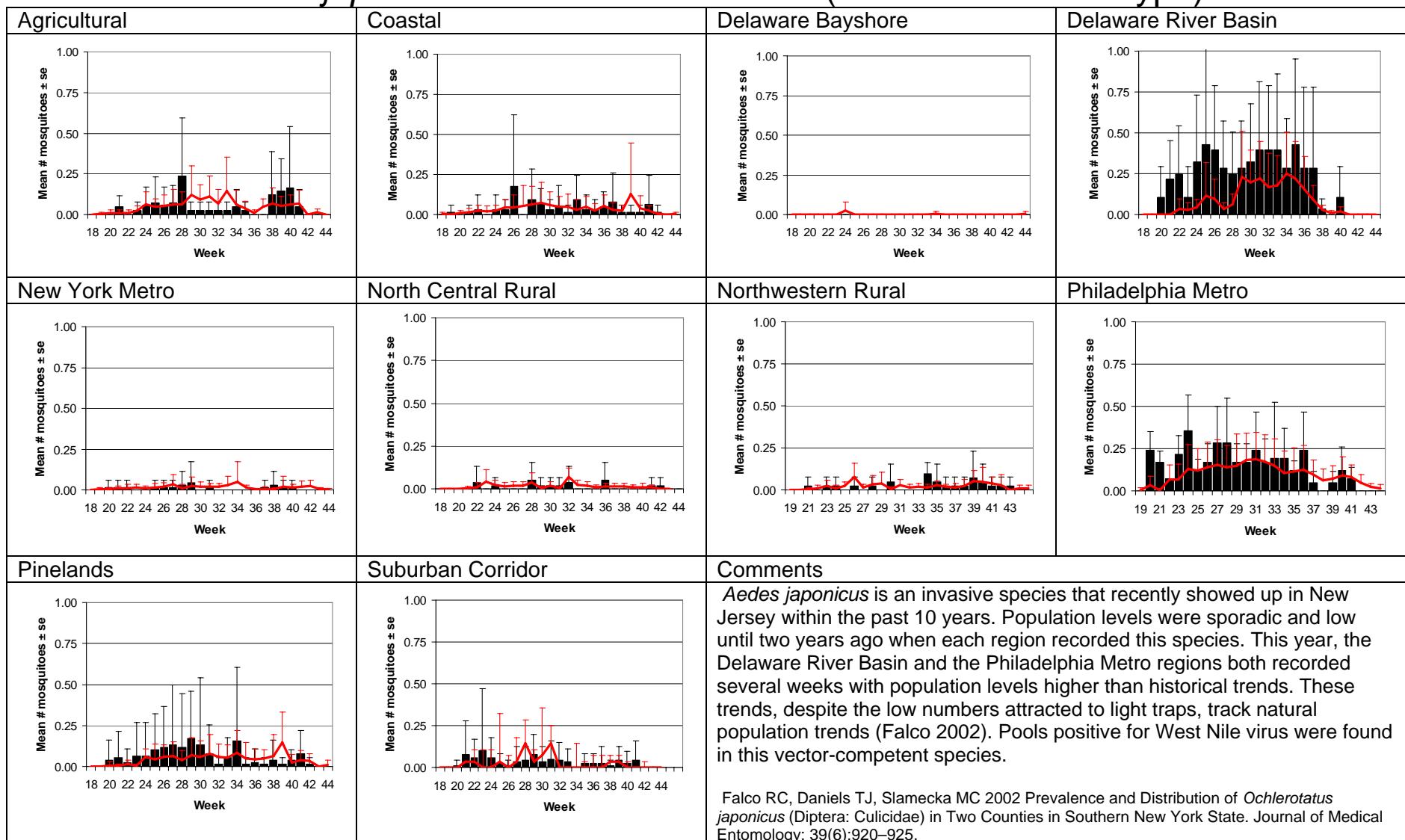
Aedes japonicus – Multivoltine Aedine (*Aedes triseriatus* Type)

Figure 28.

Anopheles quadrimaculatus – Culex/Anopheles (An. quadrimaculatus Type)

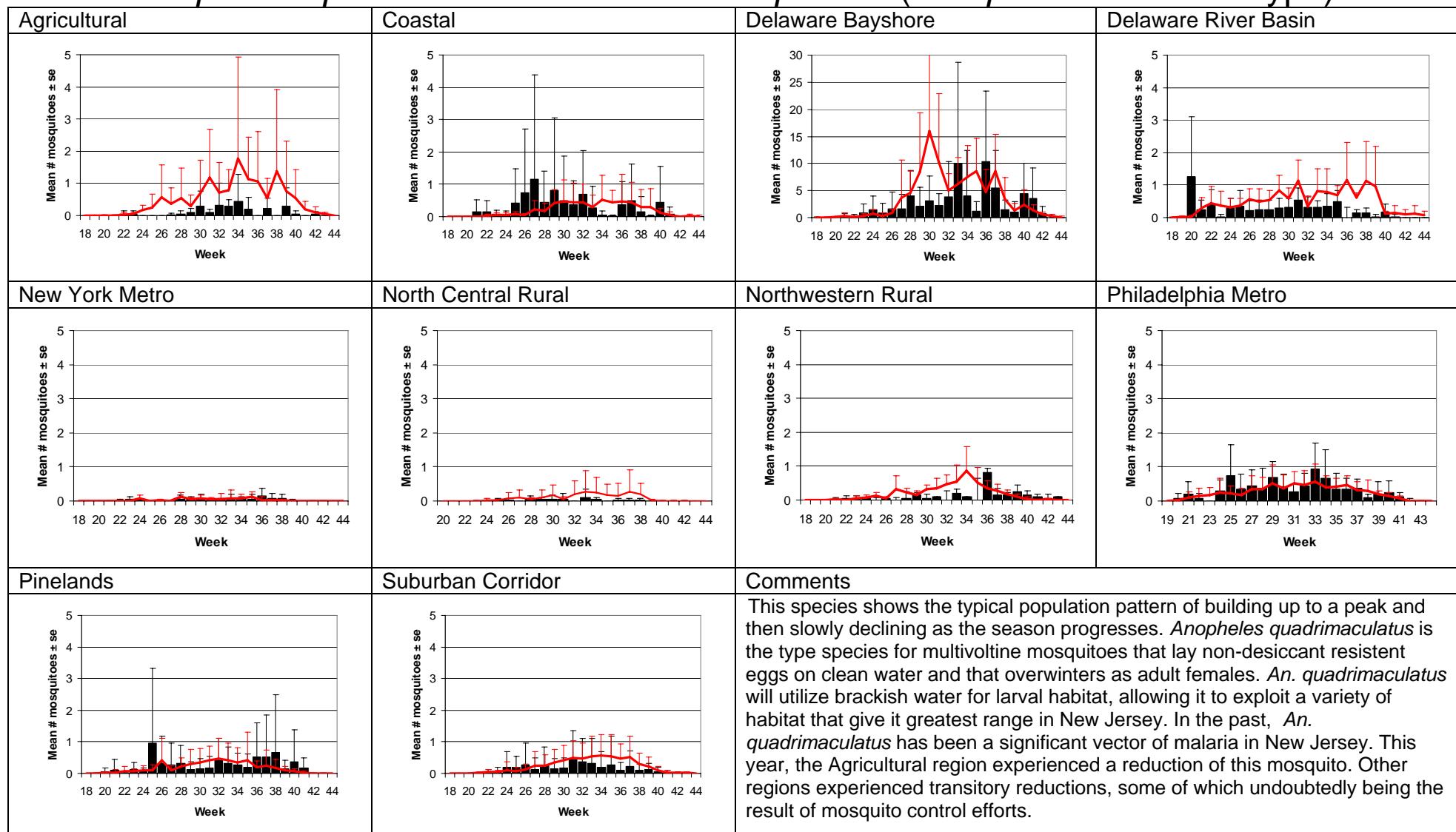


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Culex erraticus – *Culex/Anopheles* (An. quadrimaculatus Type)

