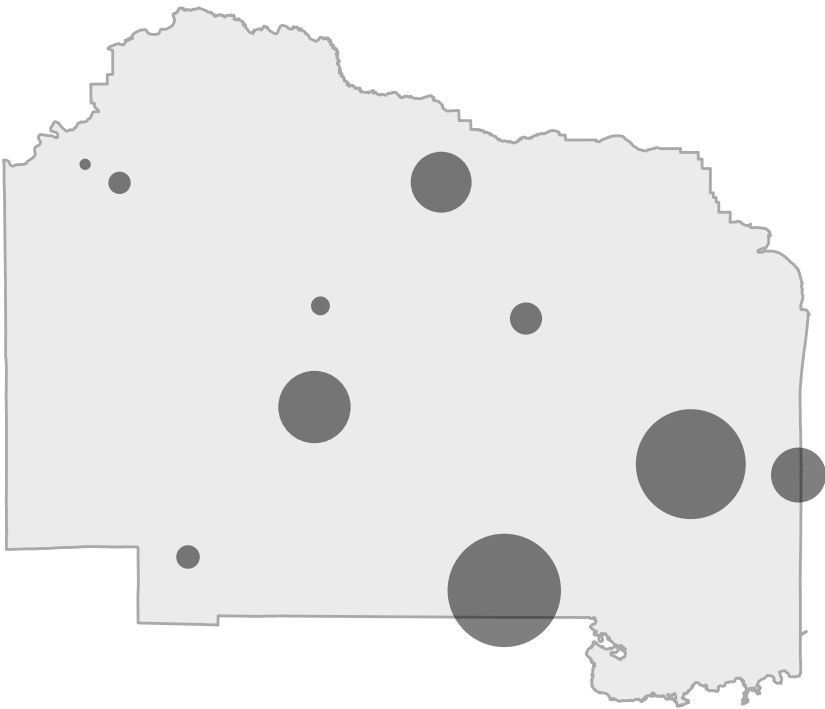


Weekly Mosquito Surveillance and Forecast Report

Florida Department of Health in Alachua County

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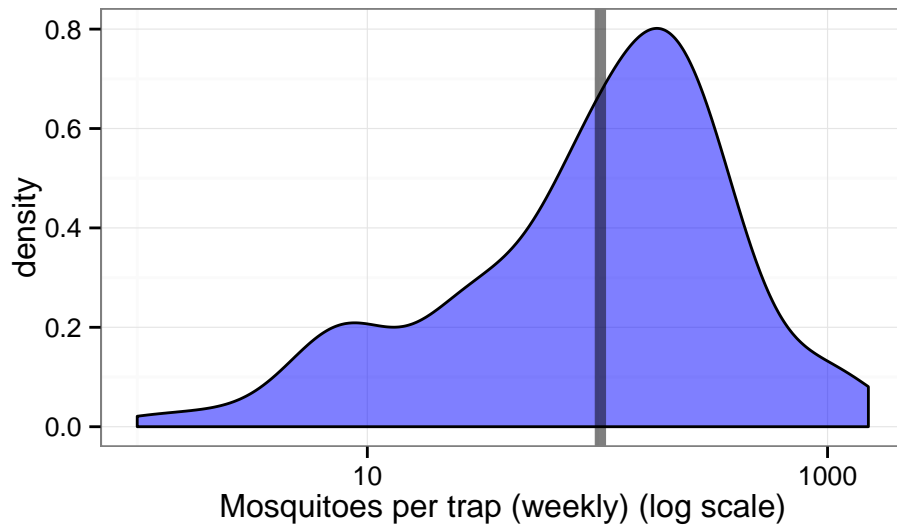


