



## TUSCOLA COUNTY MOSQUITO ABATEMENT

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DATE: May 27, 2009  
FROM: Jenifer Robb, Director  
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RE: Mosquito Problems

The last two months have been witness to heavy rains in Tuscola County. These rains were coupled with ground that was already saturated from winter snow and early spring rains. The rains have also caused flooding in many areas. Due to the standing water from these heavy rains and flooding we are experiencing heavy mosquito densities all around the county. These mosquitoes are the spring species that are typical for this time of the year, as well as early summer floodwater mosquitoes that we normally do not see until later in the year.

Our technicians are working very hard to reduce the mosquitoes all around the county. However, due to the heavy densities it will take a little while to get them under control. We ask that everyone, please be patient. Nighttime adulticiding (truck treatment) started on May 18<sup>th</sup> as cold temperatures and high winds prevented treatment prior to this date.

Our office has been receiving a high volume of calls requesting for individual yard treatments. This type of treatment will not alleviate the mosquito problem in a large area. The "spray" treatments are only contact sprays and will only kill the mosquitoes in the yard at the time of treatment. Requests for this type of treatment are currently booked until the middle of July. There is no residual effect on this type of treatment. It is much more effective for a truck to spray a large area of a township, reducing the overall population of mosquitoes than to spray a single yard.

Again, we would like to ask that everyone please be patient. We have all of the available trucks out treating, as the weather allows and will continue our efforts to reduce the mosquito populations throughout all of Tuscola County.