VECTOR SURVEILLANCE IN NEW JERSEY

EEE, WNV, SLE, LAC, DENV, CHIK, ZIKV, and JCV

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NOTE: County/species tables for arboviruses are now in a supplemental file here

Arbovirus Summary

- **73 EEE positive pools, 13 animal cases: 11 horse cases, 1 alpaca case, 1 deer; 3 human cases (Atlantic, Somerset, Union Counties)**
- **362 WNV positive pools (+4 RAMP positives), 0 horses, 7 human cases (Atlantic(2), Bergen(2), Burlington, Gloucester, Hunterdon County)**
- **1 LAC positive pool**
- **5 JCV positive pools**
- **0 SLE, DENG, CHIK, ZIKA positive pools**
- **Note: Data downloads times are noted and do not necessarily reflect all pools submitted and analyzed to that point in time. This report may vary from other reports from the same dataset as they are snapshots in time.**

Culiseta melanura and Eastern Equine Encephalitis

SITE/Boxes	Inland or Coastal	Historic Population Mean	Current Weekly Mean	Total Tested* (Collected)	Total Pools Tested* (Submitted)	EEE Isolation Pools	MFIR
Bass River (Burlington Co.)/5	**Coastal**	0.31	0.20	18 (19)	7 (8)		
Green Bank (Burlington Co.)/25	**Coastal**	0.65	0.00	200	16		
Corbin City (Atlantic Co.)/25	**Coastal**	0.15	na	190‡	19	1	5.263
Dennisville (Cape May Co.)/50	**Coastal**	1.38	0.08	73	14		
Winslow (Camden Co.)/50	**Inland**	0.25	0.12	893	28	6	6.719
Centerton (Salem Co.)/50	**Inland**	0.38	0.18	246	17	2	8.130
Turkey Swamp (Monmouth Co.)/46	**Inland**	0.13	0.07	1270 (1305)‡	34 (36)‡	7	5.512
Glassboro (Gloucester Co.)/50	**Inland**	0.06	0.00	173	14	2	11.560

*Current week (in parentheses) results pending. ‡ corrected from previous week NC=no collection

Remarks: No additional positive EEE pools detected. Currently in 2019, there are 73 detections of EEE virus: 54 pools of *Culiseta melanura* (18 collected at traditional resting box sites, and 36 collected at county trap sites) and 19 pools in *Aedes albopictus, Ae. canadensis, Ae. triseriatus, Culex pipiens* and *Culex* Mix. The first positive pool was collected on 3 July at Turkey Swamp, Monmouth County. There are 13 animal cases (11 horses, 1 alpaca 1 deer) and three human cases (Atlantic, Somerset, Union County).

Statewide, 13,360 *Cs. melanura* from 951 pools have been tested, with an overall *Cs. melanura* MFIR of 4.042. 185,766 specimens in 9,349 pools from 40 other species have also been tested, with 19 positive pools detected (*Aedes albopictus, Ae. canadensis, Ae. triseriatus,* and *Culex* Mix/*Cx. pipiens* pools). Overall MFIR for all species statewide is 0.367.

Traditional Resting Box Sites: 3,063 *Cs. melanura* from 150 pools have been tested, with 18 positive pools detected – 1 at Corbin City, 2 at Centerton, 2 at Glassboro, 7 at Turkey Swamp, and 6 at Winslow. An additional 36*Cs. melanura* in 2 pools are at labs to be tested.

	Additional *Cs. melanura* trapped by counties *traps with positives indicated in **BOLD UNDERLINED.**				
County	**Trap types***	**Pools**	**Mosquitoes**	**Positives**	**MFIR**
Atlantic	BGS, **CO_2**, GR, **RB**	99	2539	7	2.757
Bergen	CO_2, RB	10	81		
Burlington	**ULVT**	86	2666	8	3.001
Cape May	GR, **RB**	192	469	1	2.132
Cumberland	AGO, RB	39	243		
Gloucester	CO_2, **RB**	68	1879	3	1.597
Middlesex	RB	21	97		
Monmouth	CO_2, **Other**	24	183	1	5.464
Morris	**CO_2, RB**	81	746	6	8.043
Ocean	**CO_2**, GR, RB	68	446	1	2.242
Salem	CO_2, GR, **RB**	25	77	1	12.987
Sussex	**CO_2**, GR **RB**	80	752	8	10.638
Union	NJLT	6	64		
Warren	CO_2, NJLT	2	55		
TOTAL		**801**	**10297**	**36**	**3.496**

Additional County-set *Cs. melanura*: Counties maintain trap sites for *Cs. melanura* in other areas, using a variety of traps. Last year, half of the EEE detection came from such trappings. In 2019, 36 pools of *Cs. melanura* have been found positive. Earliest positive pools were found in Salem County, collected 9 July, and Ocean County collected 10 July.