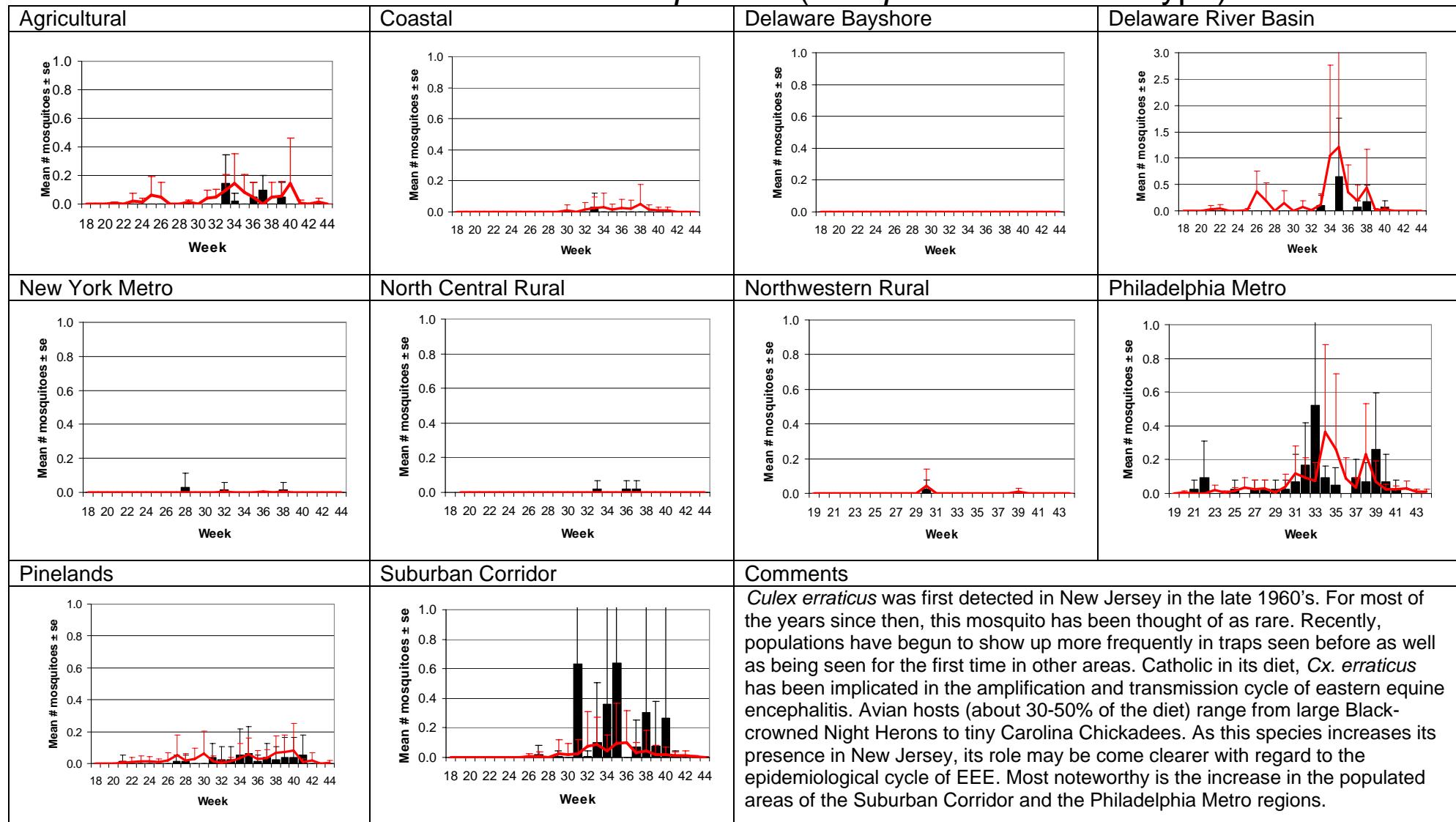


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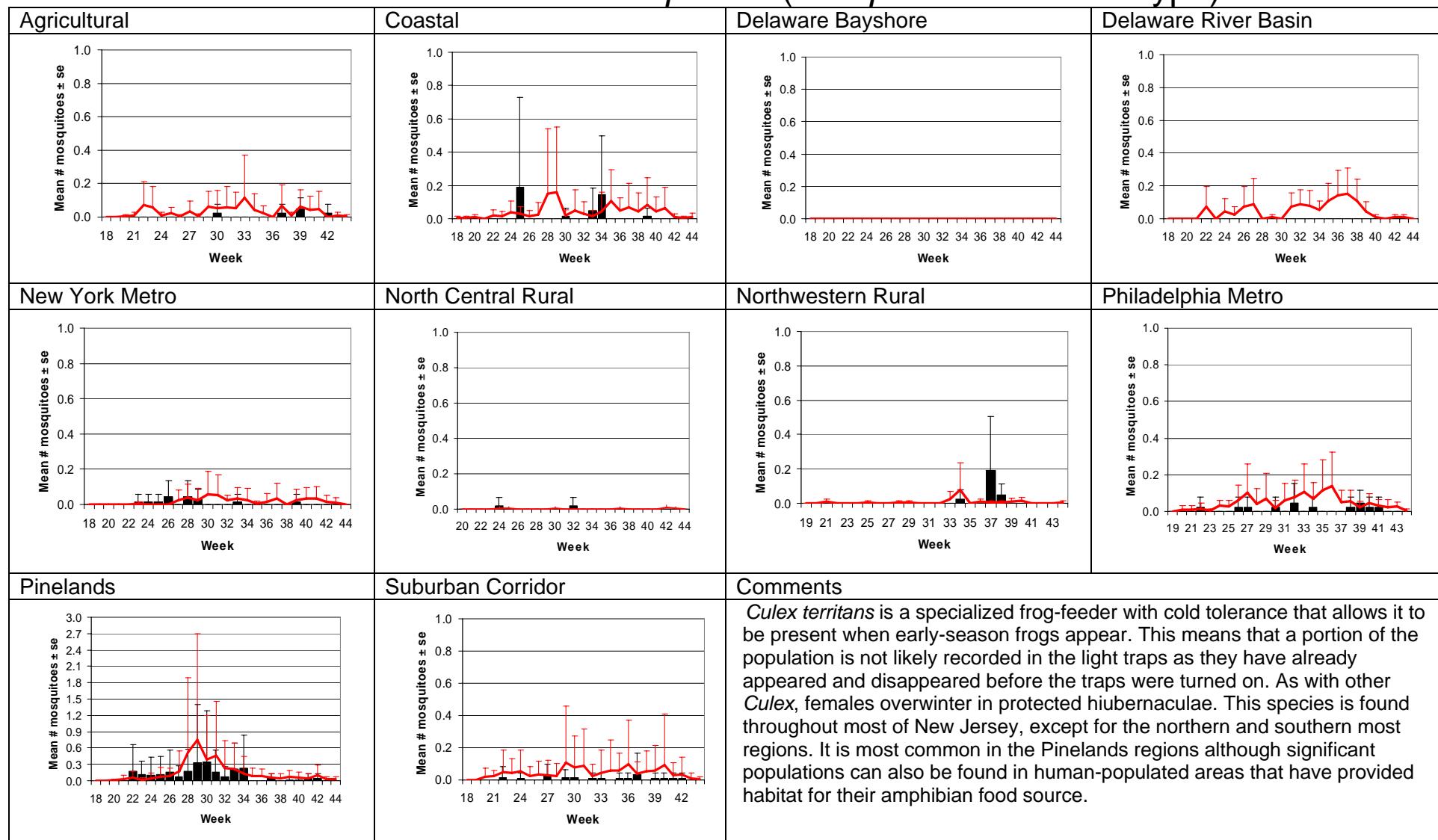
Culex territans – *Culex/Anopheles (An. quadrimaculatus Type)*

Figure 31.

Uranotaenia sapphirina – Culex/Anopheles (*An. quadrimaculatus* Type)

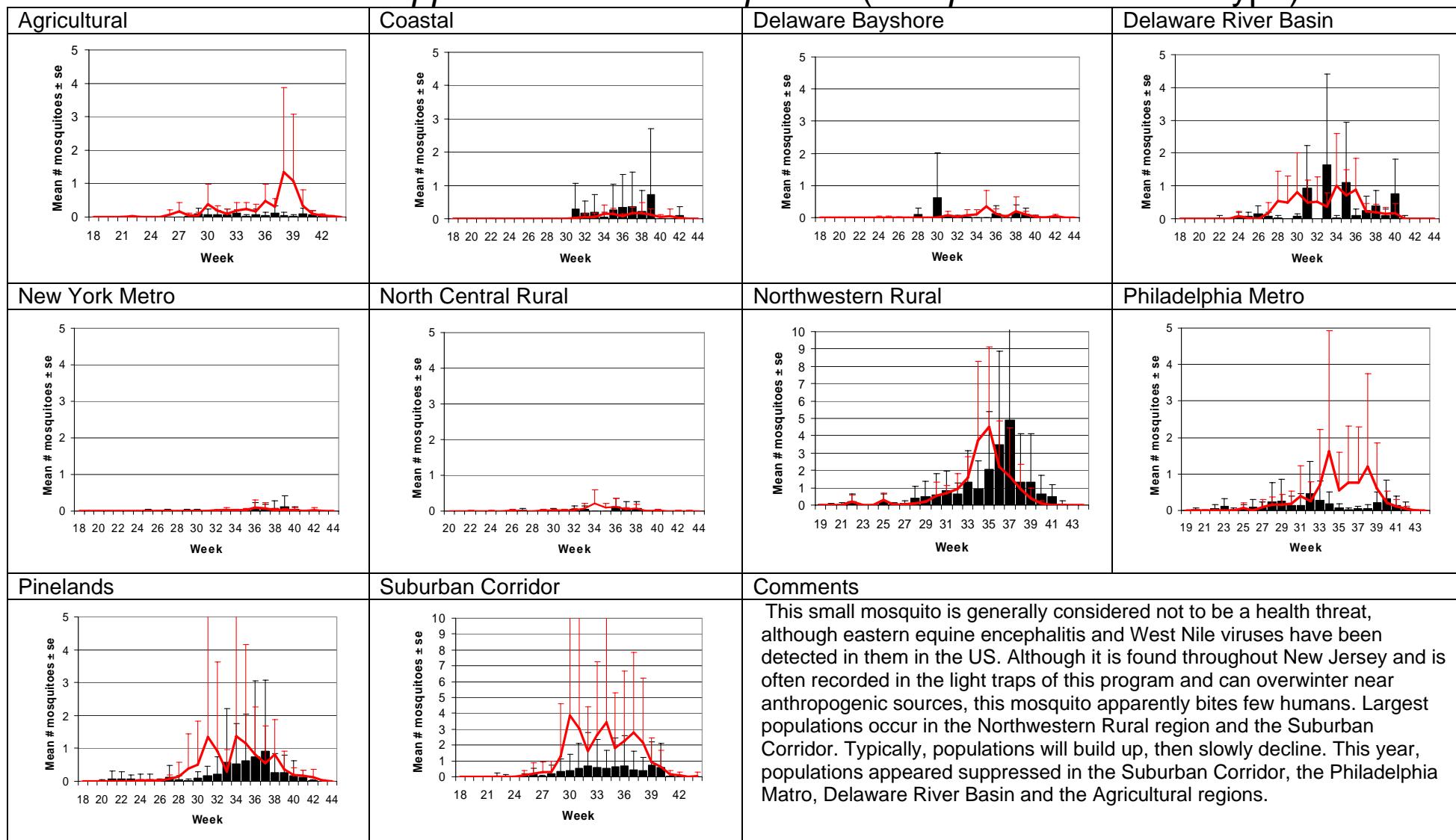


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Anopheles bradleyi – Culex/Anopheles (Cx. *salinarius* Type)

