



# Village of Romeoville

## July 2024 - Status Report

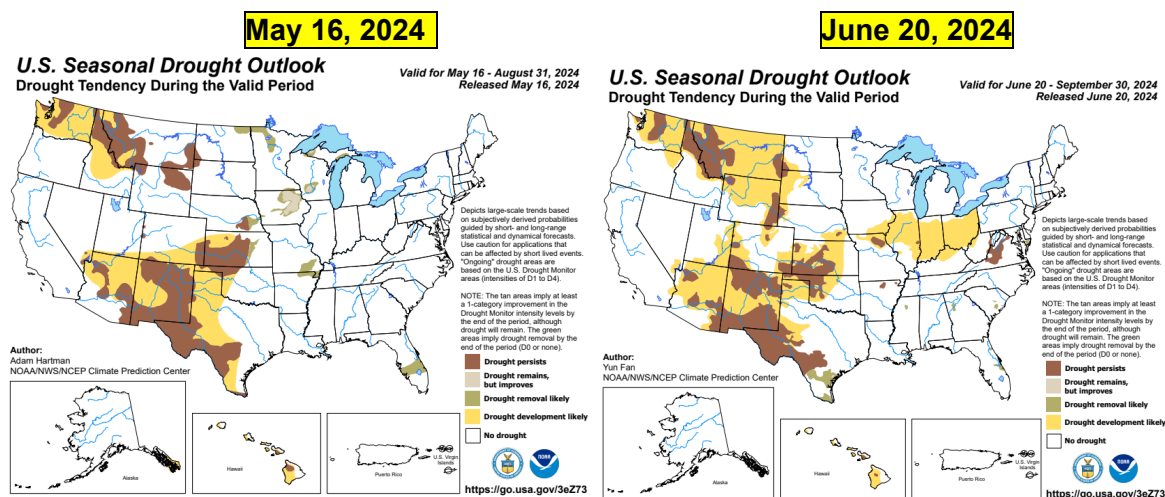
### SEASON PERSPECTIVE

Introduction. The objectives of the program are to protect the public health by controlling nuisance mosquitoes, reducing the potential of mosquito-borne disease transmission, and providing a comfortable and healthy atmosphere for district residents.

Weather conditions critically affect the seasonal mosquito population. Excessive rainfall periods trigger hatches of floodwater mosquitoes (*Aedes vexans*), the dominant annoyance species in northern Illinois that has a flight range of 15 to 20 miles. The other target species is the northern house mosquito (*Culex pipiens*), the primary vector of West Nile virus (WNV) that flourishes under stagnant water and drought conditions.

### 2024 Northern Illinois Drought Development Likely

The comparison of the following United States Drought Monitor maps shows the northern Illinois soil moisture has shifted to a “drought development likely” trend:

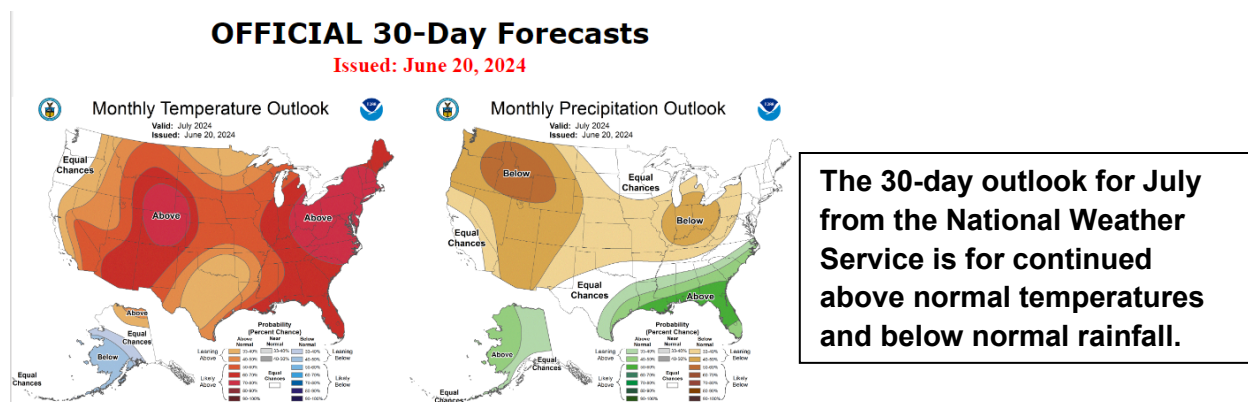


May rainfall at O'Hare Airport was close to the normal amount of 4 inches. Between May 2<sup>nd</sup> and June 5<sup>th</sup> there were six key rainfalls that triggered floodwater mosquito brood hatches that peaked during the week of June 17<sup>th</sup>. The Clarke network of 100 New Jersey light traps collected the largest catches of mosquitoes seen in many years.