Horses and Humans: Over the past ten years, first onset dates for horses have been in August or October except for 2012, where an onset date was 22 July. Last year five horses were reported with EEE. All had either an incomplete or no vaccination history. ***Horse owners are urged to make sure their horses are up to date on their vaccinations. Horse cases are known to occur through October and sometimes into November (see link below).*** Other sensitive species are non-native birds, such as Ostriches/Emus and Gallinaceous birds such as pheasants of Eurasian origins. In 2019, 11 horses and one alpaca and one deer have been found with EEE.

Case	Animal	Age	Sex	County	Date of Onset	Euthanized ?	Vaccinated?	Comment
13	Deer	unknown	unknown	Camden	July			Tissue collected by state vet
12	Horse	3 year old	Gelding	Camden	30 Sep	30 Sep	EWT Feb/Mar	
11	Horse	1 year old	Filly	Burlington	24-Sep	29-Sep	Unknown	
10	Horse	Unknown	Gelding	Ocean	?	26-Aug	Not vaccinated	
9	Horse	4 year old	Gelding	Ocean	?	26-Aug	Not vaccinated	
8	Horse	1 year old	Filly	Atlantic	?	24-Aug	Not vaccinated	
7	Horse	3 or 4 month old	Gelding	Salem	?	25-Aug	Not vaccinated	
6	Horse	18 year old	Gelding	Morris	25-Aug	26-Aug	Not vaccinated	
5	Horse	2 year old	Gelding	Ocean	15-Aug	16-Aug	Unknown	
4	Alpaca	7 year old	Unknown	Camden	2-Aug	3-Aug	Unknown	
3	Horse	yearling	Colt	Monmouth	5 Aug	5-Aug	April vaccination (incomplete)	
2	Horse	20 year old	Gelding	Ocean	26-Jul	26-Jul	Unknown	
1	Horse	12 year old	Mare	Ocean	23-Jul	23-Jul	Possible incomplete	11-14 miles from two active EEE sites

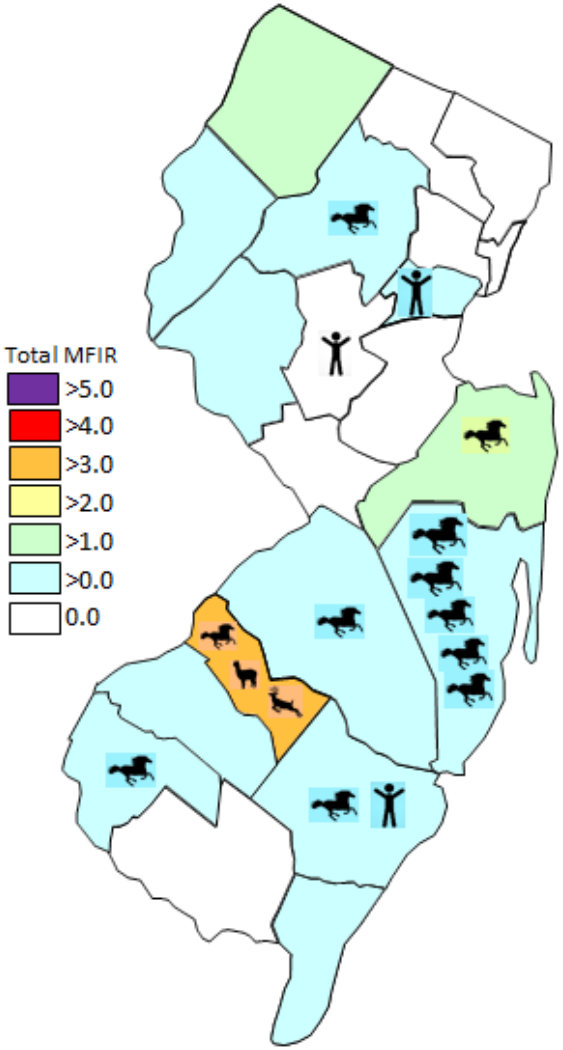
Horses and Vaccinations: The fate of unvaccinated equids reinforces the necessity of maintaining a vaccination schedule for arboviruses. For vaccination schedules recommended by the American Association of Equine Practices, see: http://www.aaep.org/vaccination_guidelines.htm