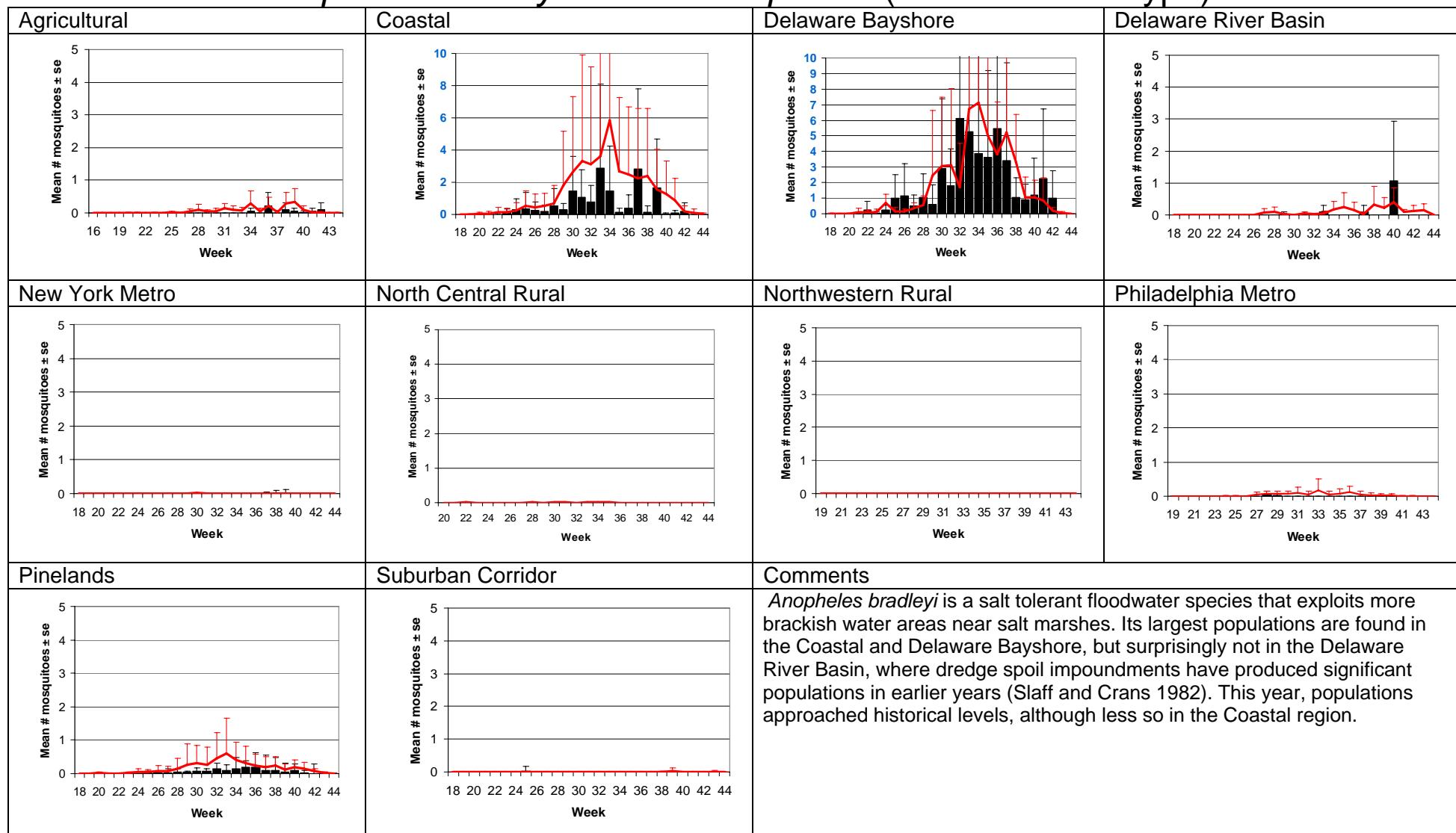


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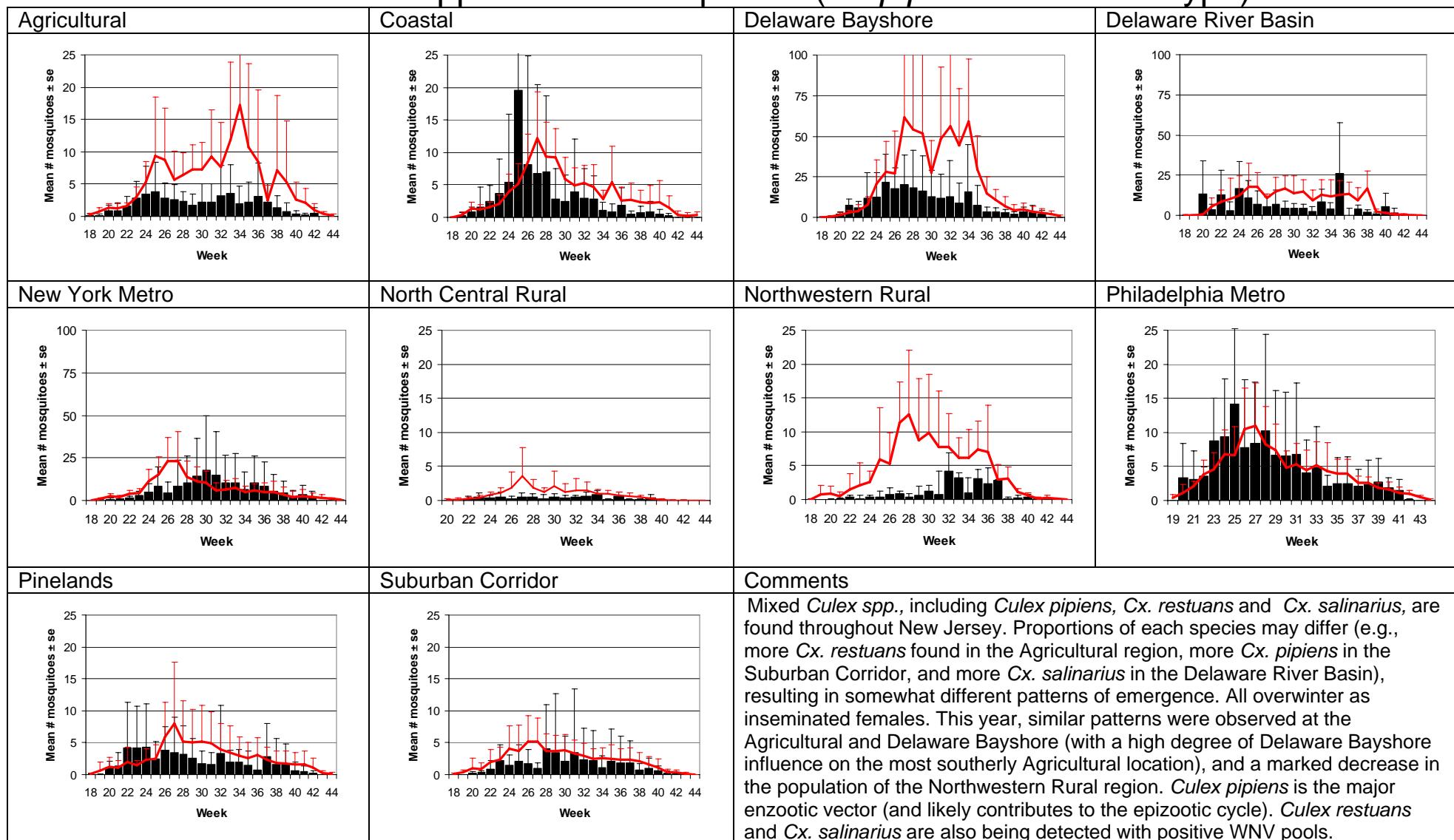
Mixed *Culex* spp. – *Culex/Anopheles (Cx pipiens/salinarius Type)*

Figure 34.

Anopheles punctipennis – Culex/Anopheles (Cx pipiens Type)

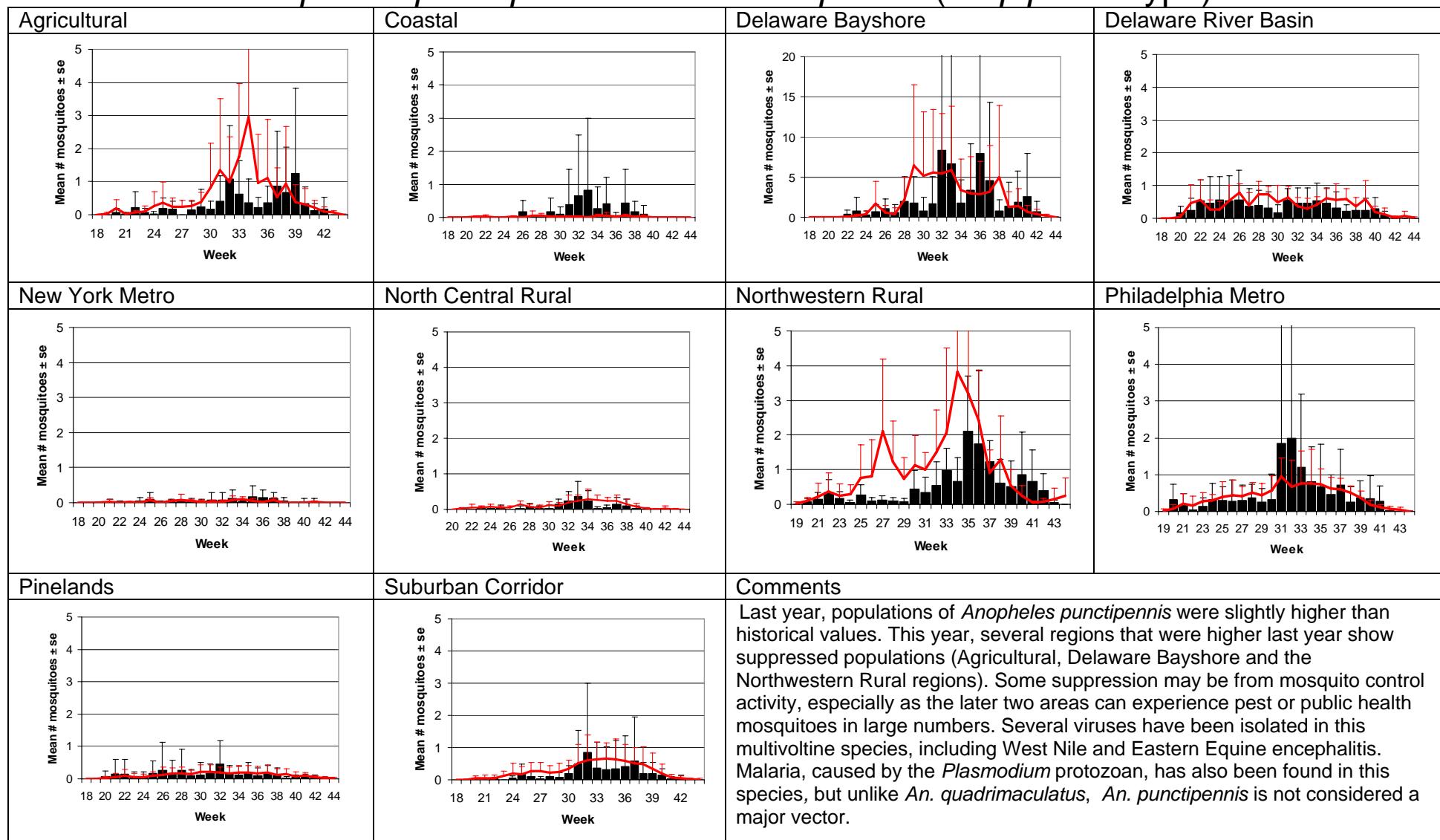


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Anopheles walkeri – Monotypic (*An. walkeri* Type)

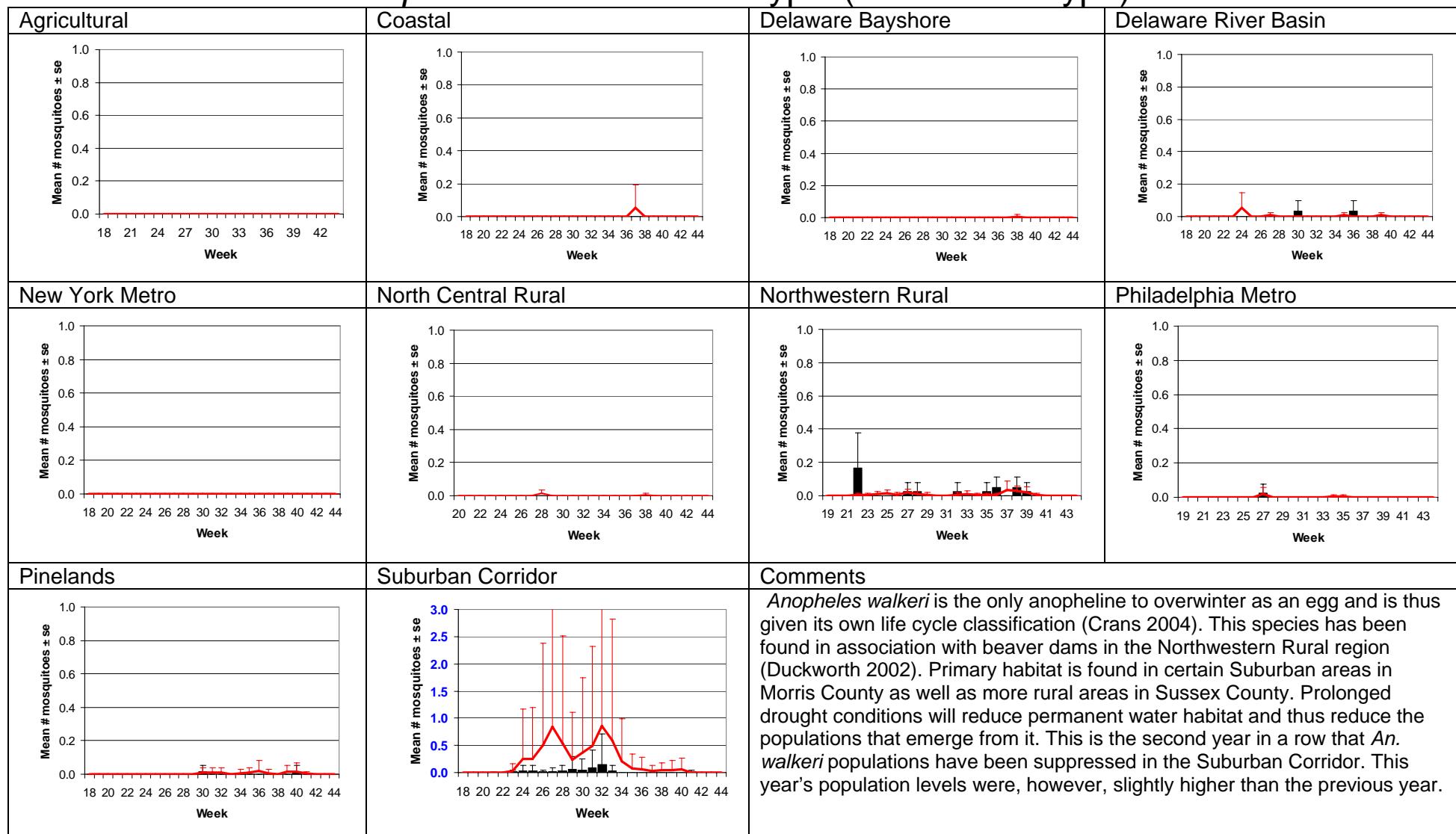


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Coquillettidia perturbans – Miscellaneous Group