Between June 5<sup>th</sup> and June 22<sup>nd</sup>, the weather pattern reversed to excessively were hot and dry conditions for those 18 days, as summarized by the following statistics:

- Average temperature was 73.6°, 5° above normal
- Warmest June in 3 years, since 2021
- 9<sup>th</sup> warmest June on record, since records began in 1871



On Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, the largest storm in a month moved through the Chicagoland area with the following rainfall amounts received:

Location	Rainfall Amount Received (inches)
O'Hare	0.91
Midway	1.55
Downers Grove	1.70
Wheaton	1.92
Mundelein	4.91
McHenry	5.78
Libertyville	6.86

Source: ABC7 Chicago, AccuWeather

An additional brood-triggering rains occurred on June 25<sup>th</sup> and July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Operations plan.** As a result of this weather pattern, a shift from floodwater mosquitoes (*Aedes vexans*) to the northern house mosquito (*Culex pipiens*) is anticipated and the increased risk of West Nile virus (WNV) to develop. The Clarke surveillance team reported a spike of June WNV-positives *Culex* samples in DuPage, Kane and Lake Counties. These reports are in addition to other agency reports of WNV-positives in Cook and Winnebago Counties in northern Illinois. **In addition, heavy rainfall in late June will cause an *Ae. vexans* brood to hatch and impact in mid-July.** Accordingly, Clarke operations will focus on permanent and stagnant larval development habitats for the control of *Culex pipiens* and proceed with the second round of catch basins and helicopter pre-hatch applications. Truck ULV adulticide applications will be recommended as warranted by surveillance data for nuisance and potential risk of WNV transmission.



## **Floodwater Mosquito Brood Prediction**

The floodwater mosquito (*Aedes vexans*) is the key nuisance species in the Chicagoland area. Floodwater mosquito population hatches, or broods, are triggered by significant rainfall events. The Clarke Brood Prediction Model calculates peak annoyance periods based on rainfall and temperature data collected from weather stations in your area.

Weather Station Name	Rain Date	Rain Amount	Brood Prediction Date
Will Co.	06/01/2024	0.69	06/15/2024
Will Co.	06/05/2024	0.49	06/19/2024
Will Co.	06/13/2024	0.40	06/27/2024
Will Co.	06/23/2024	0.97	07/07/2024
Will Co.	06/24/2024	1.27	07/08/2024
Will Co.	06/25/2024	1.56	07/09/2024
Will Co.	07/09/2024	0.54	07/23/2024
Will Co.	07/14/2024	1.18	07/28/2024
Will Co.	07/15/2024	0.89	07/29/2024

## **New Jersey Light Trap Counts**

(\*Red numbers indicate an annoyance level)

Trap Location	6/14	6/17	6/19	6/24	6/26	6/28	7/1	7/3
401 Normantown Rd	11	11	0	6	20	8	1	4
750 Yates Ave	53	21	9	24	46	40	9	7

M\* Malfunction

Trap Location	7/5	7/8	7/10	7/12	7/15	7/17	7/19	7/22
401 Normantown Rd	2	8	8	4	4	12	3	1
750 Yates Ave	41	41	185	129	61	96	25	29