There are 3 human cases of EEE, coming from Atlantic, Union, and Somerset Counties. For more information, see DOH Vectorborne Surveillance reports: https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/statistics/arboviral-stats/

Species other than *Cs. melanura*	Pools	Mosquitoes	Positives	MFIR
Aedes abserratus	14	259		
Aedes albopictus	1111	8824	2	0.227
Aedes atlanticus	15	134		
Aedes atropalpus	1	3		
Aedes aurifer	3	14		
Aedes canadensis canadensis	139	2536	2	0.789
Aedes cantator	19	297		
Aedes cinereus	1	1		
Aedes grossbecki	5	12		
Aedes infirmatus	1	1		
Aedes japonicus	785	4625		
Aedes mitchellae	1	1		
Aedes provocans	2	8		
Aedes sollicitans	34	793		
Aedes sticticus	5	100		
Aedes stimulans	2	10		
Aedes taeniorhynchus	23	351		
Aedes thibaulti	2	27		
Aedes triseriatus	216	1030	2	1.942
Aedes trivittatus	29	545		
Aedes vexans	124	1076		
Anopheles barberi	3	3		
Anopheles bradleyi	157	1266		
Anopheles crucians	32	375		
Anopheles punctipennis	156	1118		
Anopheles quadrimaculatus	228	1911		
Anopheles walkeri	7	397		
Coquillettidia perturbans	291	5170		
Culex Mix	3679	137533	12	0.087
Culex erraticus	318	2886		
Culex pipiens	856	9204	1	0.109
Culex restuans	590	1668		
Culex salinarius	341	2130		
Culex territans	44	118		
Culiseta inornata	2	5		
Orthopodomyia signifera	11	13		
Psorophora ciliata	1	1		
Psorophora columbiae	27	290		
Psorophora ferox	47	789		
Psorophora howardii	1	1		
Uranotaenia sapphirina	26	241		
State Total	**9349**	**185766**	**19**	**0.102**

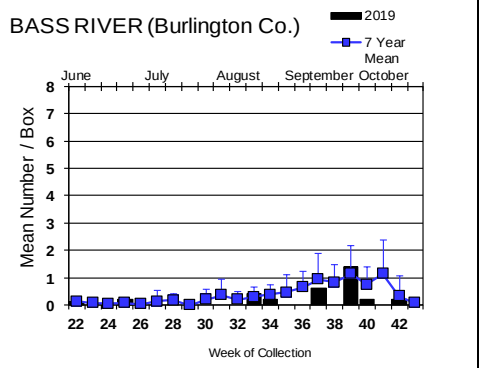
Additional Species: 40 additional species were tested for EEE. 19 positive pools have been detected in three species, the latest species being *Culex* Mix or *pipiens* in Hunterdon, Gloucester and Burlington Counties. (Note: *Culex pipiens* is refractory for EEE virus).

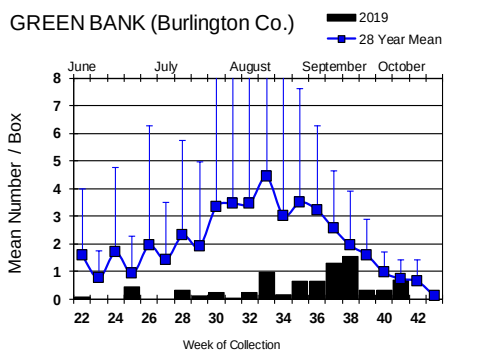
Overall MFIR rates, human and animal cases per county:

