

BLSG Mosquito Reports

Mosquito season is here! The Otter Creek floodplain has experienced extensive flooding in the past three weeks and is in full flood stage. Continuous rain has prolonged the mosquito reproduction phase. The BLSG plans on posting a biweekly activity report.

Technicians have been sampling for mosquito larvae and are finding significant numbers of larvae throughout the district at various stages of development. There is evidence that some larva have matured into flying adults. The first round of mosquitos will live for approximately three weeks. However the females will find a blood meal and then lay their eggs. This will be an endless cycle throughout the season due to minimal larvicide applications.

All funding for larvicide treatments is provided by the State of Vermont Agency of Agriculture Foods and Markets. At this point the BLSG does not have adequate funding for a spring aerial treatment. Last year approximately 3000 acres were treated by helicopter. This year the BLSG expects to treat 150 acres with hand applications. Our local State Representatives are working hard to acquire additional larvicide funding. If sufficient additional funds become available the BLSG will use the funds for aerial larvicide treatments through the summer. The District anticipates high larval counts this season, based on data collected from previous years. BLSG personnel will continue to sample, monitor, and treat local hotspots with larvicides. For service requests (for larvicide or adulticide treatments) call 802-247-6779. To opt out of adulticide spraying please visit the Districts website for opt out instructions. www.BLSGmosquito.com.