



News Release

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Re: Mosquito Spraying/More EEE Cases

(New Hanover County)— Weather permitting, mosquito spraying will take place tonight in the northern Castle Hayne area due to another case of Eastern Equine Encephalomyelitis. The State Lab in Raleigh has confirmed four positive samples taken from a sentinel chicken flock in the area.

The EEE virus is becoming very active in North Carolina and other Atlantic Coast states. Three horses in North Carolina have been infected and euthanized in the past several weeks including one in Columbus County. Equine owners should be in contact with their veterinarians to discuss vaccination schedules. More on EEE and West Nile Virus, another mosquito borne illness, can be found at the state Department of Agriculture website: <http://www.ncagr.gov/paffairs/release/2009/7-09EEEpositives.htm>

Residents should also be reminded that mosquitoes can easily breed in small amounts of standing water. To help prevent further mosquito populations from growing and to mitigate possible exposure to various illness, it is recommended that homeowners inspect their properties for even the smallest amount of stagnant water such as that found at the bottom of flower pots, inside old tires and in rain gutters.

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