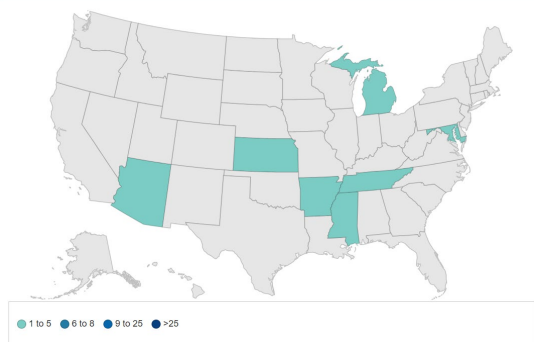


## MOSQUITO-BORNE DISEASE UPDATE

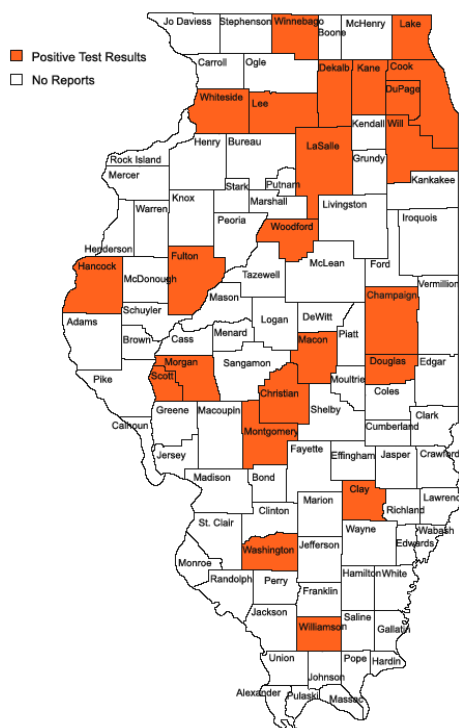
### West Nile Virus (WNV)

**2024 – USA.** As of June 25<sup>th</sup>, the nine (9) human WNV case have been reported to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) in the following seven (7) states:

West Nile virus human disease cases reported by state of residence, 2024



**2024 – Illinois.** As of July 1<sup>st</sup>, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) has confirmed the batches of mosquitoes to test positive for West Nile virus in Illinois in the following highlighted counties:



West Nile Virus Activity Comparison and Summary (as of June 14, 2024)

	Number Collected in all Counties	# WNV Positives	% WNV Positives
2024 Data as of June 14			
2024 Mosquito Surveillance Samples	1,903	11	0.6%
2024 Bird Surveillance Samples	43	10	23.3%
2024 WNV Positive Counties	13		
2024 Human Cases as of June 14	0		
2023 Historical Data as of June 14 for Comparison			
2023 Mosquito Surveillance Samples	2,367	20	0.8%
2023 Bird Surveillance Samples	52	0	0%
2023 WNV Positive Counties	4		
2023 Total Human Cases	119		
2012 Historical Data as of June 14 for Comparison			
2012 Mosquito Surveillance Samples	2,204	30	1.4%
2012 Bird Surveillance Samples	226	16	7.1%
2012 WNV Positive Counties	14		
2012 Total Human Cases	290		

## OPERATIONS UPDATE



## **Services Performed - June & Early July 2024:**

Service Item	Start Date
Natular G 5#/Acre Hand	06/03/2024
Complete Site Larval Insp Serv	06/03/2024
Biomist 3+15 Truck ULV	06/04/2024
Biomist 3+15 Truck Festival	06/05/2024
Biomist 3+15 Truck Festival	06/07/2024
Biomist 3+15 Truck Festival	06/12/2024
Natular G 5#/Acre Hand	06/17/2024
Targeted Site Larval Insp Serv	06/17/2024
Biomist 3+15 Truck Festival	06/19/2024
Biomist 3+15 Truck Festival	06/26/2024
Natular XRT CB Bike	06/27/2024
Biomist 3+15 Truck ULV	07/01/2024
Biomist 3+15 Truck 4th of July	07/02/2024
Biomist 3+15 Truck Festival	07/05/2024
Natular G 5#/Acre Hand	07/08/2024
Complete Site Larval Insp Serv	07/08/2024
Biomist 3+15 Truck Festival	07/10/2024
Biomist 3+15 Truck ULV	07/16/2024
Biomist 3+15 Truck Festival	07/17/2024

## **Upcoming 2024 Operations**

Work Type	Number of Treatments
Biomist 3+15 Truck Festival	4
Complete Site Larval Insp Serv	1



## West Nile Virus Activity Comparison and Summary (as of July 12, 2024)

	Number Collected in all Counties	# WNV Positives	% WNV Positives
2024 Data as of July 12			
2024 Mosquito Surveillance Samples	5,621	253	4.5%
2024 Bird Surveillance Samples	90	16	17.8%
2024 WNV Positive Counties	33		
2024 Human Cases <b>as of July 12</b>	0		
2023 Historical Data as of July 12 for Comparison			
2023 Mosquito Surveillance Samples	6,331	180	2.8%
2023 Bird Surveillance Samples	75	0	0%
2023 WNV Positive Counties	20		
2023 <b>Total</b> Human Cases	119		
2012 Historical Data as of July 12 for Comparison			
2012 Mosquito Surveillance Samples	7,368	685	9.3%
2012 Bird Surveillance Samples	317	22	6.9%
2012 WNV Positive Counties	25		
2012 <b>Total</b> Human Cases	290		

### The following are newly reported WNV positive counties:

1. McHenry County
2. Shelby County
3. Kankakee County
4. Livingston County
5. Hardin County
6. Johnson County
7. Alexander County
8. Boone County



## 2024 West Nile Virus Positive Counties