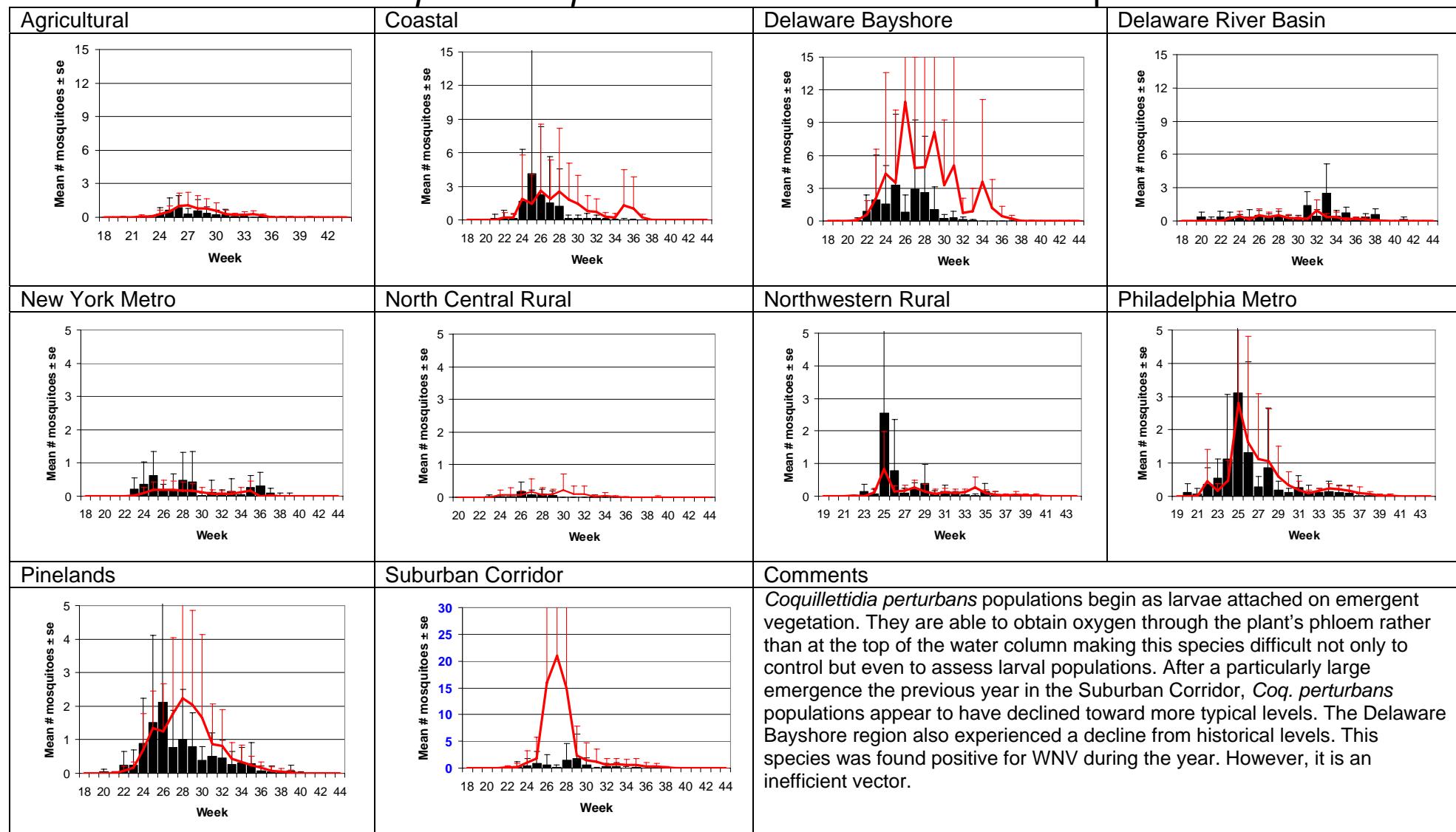
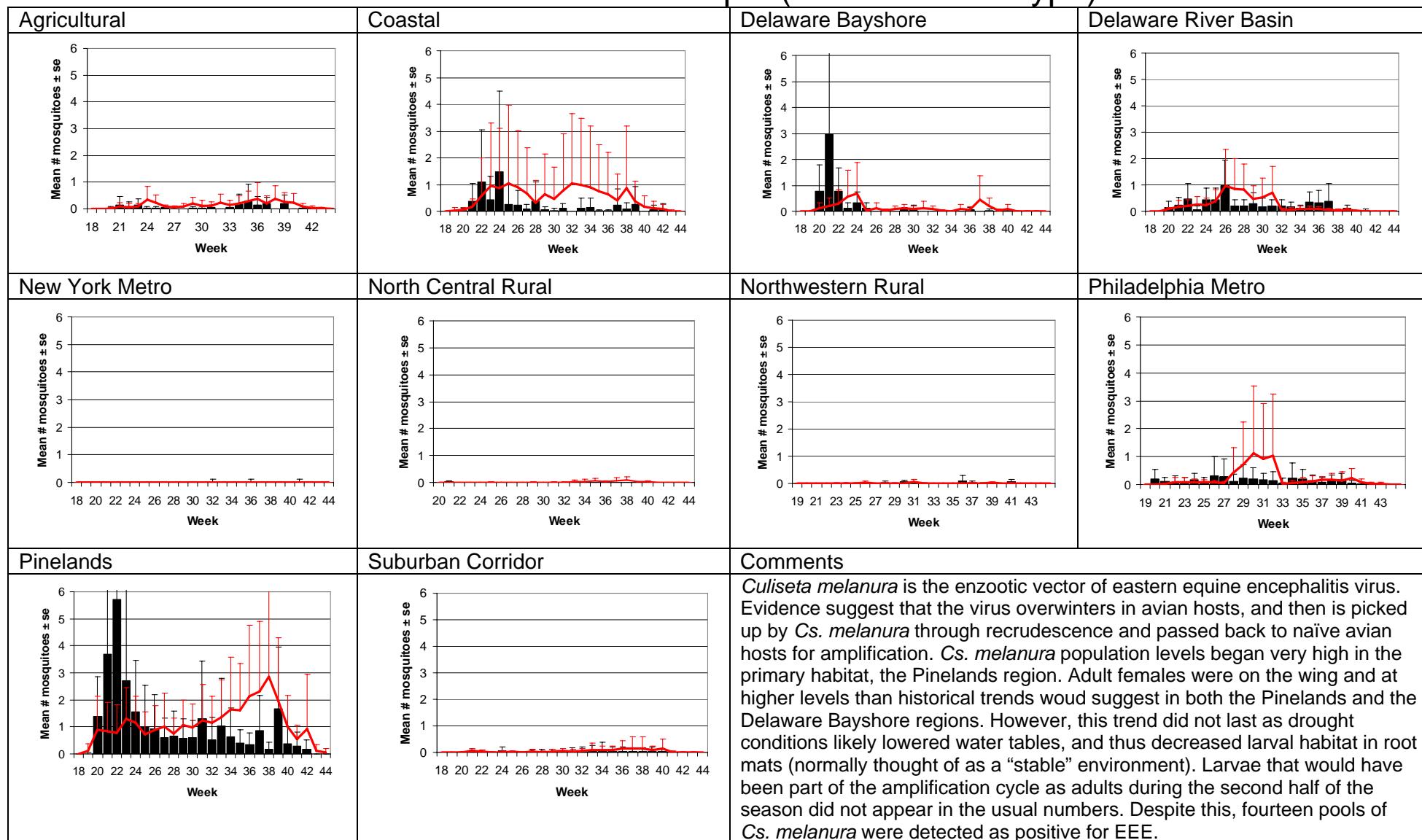


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Culiseta melanura – Unique (*Cs. melanura* Type)

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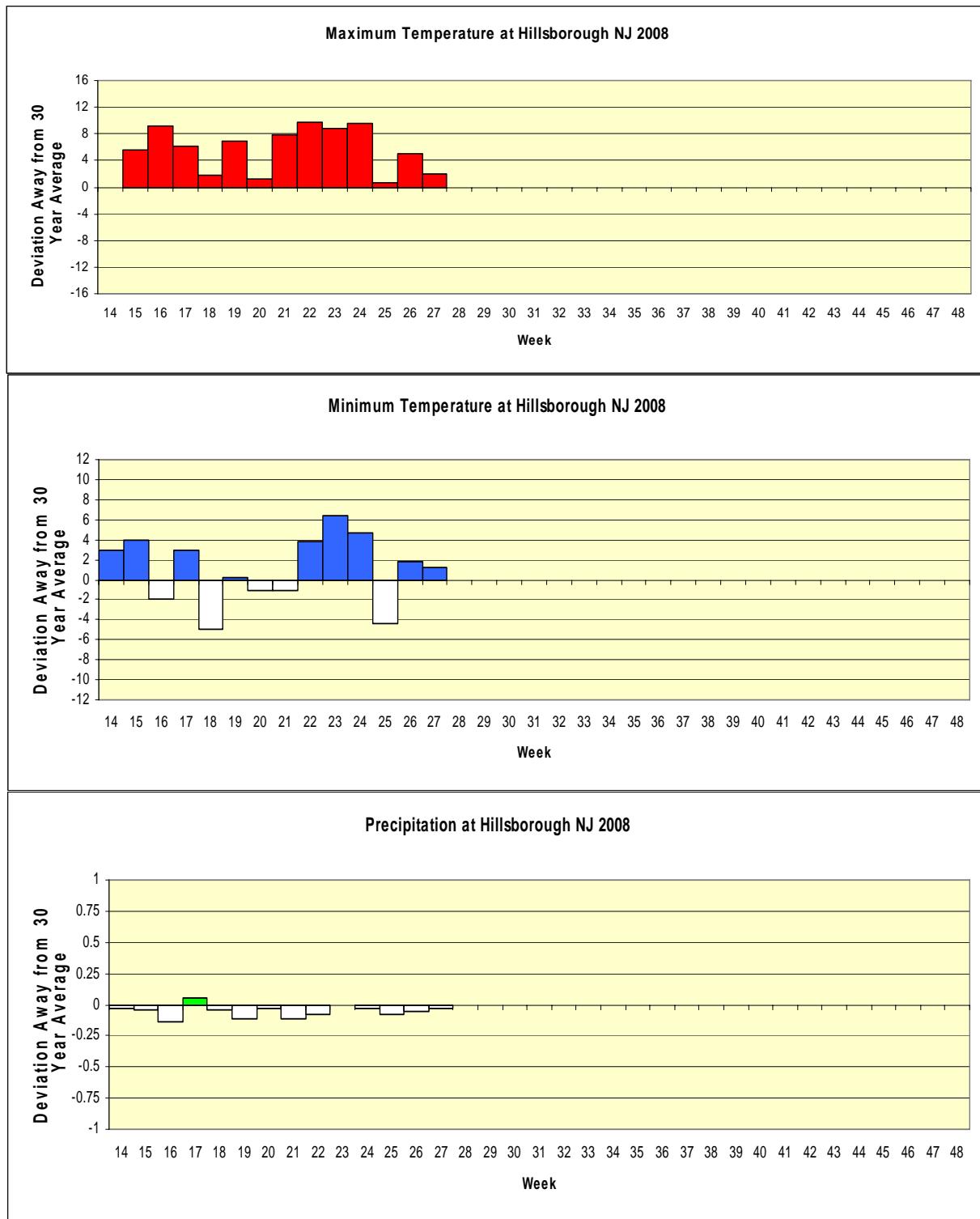
Summary table – Week 27

Region	<i>Aedes vexans</i>			<i>Culex Mix</i>			<i>Coquillettidia perturbans</i>			<i>Aedes sollicitans</i>		
	This Week	Average*	Increase	This Week	Average*	Increase	This Week	Average*	Increase	This Week	Average*	Increase
Agricultural	0.11	6.88	0	0.81	4.90	0	0.37	0.67	0	0.03	0.67	0
Coastal	1.60	7.38	0	0.89	11.30	0	0.00	1.82	0	0.89	14.53	0
Delaware Bayshore	0.05	4.90	0	1.33	53.35	0	0.00	4.46	0	0.14	15.49	0
Delaware River Basin	0.00	26.69		0.00	9.76		0.00	0.34		0.00	0.30	
New York Metro	0.81	4.50		1.73	11.59		0.03	0.22		0.11	0.77	
North Central Rural	0.00	0.90	0	0.06	1.53	0	0.00	0.00	0	0.00	0.00	0
Northwest Rural	3.77	23.28		0.83	4.66		0.03	0.00		0.00	0.00	
Philadelphia Metro	3.76	19.00		6.90	12.14		2.63	0.11	4	0.00	0.00	
Pinelands	0.94	3.15	0	2.92	6.21	0	0.90	0.77	1	0.03	0.21	0
Suburban Corridor	0.51	12.01		1.12	3.94		0.13	0.03	4	0.00	0.01	

Averages represent data from, at most, the previous 5 years. Increase is a scale of current values from historical values where no difference or a decrease is represented by 0 (blue), up to 50% greater difference by 1 (green), up to 100% greater difference by 2 (yellow), up to 150% greater difference by 3 (orange) and greater than 150% increase by 4 (red). White cells denote increases from an historic zero and thus no value can be appropriately given.