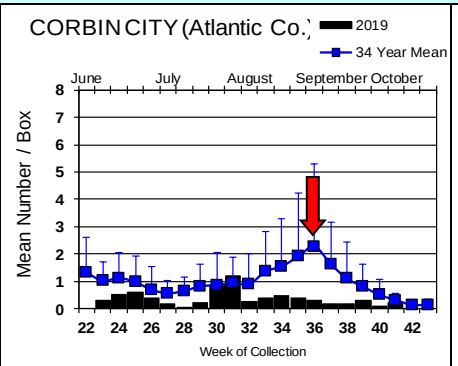


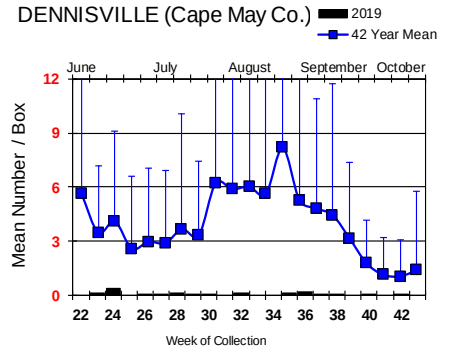
Culiseta melanura Populations

Coastal









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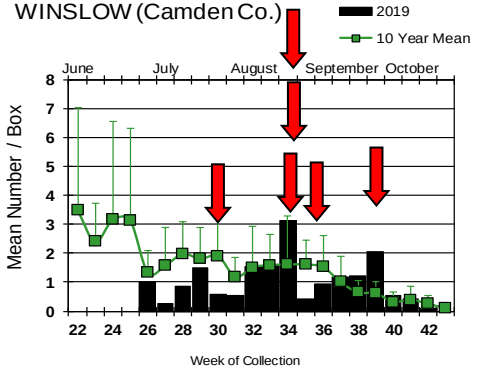

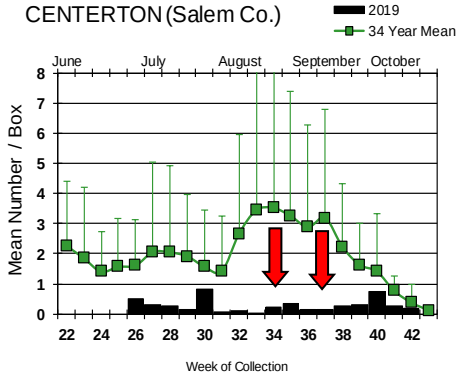

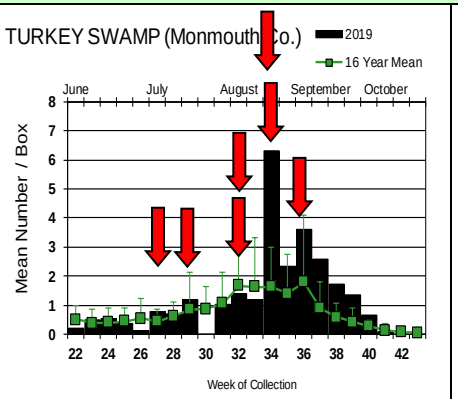

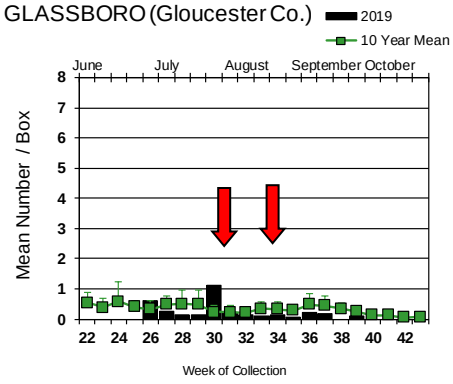

Culiseta melanura populations at the traditional resting box sites continue to decline as we go into fall.

= Positive pool(s) detected (red = melanura, purple = other species).

EEE in US (2019 cumulative cases): (Black or Red = previous + new reported cases occurring)

- **equine:** 3(CT) 27(FL) 1(GA) 14(IN) 27(LA) 9(MA) 1(MD) 1(ME) 39(+deer (MI) 1(MN) 7(MS) 1(NC) 1(NH) 9(+1 alpaca, NJ) 6(+1 goat NY) 4(OH) 1(+3 deer RI) 3(SC) 5(TX) 3(WI) 5(CAN-ON)
- **mosquito pools:** 121(CT) 1(IN) 5(LA) 428(MA) 3(MD) 2(ME) 15(NH) 73(NJ) 66(NY) 8(RI)
- **sentinel:** 108(+1 emu 1 BAEA, FL) 3(DE) 1(LA) 1(ratite NY)
- **human:** 1(CT) 1(IN) 12(MA) 10(MI) 1(NC) 3(NJ) 3(RI)

West Nile Virus Positive Organisms in US, 2019

West Nile in US (2019 cumulative cases): Single black values indicate no change from previous week. Black values / red values equals previous week/New totals.
Note: Data reported by all states should be considered provisional and subject to change. Sources for this table can be found here.

