



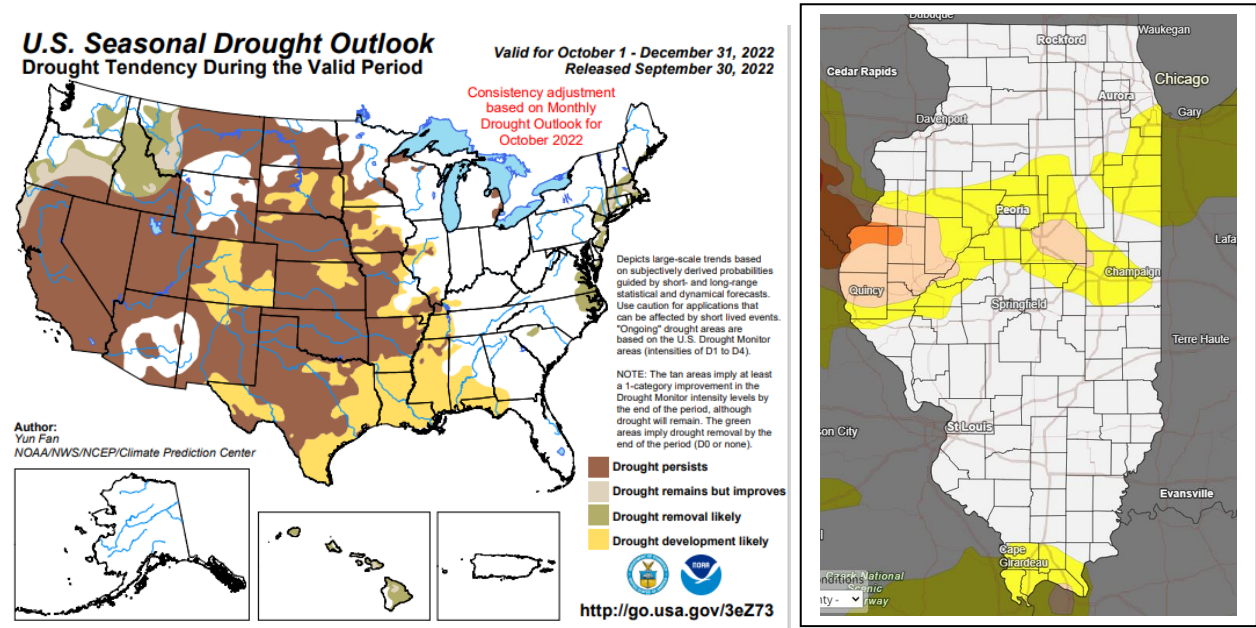
# City of Oakbrook Terrace September 2022 - Status Report

## SEASON PERSPECTIVE

Introduction. 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.

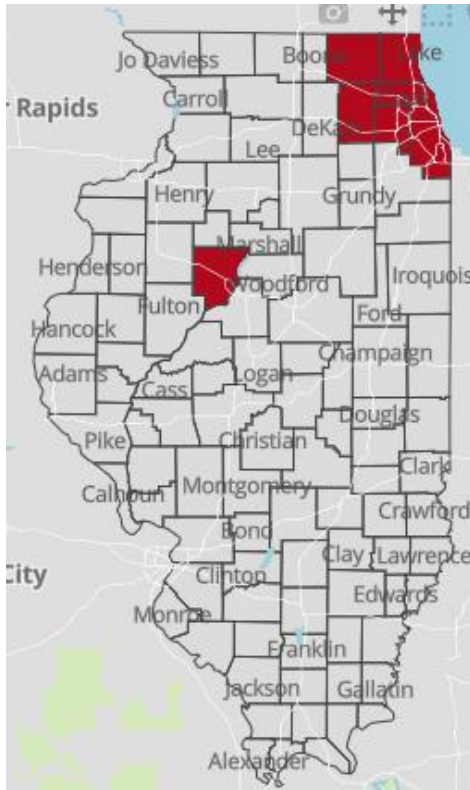
## Soil Moisture Conditions Improved As Late Season West Nile Virus Human Cases Increase

Significant rainfalls in late August and early September improved the soil moisture deficit across northern Illinois. The dominant dry conditions in July and August curtailed the impact of the 2022 floodwater mosquito population. On the other hand, the *Culex* mosquito and WNV disease vector, develops under dry conditions and caused late season WNV transmission to humans.





As of September 28<sup>th</sup>, the Illinois Department of Public Health has reported twenty (20) human cases in six (6) counties, as shown by the following map and chart:



COUNTY	CASES
Cook	13
DuPage	3
Kane	1
Lake	1
McHenry	1
Peoria	1
Total	20

**Operations Plan. Late July through September is the critical time to protect the public health from WNV.** Due to the dry weather pattern, Clarke operations focused on floodwater on *Culex* habitats, including the completion of catch basin applications and monitoring of wastewater treatment plants, and stagnant water areas. **Truck ULV adulticide applications were recommended, as warranted by surveillance data, to proactively suppress the potential of WNV transmission to the human population.**



**Floodwater Mosquito Brood Prediction – DuPage County Airport**

The floodwater mosquito (*Aedes vexans*) is the key nuisance species in the Chicagoland area. Distinct hatches of floodwater mosquito populations, 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.

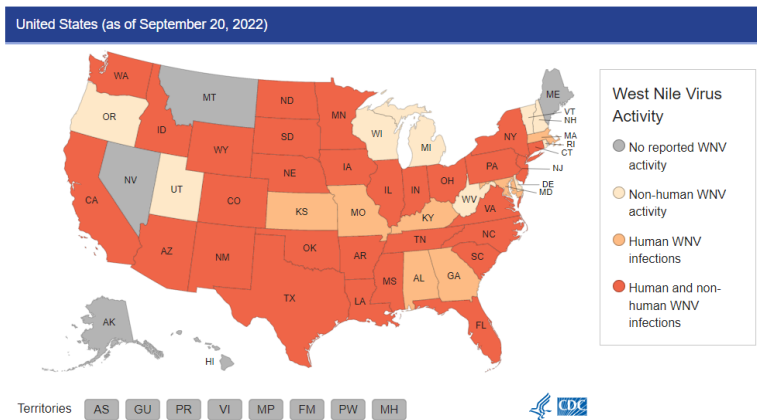
Weather Station Name	Rain Date	Rain Amount	Brood Prediction Date
DuPage Co. Airport	8/19	1.16	9/02
DuPage Co. Airport	9/11	0.89	9/25
DuPage Co. Airport	9/18	0.67	10/02
DuPage Co. Airport	9/20	0.43	10/04

**MOSQUITO-BORNE DISEASE UPDATE**

**West Nile Virus (WNV)**

**2022 – USA.** As of September 20<sup>th</sup>, four hundred twenty (420) USA human WNV cases have been reported to the CDC in thirty-six (36) states, including twenty-five (25) fatalities.

**West Nile Virus Activity by State 2022**



**2022 – Illinois.** As of September 28<sup>th</sup>, twenty (20) human WNV cases have been reported to IDPH in Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry and Peoria Counties. The DuPage County Health Department has reported human cases in Medinah, Oakbrook and Woodridge. The following chart compares 2022 to the same YTD periods in 2021 and 2012 (the last year of a major WNV outbreak):