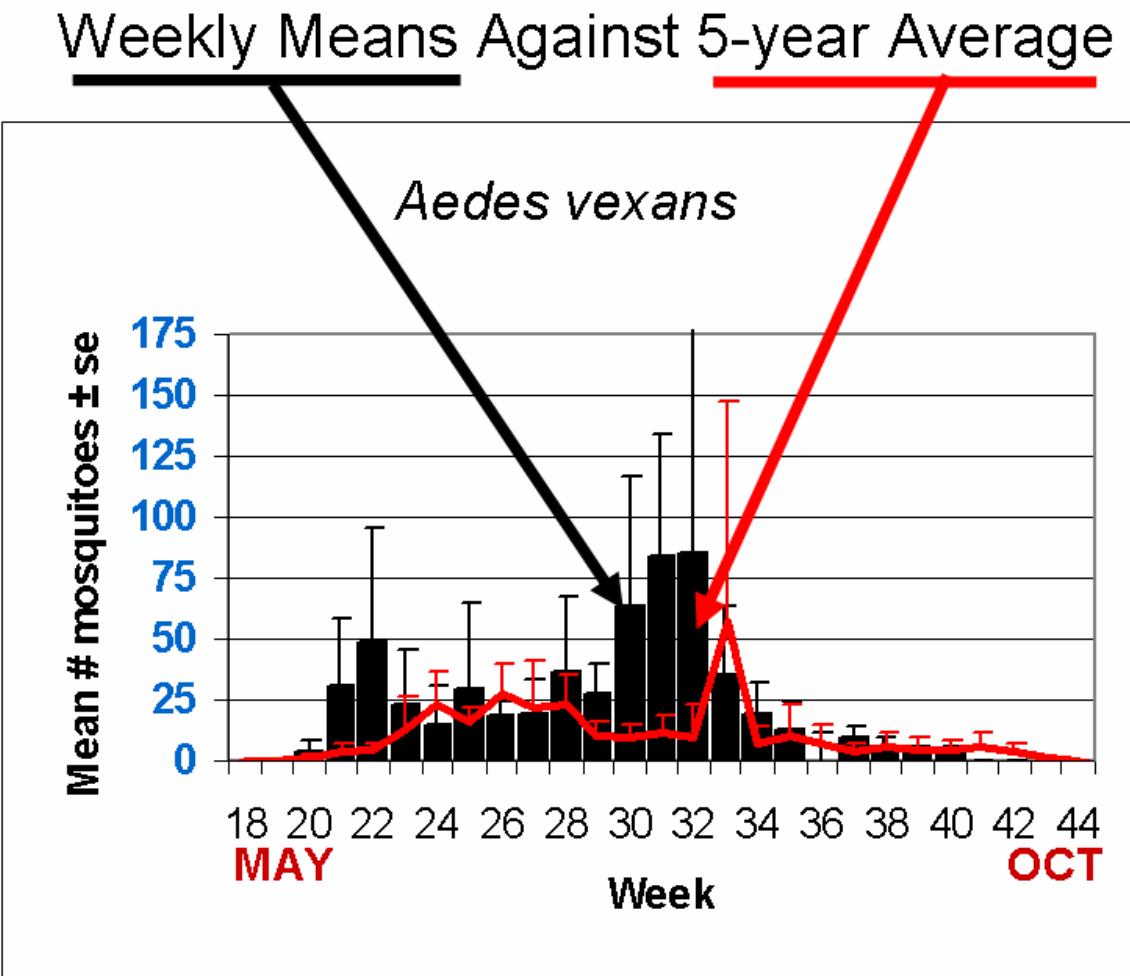
State Summary: The presence of *Coquillettidia perturbans* continues to be felt along the Suburban Corridor, Pinelands and the Philadelphia Metro regions.

Climate Deviations



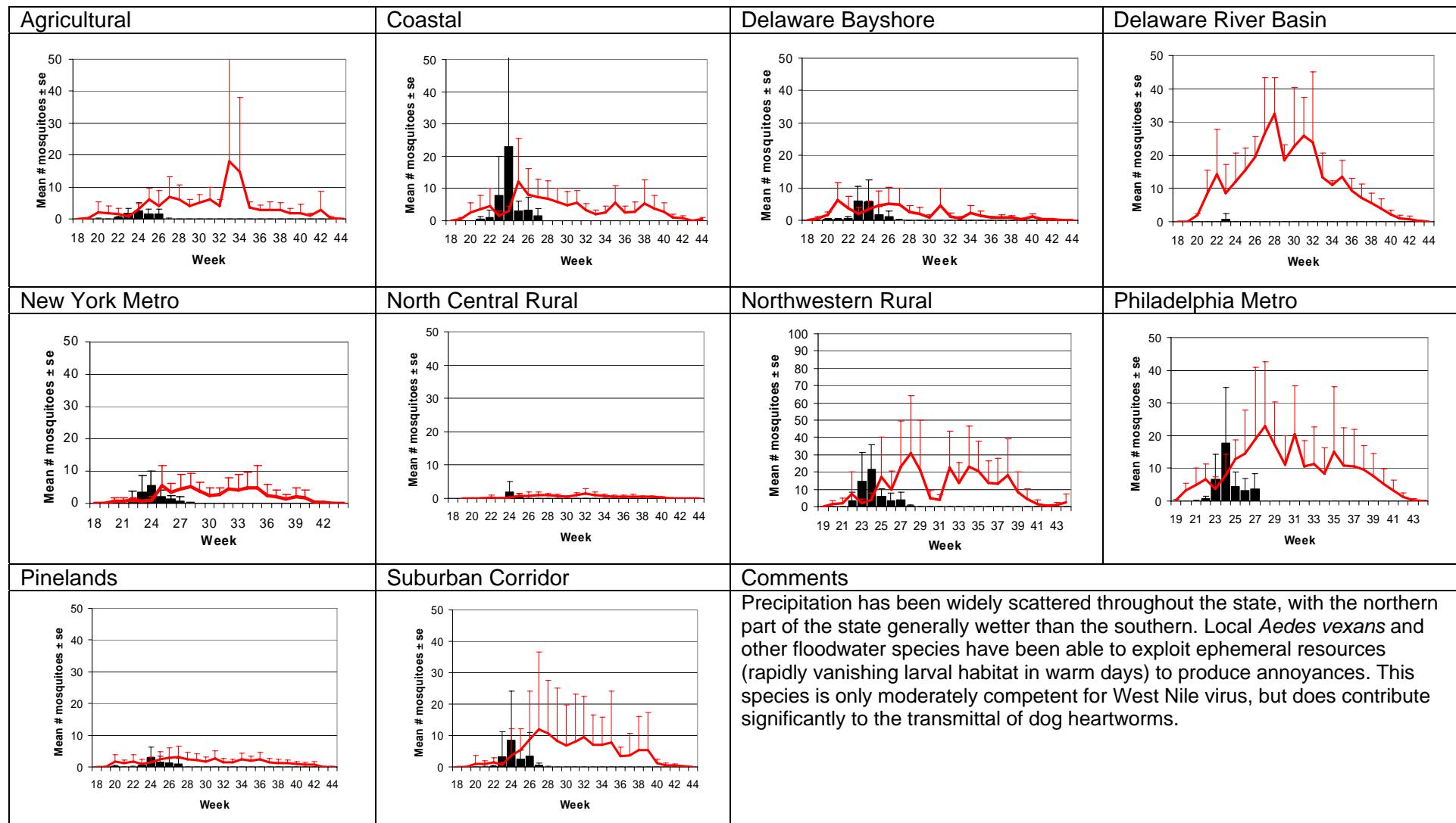
The figures show the average maximum temperature, minimum temperature and precipitation deviations from 30 year averages. Current data is from the Hillsborough NJ weather station (a station close to central NJ which recorded all three parameters and was available online at the NJ state climatologist) while historical data was from the New Brunswick weather station. Color bars above the zero line indicate warmer maximum or minimum temperatures and wetter conditions while white bars indicate cooler temperatures and drier conditions.

The Species Graphs: The species graph pages include a graph with two plots for each of the ten regions defined on the first page (Agricultural, Coastal, Delaware Bayshore, Delaware River, New York Metro, North-Central, Northwestern, Philadelphia Metro, Pinelands, and Suburban Corridor). Below is an example of one graph from one species within one region. The bar plot show the average number of mosquitoes per trap within the region (weekly means) and line plots show the historical trend as the average number of mosquitoes from the previous 5 years (5-year average). In general, historical data are running means from the previous 5 years, but on occasion, will include data from fewer years. Adjustments are made to account for year discrepancies. Data for this week are from Atlantic, Bergen, Burlington, Camden, Cumberland, Essex, Mercer, Monmouth, Ocean, Union and Warren counties. Note: County data is sent in at a variety of times during the week.



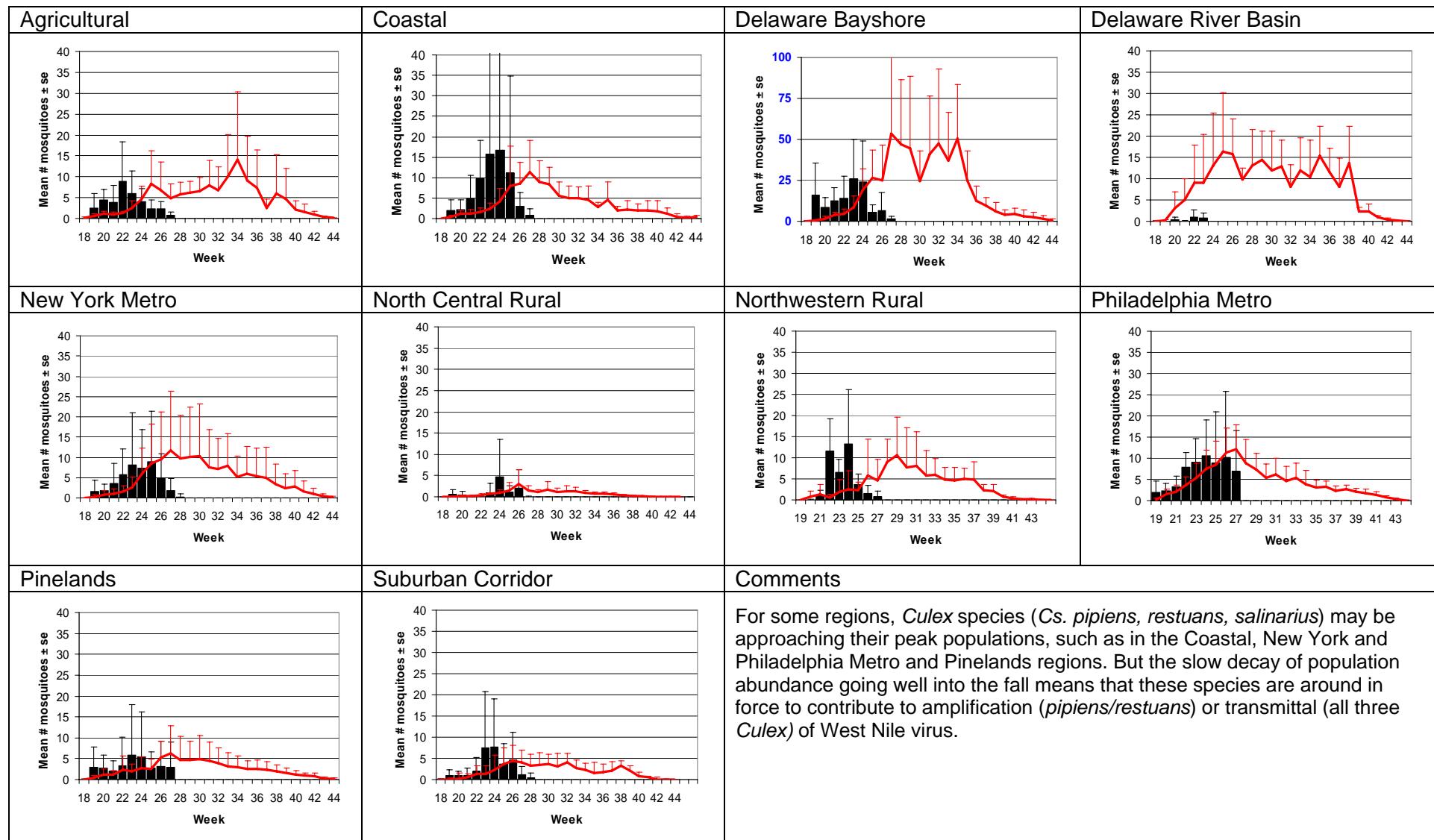
Aedes vexans - Fresh Floodwater Species

Multivoltine Aedine (Ae. vexans Type)