	Birds	Mosquito Pools	Sentinels	Horses*	Humans
Alabama				1	4
Alaska					
Arizona	5	356	1	1	172
Arkansas					3/6
California	193	3225	130	15	145/158
Colorado		109		3	91/104
Connecticut		82		1	3
Delaware					
Florida	1		374	4/7	1
Georgia					1/9
Hawaii					
Idaho	0	41		3	11
Illinois	4	1133/1142		1/2	14/15
Indiana	0	165/170		0	1
Iowa				2	3/5
Kansas					5/6
Kentucky				1	1
Louisiana	3	169/175		1	16
Maine		0			0
Maryland(+DC)		3/4			3(7DC)
Mass.		84/87		0	2/3
Michigan	11/16	54		1	8
Minnesota				1	1/3
Mississippi		26		7	13
Missouri		0		0	2

	Birds	Mosquito Pools	Sentinels	Horses*	Humans
Montana					3
Nebraska	1	28/29		0	22/23
Nevada					25/39
New Hampshire		1		1	
New Jersey		350/362		0	7
New Mexico					28/38
New York		553		0	11
North Carolina					1
North Dakota	1	6		0	8
Ohio		254/263		2	1/2
Oklahoma					4/5
Oregon	0	85	0	7	9
Pennsylvania	1	400+		1	1/3
Rhode Island		4			
South Carolina	1	3			
South Dakota		9			11
Tennessee					1/3
Texas	1	106/111		1	22
Utah	1	271/272		8	20
Vermont		4/5			
Virginia					1/4
Washington	0	27		1/2	6
West Virginia					
Wisconsin	2	45		0	1/2
Wyoming	0	8		3	4

* Can include other species (e.g., dogs, cows) reported positive.

Protocol: New Jersey Department of Health (NJDH Public Health Environmental and Agricultural Laboratories, PHEAL) and the Cape May County Department of Mosquito Control tests mosquito pools using RT-PCR Taqman techniques.

Mosquito Species Submitted and Tested for West Nile Virus through 18 October 2019

Species	Pools	Mosquitoes	Positives	MFIR
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Aedes stimulans	2	10		
Aedes taeniorhynchus	23	351		
Aedes thibaulti	2	27		
Aedes triseriatus	524	2224	1	0.450
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Uranotaenia sapphirina	26	241		
Grand Total	**11077**	**202257**	**362**	**1.790**