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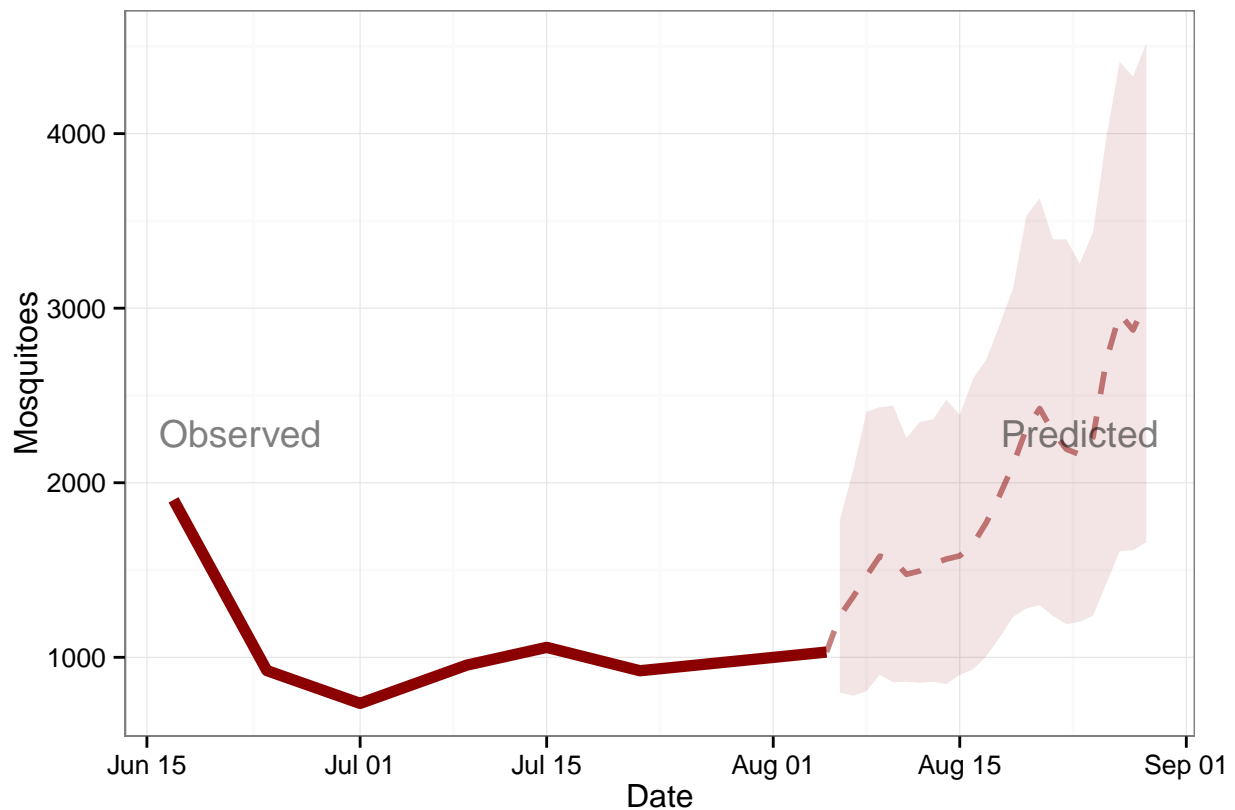


Overview

The most recent trap collection was on August 05, 2015. The 1030 mosquitoes trapped (approximately 103 per trap) is at the 44 percentile of all historical trappings.