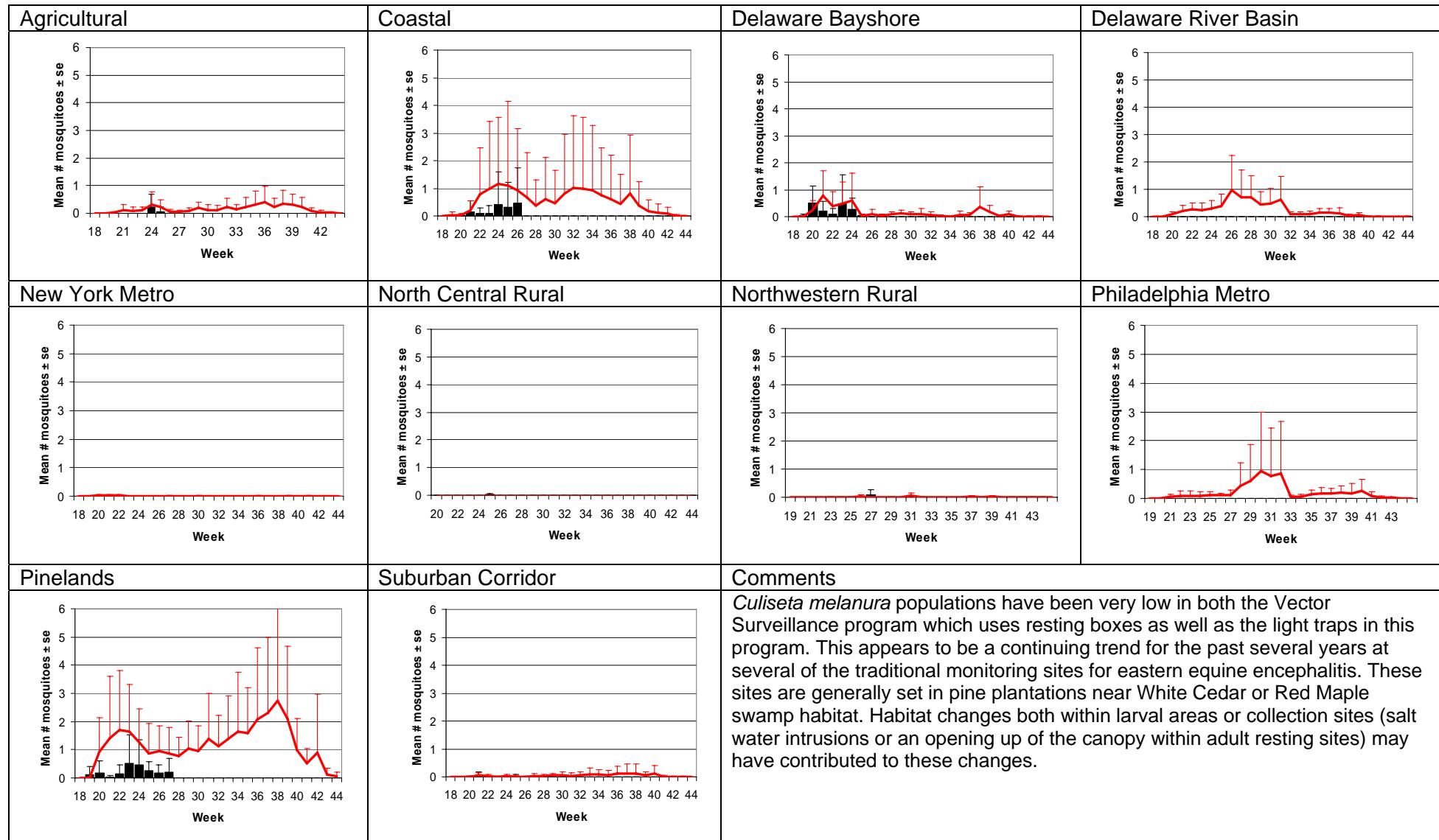


Culex Mix – Permanent Water Species

Multivoltine *Culex/Anopheles* (Cx. *pipiens* Type)

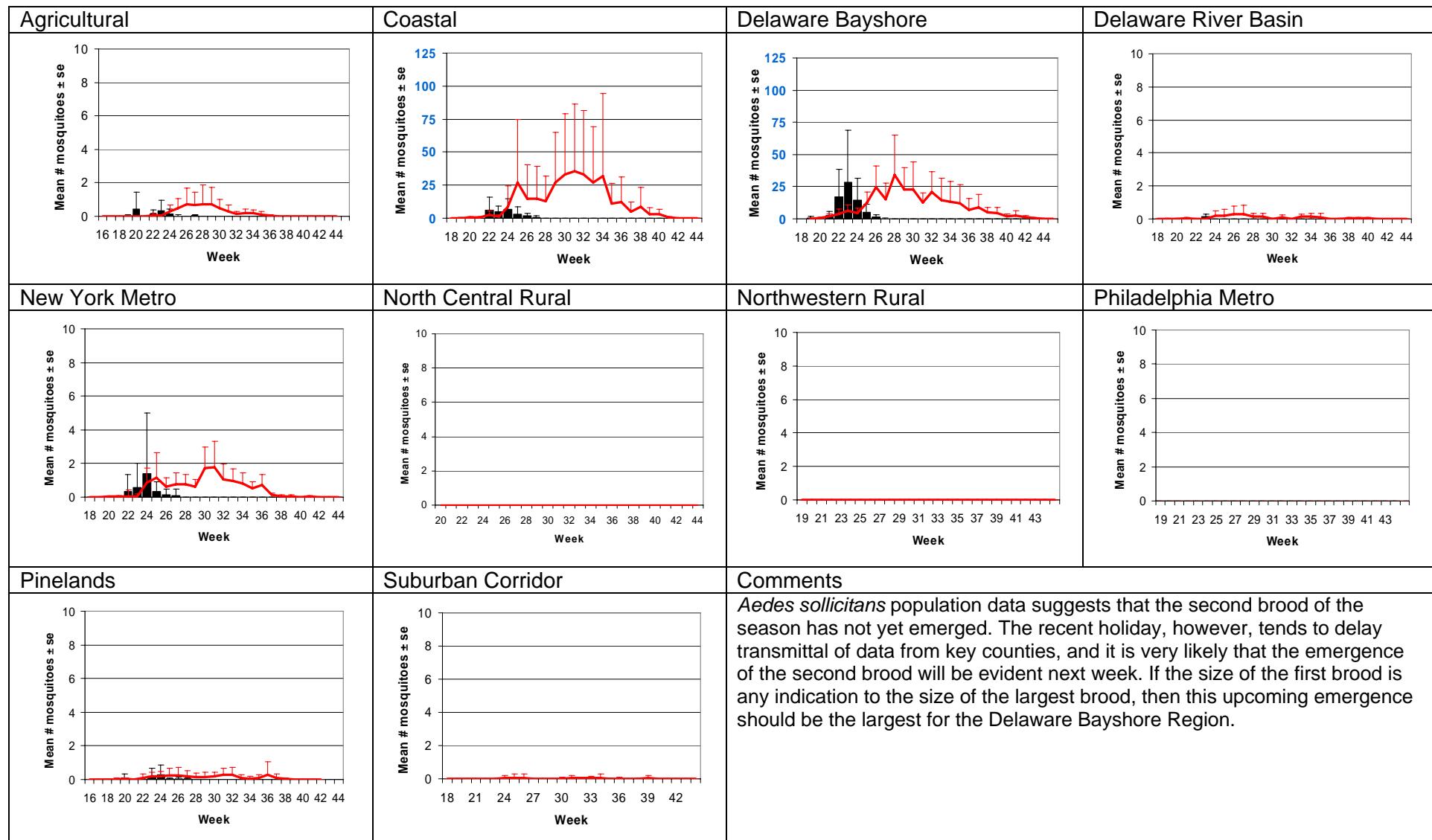


Culiseta melanura – Miscellaneous Group Unique (Cs. *melanura* Type)

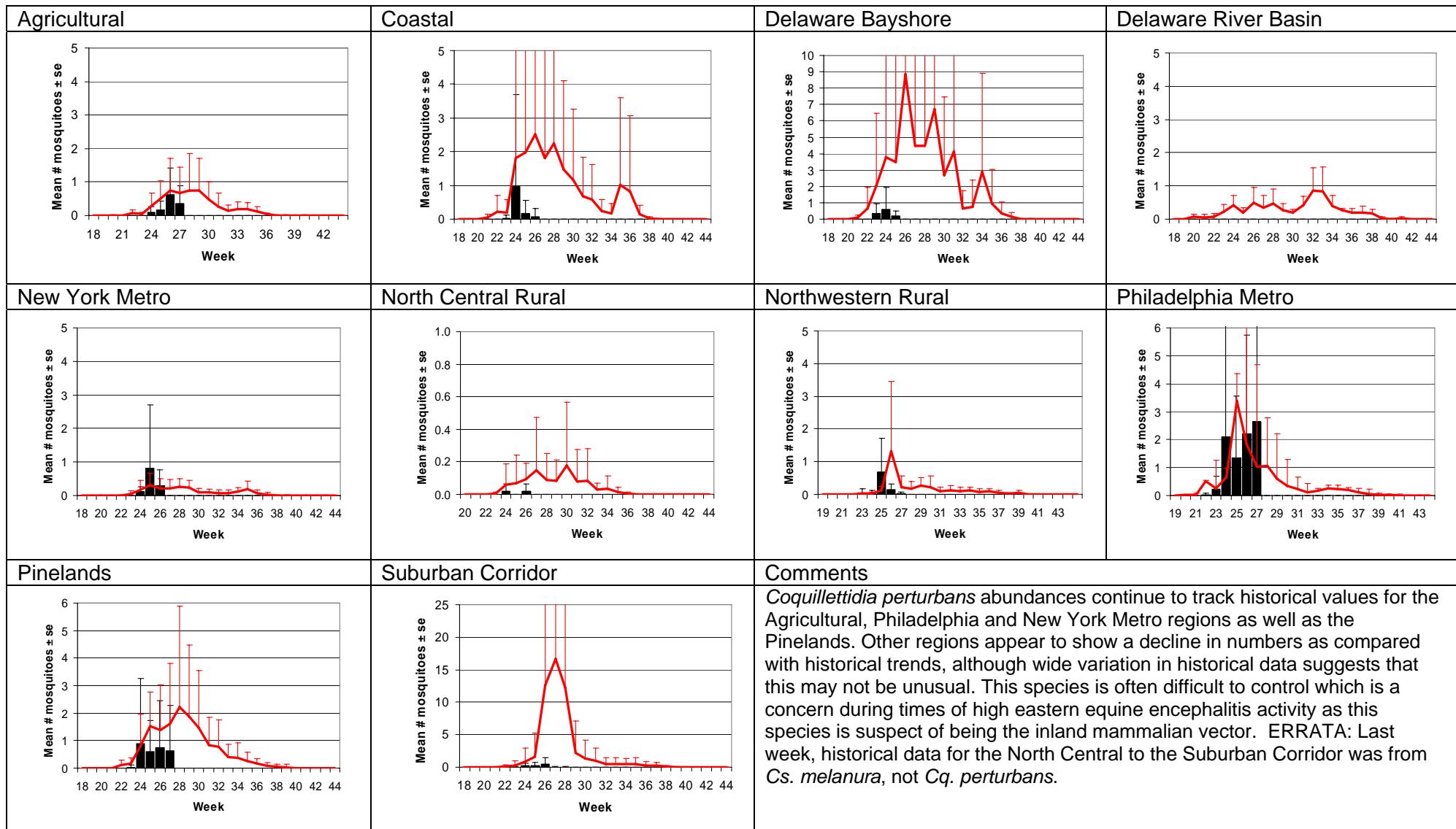


Aedes sollicitans - Salt Floodwater Species

Multivoltine Aedine (*Ae. sollicitans* Type)