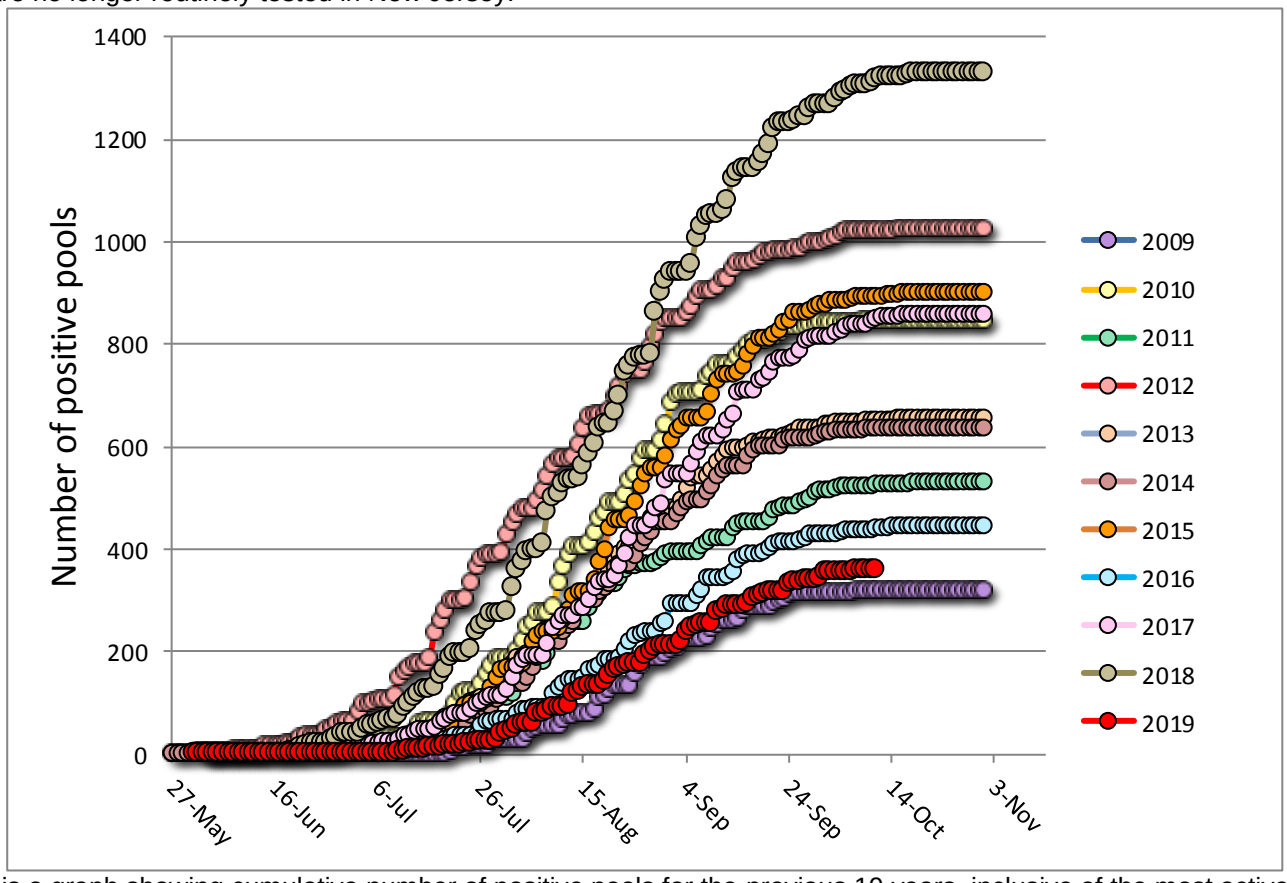
Remarks: To date 11,077 pools of 202,257 mosquitoes from 41 species have been tested. A total of 362 positive WNV pools have been detected by RTPCR throughout the state beginning with a pool of *Aedes triseriatus*, collected on 31 May, 2019 in Passaic County. This pool was also co-infected with LAC (see table below). Majority of the positives are in *Culex* bird-feeding species pools. Also positive are *Aedes albopictus, Ae. cantator*, *Ae. japonicus, Anopheles punctipennis, Coquillettidia perturbans*, *Culex erraticus,* and *Culiseta melanura.* Last year was a year of significant activity, with over 1300 positive pools detected. Currently, the statewide MFIR rate for all mosquitoes increased from 1.783 to 1.790.

In addition to RTPCR positives, 4 positives determined by RAMP were also detected (in *Aedes cantator* and *Culex)*. See end of WNV by county by species table in the addendum.

Humans, Horses and Wild Birds: There have been seven human cases of West Nile virus, the latest two occurring in Bergen and Burlington counties. The fifth case was detected in Gloucester County, date of onset is unknown. The fourth case is in Atlantic County, with date of onset 4 Sep. The third case is in Bergen County, with date of onset as 30 Aug, and possible out of state exposure. The second case is from Atlantic County, with date of onset 2 September. The first is from Hunterdon County reported, with an onset date of 21 June. The first case represents the earliest typical case reported in New Jersey. (A few years ago, there was one case reported in May from a long-term hospitalized patient making date of infection difficult to determine.) For more information, see NJ arboviral reports from the Department of Health: https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/statistics/arboviral-stats/ . Last year we have over 60 cases reported, the highest to date.

Currently, there are no reported horse cases for WNV. Last year only one WNV horse case has been reported, occurring in Burlington County. For further information, see http://www.nj.gov/health/cd/statistics/arboviral-stats/.

Birds are no longer routinely tested in New Jersey.



Above is a graph showing cumulative number of positive pools for the previous 10 years, inclusive of the most active (2018) and least active (2009) years. The red series represents this year, starting with the first positive pool.

Go here for the table supplement of arbovirus by county by mosquito species.