

Tarrant County Public Health

Weekly Arbovirus Surveillance Report: MMWR Week Apr 23-Apr 29, 2023



Week 17 Summary

- 124 mosquito pools* have been tested in NTRL from week 17
 - Year-to-date NTRL has tested a total of 470 mosquito pools
- 5 mosquito pools tested positive for WNV this week:
 - Eules (1) Hurst (1) Mansfield (1) Unincorporated (2)
- There have been 0 imported human cases of SLE or Zika in 2023. There have been 0 cases of Dengue Fever.
 - There have been 0 human cases of West Nile disease.
- Average number of mosquitoes/trap include:
 - *Culex* spp: 65.8
 - *Aedes aegypti*: 0.7
 - *Aedes albopictus* 0.7

NTRL– North Texas Regional Lab
WNV= West Nile virus; CHIKV= chikungunya virus; DENV= dengue virus; SLEV St. Louis encephalitis virus * May include data from outside Tarrant County

Cumulative Positive WNV Pools per Municipality

There have been a total of 7 positives in 2023

Eules (1) Hurst (1) Mansfield* (1) Unincorporated** (4)

* May include data from outside Tarrant County ** Includes 2 positives from winter surveillance

Table 1. MLE⁽¹⁾ and VI⁽²⁾ for County Quadrants, Weeks 16 and 17

	County Quadrant # Gravid traps	Ave F <i>Culex</i> spp	Positive pools	MLE (Lower-Upper Limit)	VI
Week 16	Northeast	37	0.0	0.00 (0.00-16.01)	0.000
	Northwest	14	0.0	0.00 (0.00-21.70)	0.000
	Southeast	23	0.0	0.00 (0.00-11.33)	0.000
	Southwest	9	0.0	0.00 (0.00-140.70)	0.000
Week 17	Northeast	45	2.0	4.22 (0.25-10.19)	0.041
	Northwest	16	2.0	8.25 (0.48-21.39)	0.119
	Southeast	31	1.0	1.19 (0.07-8.31)	0.030
	Southwest	11	0.0	0.00 (0.00-28.27)	0.000

Data

source: Tarrant County Public Health

1. MLE= Maximum Likelihood Estimate or the estimate of the mosquito infection rate per mosquito species. 2. VI= Vector Index which is a measure of infectivity accounting for vector species composition, vector species population density, and proportion of vector population infected with WNV

Averages, MLE, and limits will be given for species with identified infection rates only and only for the latest two week. MLE, Lower and Upper Limits are based on a 95% confidence interval. All data in this table is based on collection date.

Calculated using a Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE). Biggerstaff, Brad J. PooledInRate, Version 4.0: a Microsoft® Office Excel® Add-In to compute prevalence estimates

Cumulative Data for the Tarrant County Region, Weeks 14-17

Week	Apr 2- Apr 8	Apr 9- Apr 15	Apr 16- Apr 22	Apr 23- Apr 29	YTD
MMWR Week	14	15	16	17	
Total number of gravid traps set in Tarrant Region	56	100	83	103	399
Average number of <i>Culex</i> spp per gravid trap	19.5	57.2	31.1	65.8	121.3
Number of mosquito pools tested ¹ (NTRL; non-NTRL)	78;7	111;1	90;13	124;11	470;32
Number of positive mosquito pools (NTRL; non-NTRL) ¹	0;0	0;0	0;0	5;0	7;0
Confirmed WNV human cases (WNF; WNND) ²	0;0	0;0	0;0	0;0	0;0
WNV infection rate per 1,000 <i>Culex</i> spp ³	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.57	
Weekly vector index ⁴	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.181	
Total BG Sentinel traps set in Tarrant Region	13	18	21	16	69
Average number of female <i>Aedes aegypti</i> per BG trap	1.1	1.2	0.4	0.7	0.4
Average number of female <i>Aedes albopictus</i> per BG trap	0.8	2.7	2.1	0.7	0.8

¹ Based on mosquito collection date; NTRL = North Texas Regional Laboratory

² Based on onset of illness date for cases reported to Tarrant County Public Health; WNF=West Nile Fever; WNND = West Nile Neuroinvasive Disease

³ Calculated using a Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE). Biggerstaff, Brad J. PooledInfRate, Version 4.0: a Microsoft® Office Excel® Add-In to compute prevalence estimates from pooled samples. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Fort Collins, CO, U.S.A., 2009 *Culex* spp includes pools of both *Cx restuans* and *Cx quinquefasciatus*. These MLEs are calculated separately, per species and added together as per instructions by CDC.