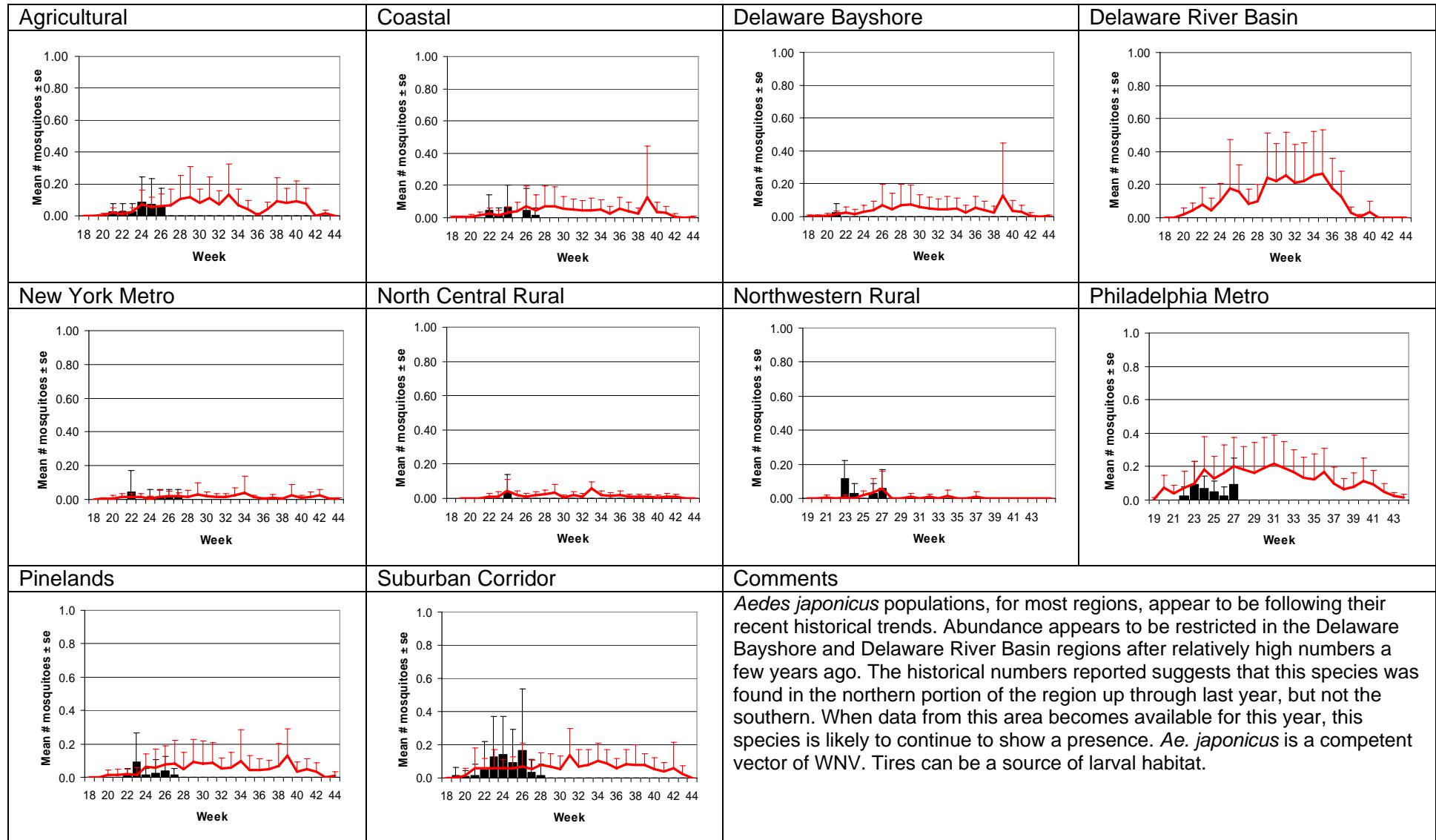


Coquillettidia perturbans- Monotypic Species (*Cq. perturbans* Type)

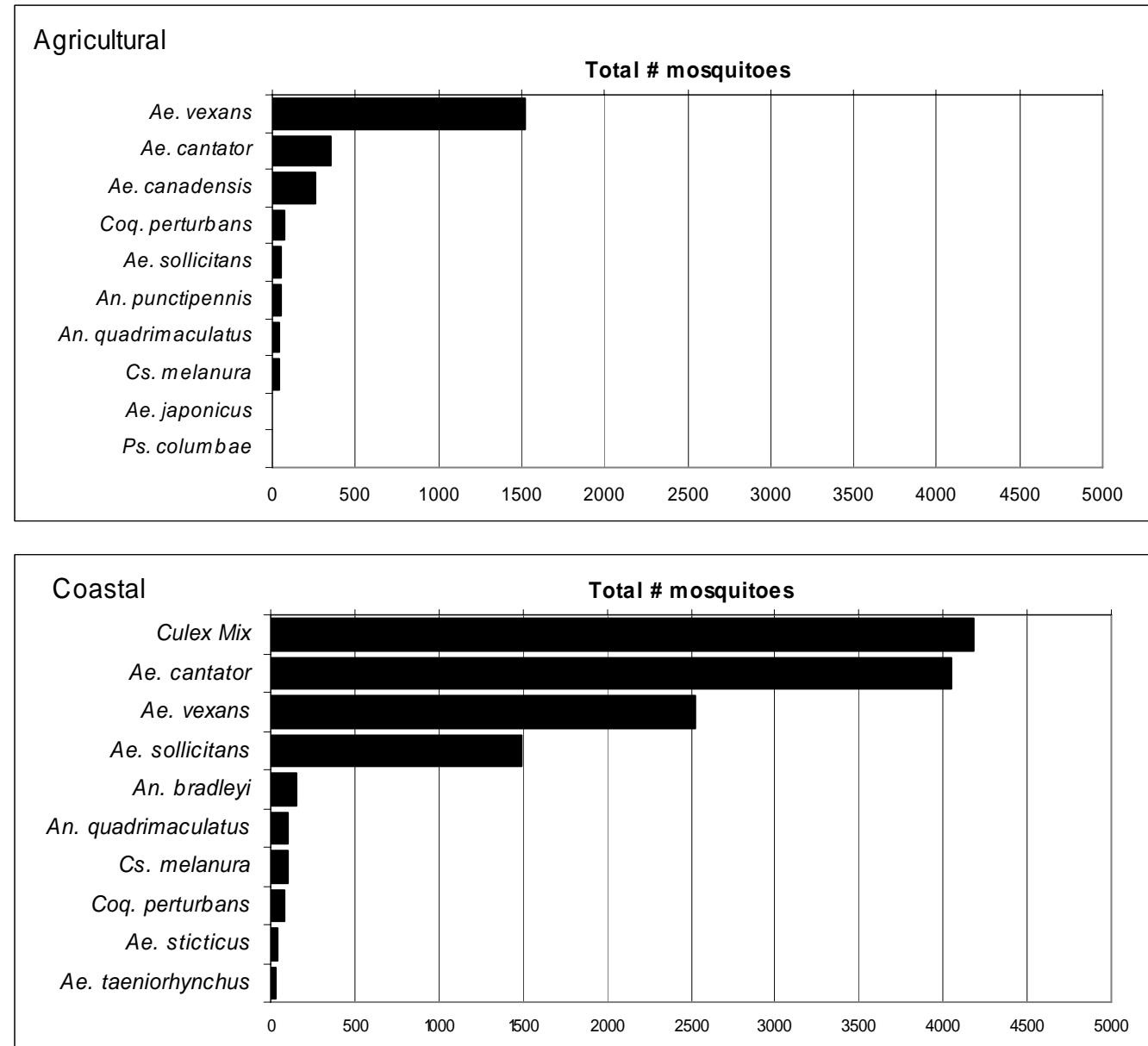


Aedes japonicus - Container Species

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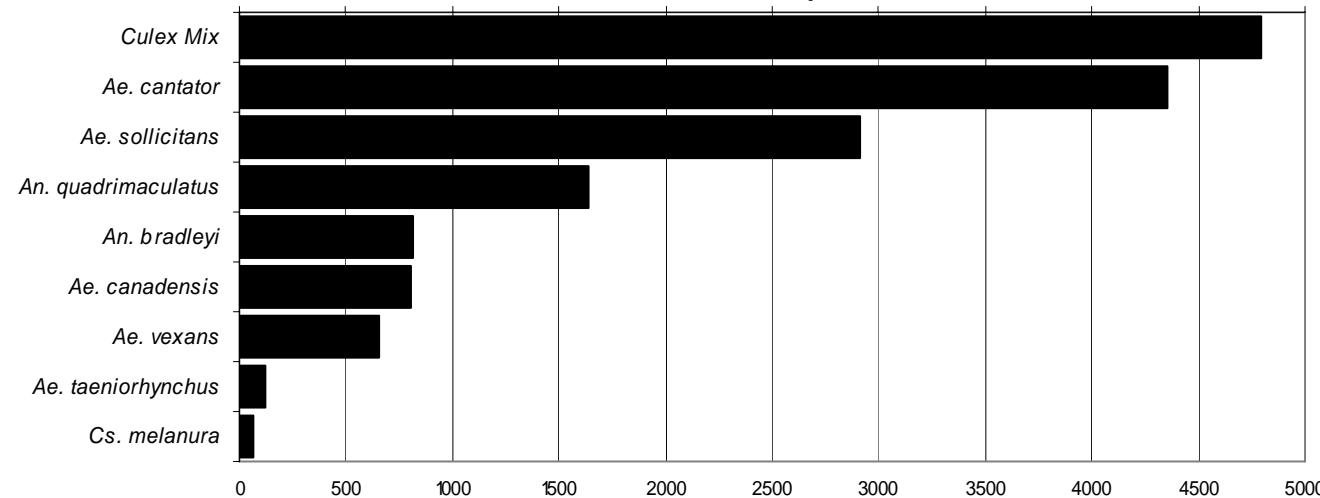


