MOSQUITO SURVEILLANCE REPORT

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This is the first report of its kind to be compiled in recent years. Even though there is no comparable information for past years, some general statements can be made about this season's mosquito population to date as represented in this report.

The <u>Culex</u> population is predominant state-wide and is generally higher than normal for this time of year. This can be attributed to a mild winter and an unusually warm period in April.

There are fewer mosquito species being trapped in the northern sector of the state. The overall mosquito population is higher to the south due to climatic differences. The first population of salt marsh mosquitoes is appearing along the Coastal Wetlands region. Culiseta melanura is abundant enough in the Coastal Plain region to appear on the report.

The summary table lists the mosquito species in decreasing abundance for each region. Only the four most abundant species are listed. If a species is present in numbers less than 0.1 per trap-night, it is not entered.

Counties represented in this report:

Bergen
Burlington
Camden
Cape May
Cumberland
Hunterdon

Middlesex Ocean Passaic Sussex Warren

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REGIONAL LIGHT TRAP SUMMARY

Average mosquitoes per trap-night May 18-25, 1973

Predominant Other important species Species Region Region A A. stimulans Culex complex Northern 0.3 Rural 1.0 49* Region B Culex complex Passaic 0.2 Valley Region C Culex complex Rural 0.1 14 Region D Culex complex A. vexans A. cantator drban 0.2 1.6 0.3 Corridor 63 Region E Culex complex C. melanura A. canadensis A. vexans Coastal 0.4 0.4 0.3 1.8 Plain 49 Region F A. cantator A. sollicitans A. canadensis Culex complex Coastal 1.0 6.2 3.6 1.3 Wetlands

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^{*} number of trap-nights per region