⁴ Vector Index is a measure of infectivity accounting for vector species composition, vector species population density, and proportion of vector population infected with WNV
Note: Infection rate and vector index calculations now includes pools from outside laboratories; Data subject to change due to on-going case investigations, mosquito collection, and testing. Data source: Tarrant County Public Health

Figure 1. Average Number of Female *Culex* Species Per Trap and Vector Index by Collection Date, Tarrant County, 2022-2023

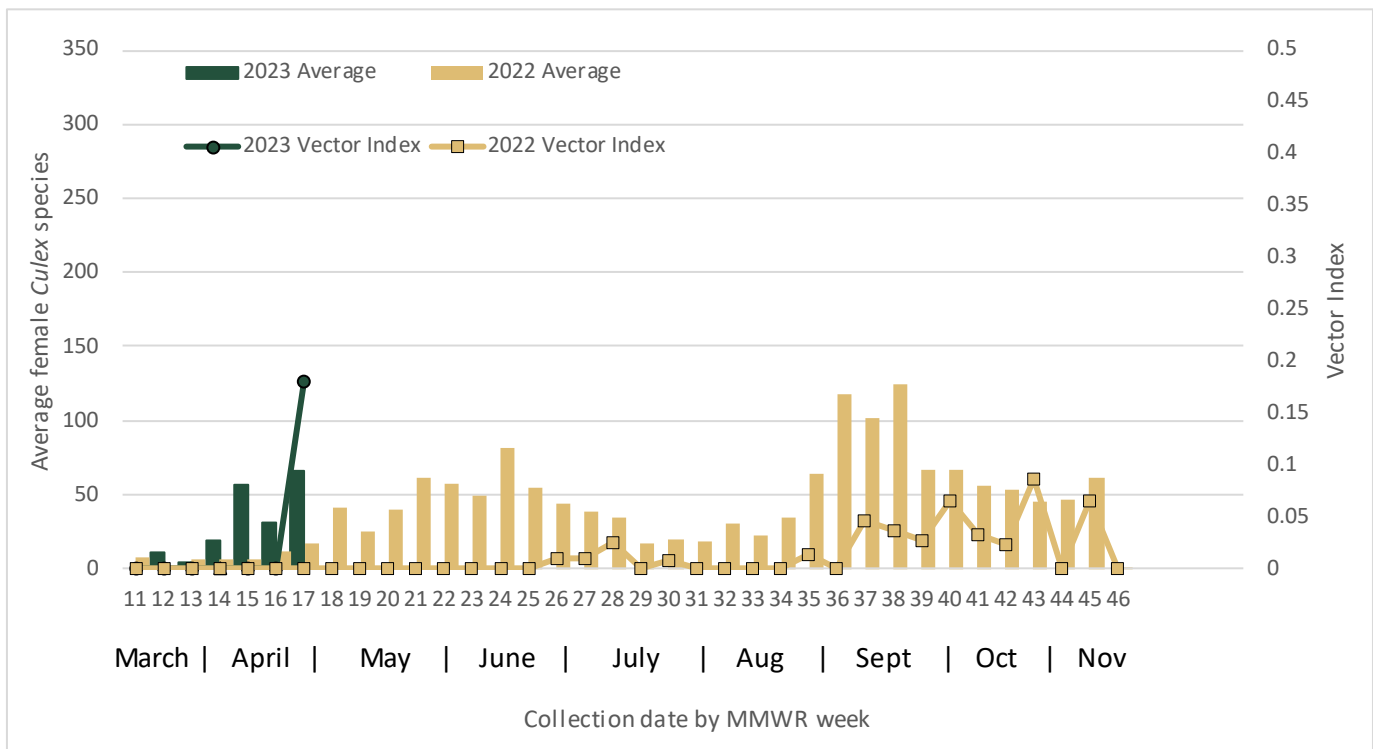
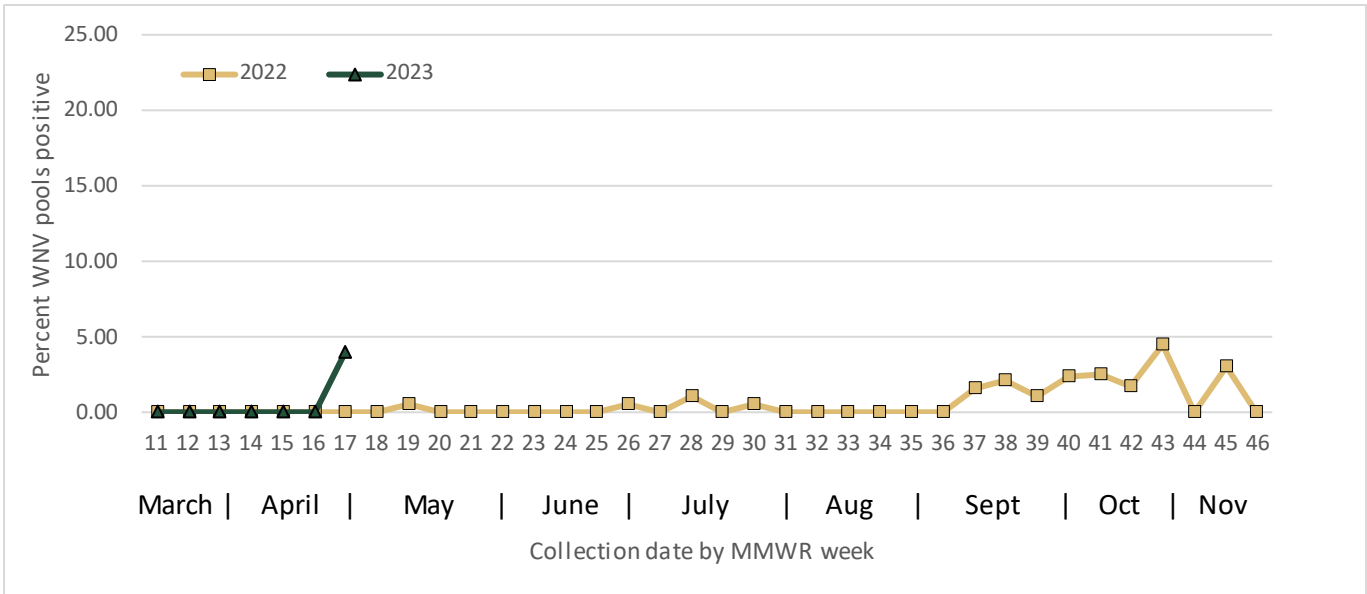


