

August turned out to be a high viral month for West Nile Virus in Beaver County! We had over 17 mosquito samples that tested positive for West Nile Virus.

60 gravid traps were set in August and over 5,800 mosquitoes were collected.

We set 10 BG Sentinel traps to determine mosquito populations and collected over 800 mosquitoes. We also collected approximately 200 larvae/pupae in sampling events.

We conducted 14 adult control events. 6 truck mounted ULV events, 4 backpack barrier events, and 4 thermal fogging events.

46 larval control events were conducted to reduce larval mosquito populations before they became adult mosquitoes.

We investigated 2 mosquito calls of concern in August.

Tick surveillance in August consisted of 8 tick drags throughout the county with 654 larvae collected and 2 nymphal ticks. 0 positives were identified in the samples for August. This is the time of year for nymphal tick populations to decline, their highest activity time is in June and July. Although we didn't have any samples test positive in August, infection rates across the state are still high and it is important to use personal protective measures during outdoor activities.

Just a reminder that even though kids are back in school, it is still important to stay protected from mosquitoes and ticks. Use personal protection while enjoying the outdoors and remember to do personal tick checks when returning home from outdoor activities. For more information, please visit our website [www.beavercountyconservationdistrict.org](http://www.beavercountyconservationdistrict.org)

## AREAS TO CHECK FOR TICKS