Top Ten Mosquito Species/Region



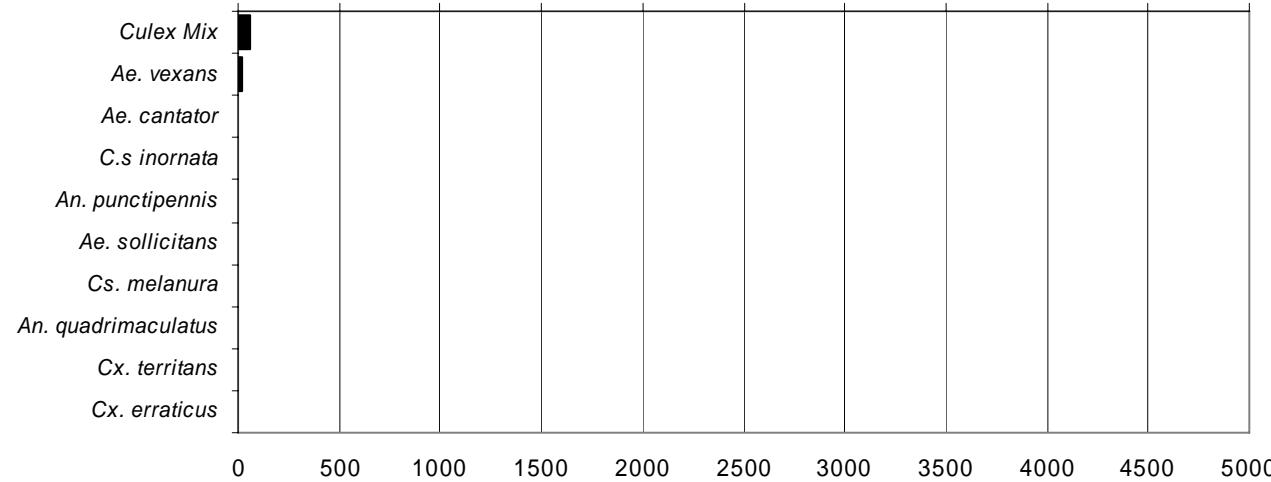
Delaware Bayshore

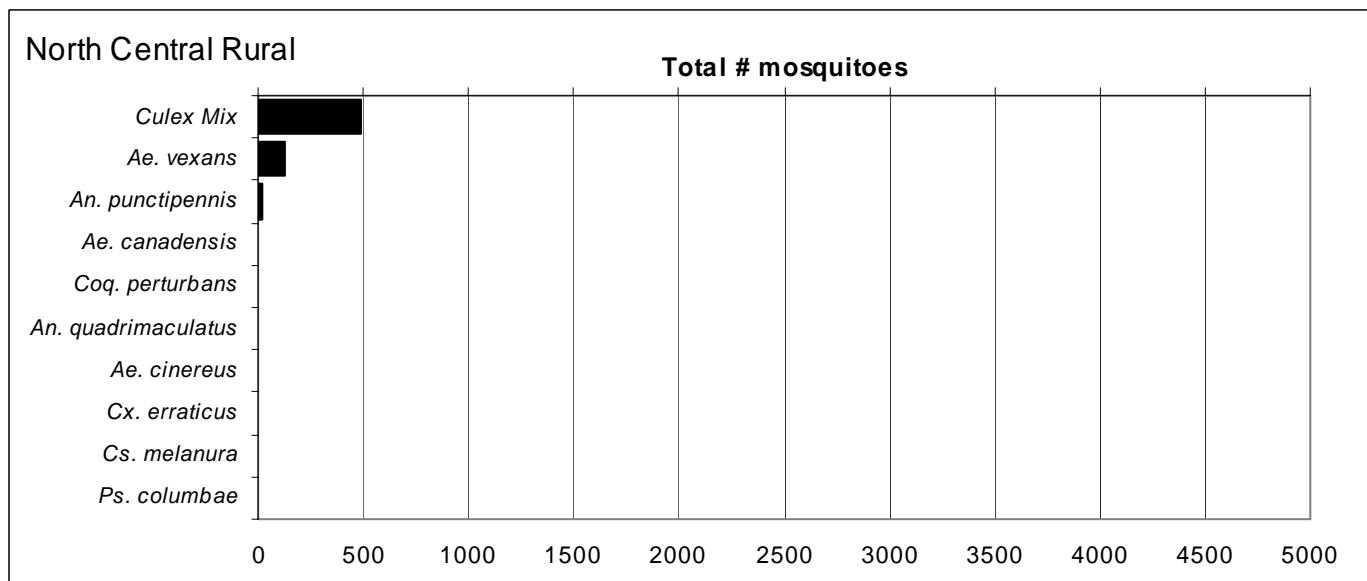
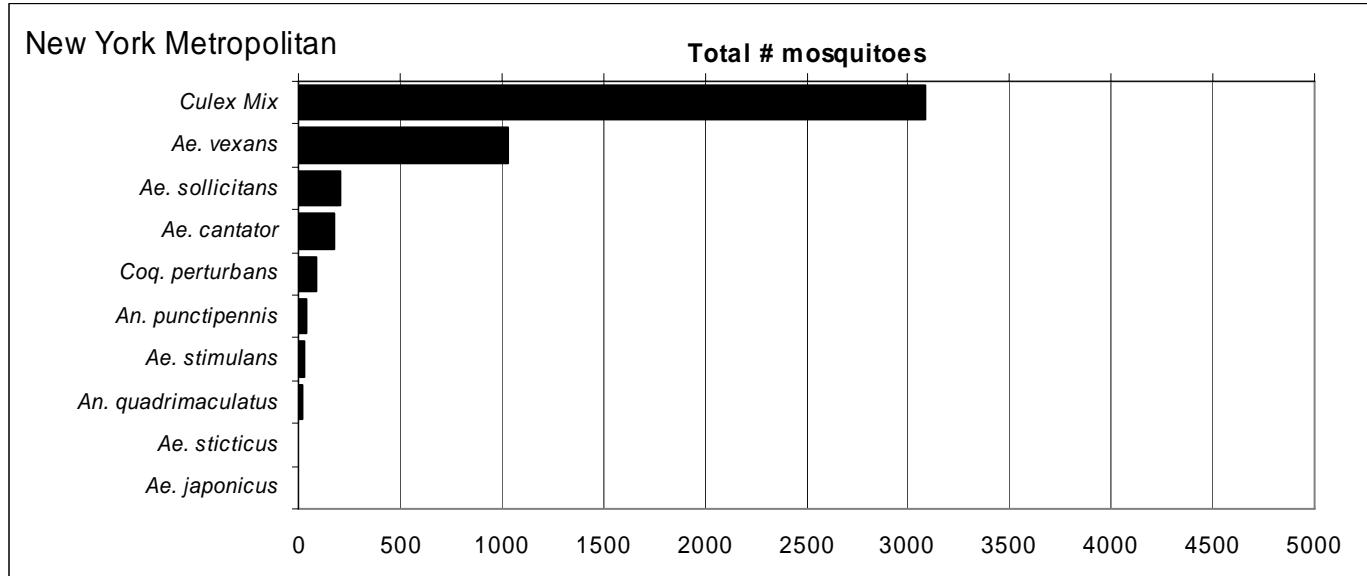
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Delaware River Basin

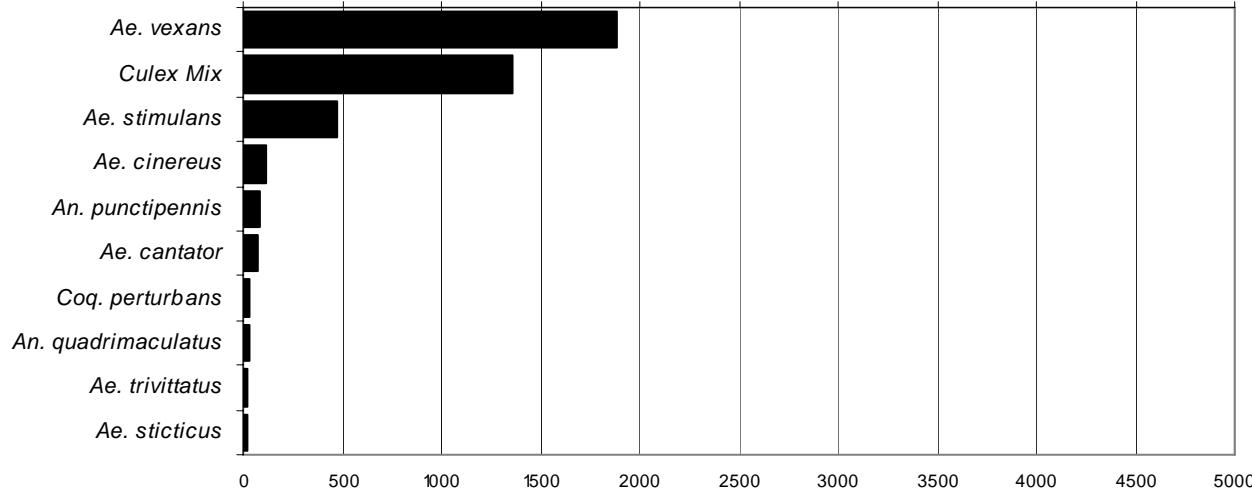
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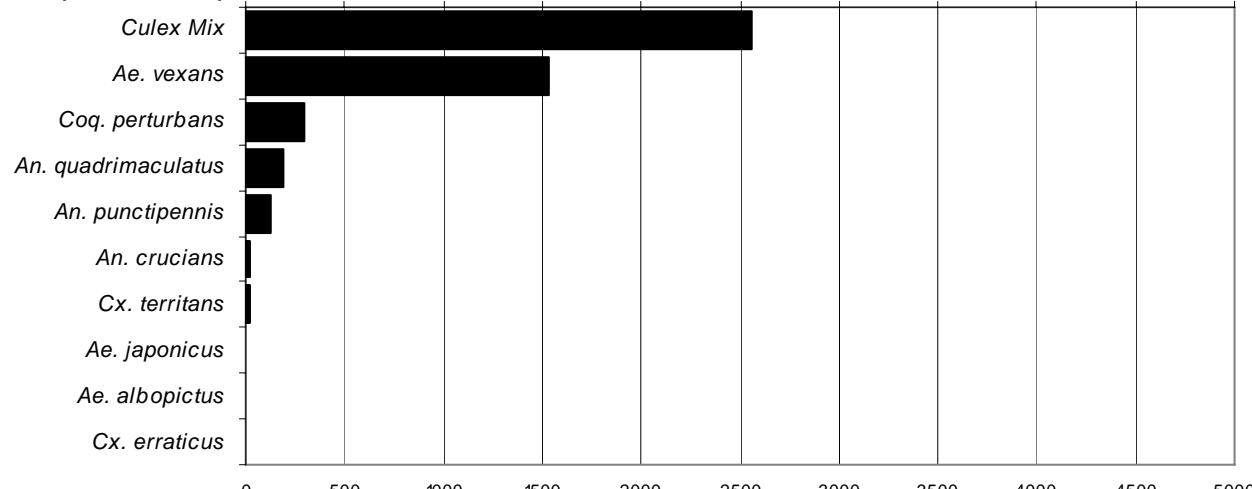
Northwest Rural

Total # mosquitoes



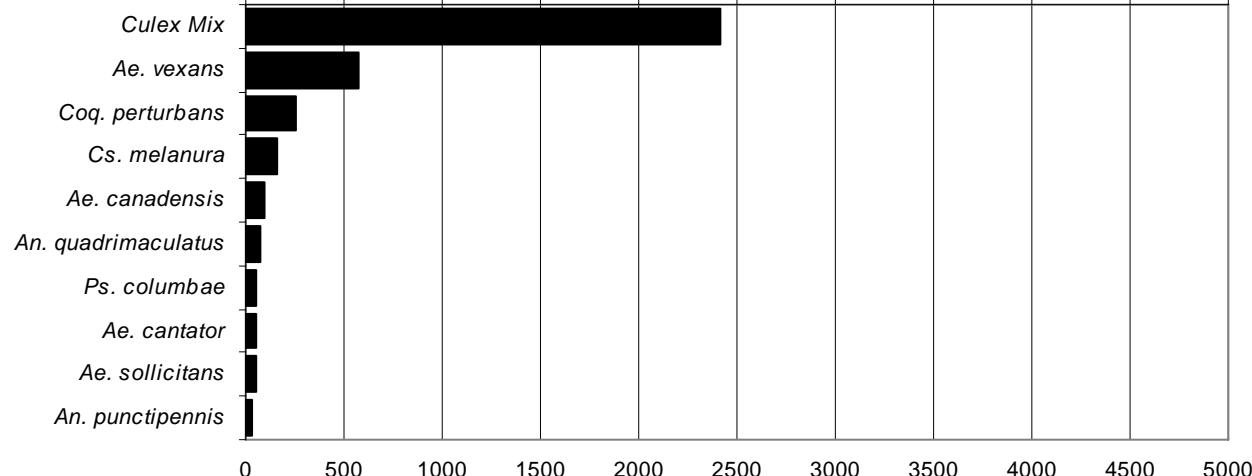
Philadelphia Metropolitan

Total # mosquitoes



Pinelands

Total # mosquitoes



Suburban Corridor

Total # mosquitoes