Figure 2. Percentage of Mosquito Pools Positive for WNV by Collection Date, Tarrant County, 2022-2023



Data Source: Tarrant County Public Health

Table 3. North Texas Arbovirus Activity as Reported by Texas DSHS on May 2, 2023

North Texas Counties	WNV					CHIKV		DENV		SLEV		Zika	
	Positive Mosquito Pools	Human cases				Positive Mosquito Pools	Human Cases	Positive Mosquito Pools	Human Cases	Positive Mosquito Pools	Human Cases	Positive Mosquito Pools	Human Cases
Collin	0	0 WNF;	0 WNND			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dallas	0	0 WNF;	0 WNND			0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Denton	0	0 WNF;	0 WNND			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Johnson	0	0 WNF;	0 WNND			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-Tarrant North Texas	0	0	0			0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
All Texas Counties	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0

*All reported CHIKV, DENV, & Zika human cases are travel-related
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DENV– Dengue virus; SLEV– St. Louis encephalitis virus

For Additional Information Please Visit The Links Below:

Department of State Health Services:

- [Arbovirus Activity Reports](#)
- [Texas Zika](#)

Tarrant County educational videos and documents:

- [Eliminating Mosquito Breeding Sites](#)
- [Barrier Treatments for Mosquitoes](#)
- [Mosquitoes Love Water](#)
- [Mosquito Prevention Tool Kit](#)

Tarrant County web pages:

- [Be Mosquito Free](#)
- [Zika](#)
- [Vector Control](#)
- [WNV Interactive Mapping Tool](#)

Environmental Protection Agency:

- [Insect Repellent Information](#)

Center for Disease Control and Prevention:

- [Zika Travel Information](#)