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The overall mosquito population is up slightly from last week with a few significant increases occurring in the less important species and the salt marsh species.

The <u>Culex</u> complex is the dominant group in regions A, C, D and F and has increased moderately in all regions except E and F. The <u>Culex</u> complex has increased in the Urban region to where it equals that of the Coastal Wetlands region.

Aedes vexans has increased moderately in all regions except F. It is a predominant species only in the Passaic Valley region.

Aedes sollicitans has increased significantly along the Coastal Wetlands region from 5.9 last report to 20.9 in this report. It also increased along the coastal borders of region D from 0.1 last report to 2.2 this report and is the third most abundant mosquito in that region. A. cantator continues to decline.

Mansonia perturbans increased in regions A, B, D, and E. In region E it is the predominant species by its average catch, but was trapped in only three traps in that region in very high numbers.

Psorophora species, although not appearing on the summary table, are quite numerous in a few traps in regions B, D, and E. A. trivittatus has become very numerous in certain areas around the State as reported from landing counts, but this was not reflected in light traps.

Counties represented in this report: Atlantic, Bergen, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Essex, Gloucester, Hudson*, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Morris, Ocean, Passaic, Salem, Somerset, Sussex, Union and Warren.

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REGIONAL LIGHT TRAP SUMMARY

Average mosquitoes per trap-night June 29-July 5, 1973

Predominant Other important species Species Region Anopheles Aedes vexans Mansonia Region A Culex complex punctipennis Northern perturbans Rural 0.6 9.0 2.9 0.5 *77 Psorophora spp. A. vexans Culex complex Mansonia Region B A. sollicitans perturbans Passaic Valley 0.1 0.3 3.6 6.3 84 An. punctipennis Region C Culex complex A. vexans Rural 0.2 5.4 3.2 42 A. sollicitans M. perturbans Culex complex A. vexans Region D rban 2.2 0.9 5.2 38.0 Corridor 133 Region E M. perturbans A. vexans Culiseta melanura Culex complex Coastal Plain 4.5 1.2 0.5 6.5 63 A. sollicitans A. cantator A. vexans Region F Culex complex Coastal Wetlands 2.1 1.7 20.9 38.4 147

^{*} Number of trap-nights per region.