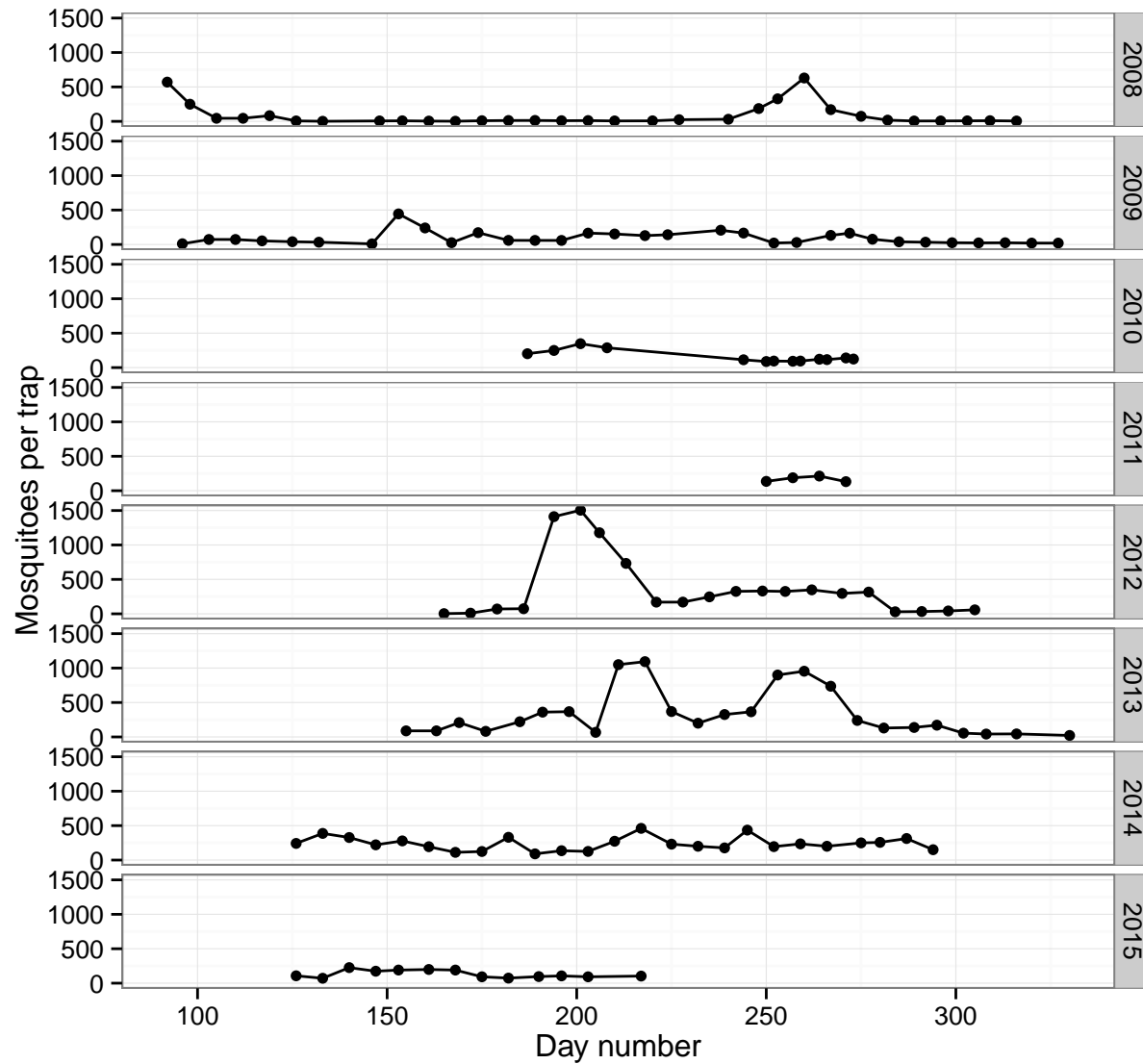


The number of mosquitoes rose in July, albeit slightly more gradually than predicted. Recent precipitation suggests a continued rise in the mosquito population through mid-August, with a sharper rise through the end of the month.



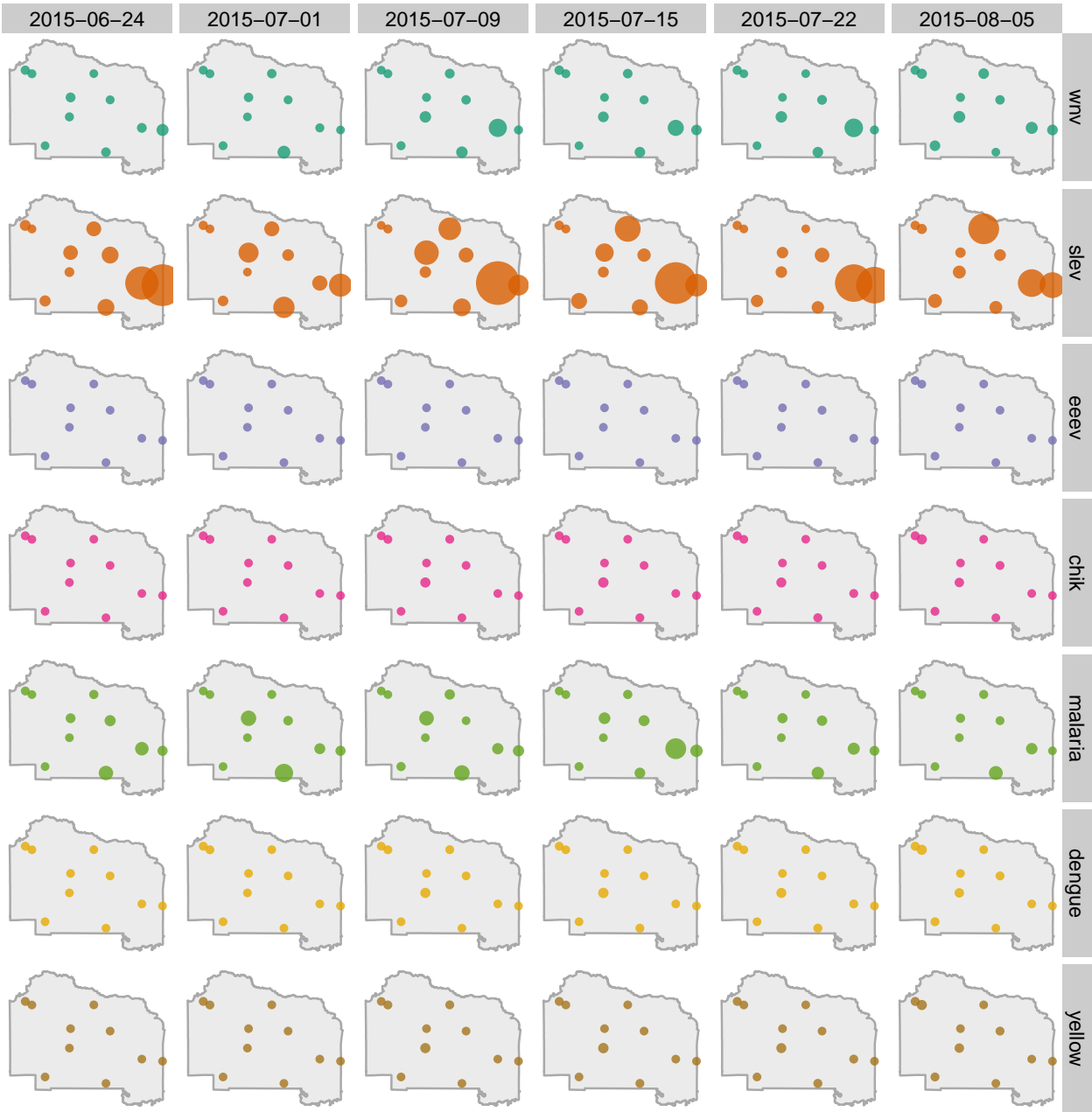
Historical perspective

Numbers so far this summer have been relatively low. However, it's worth noting that peak mosquito population is usually reached later in the summer.



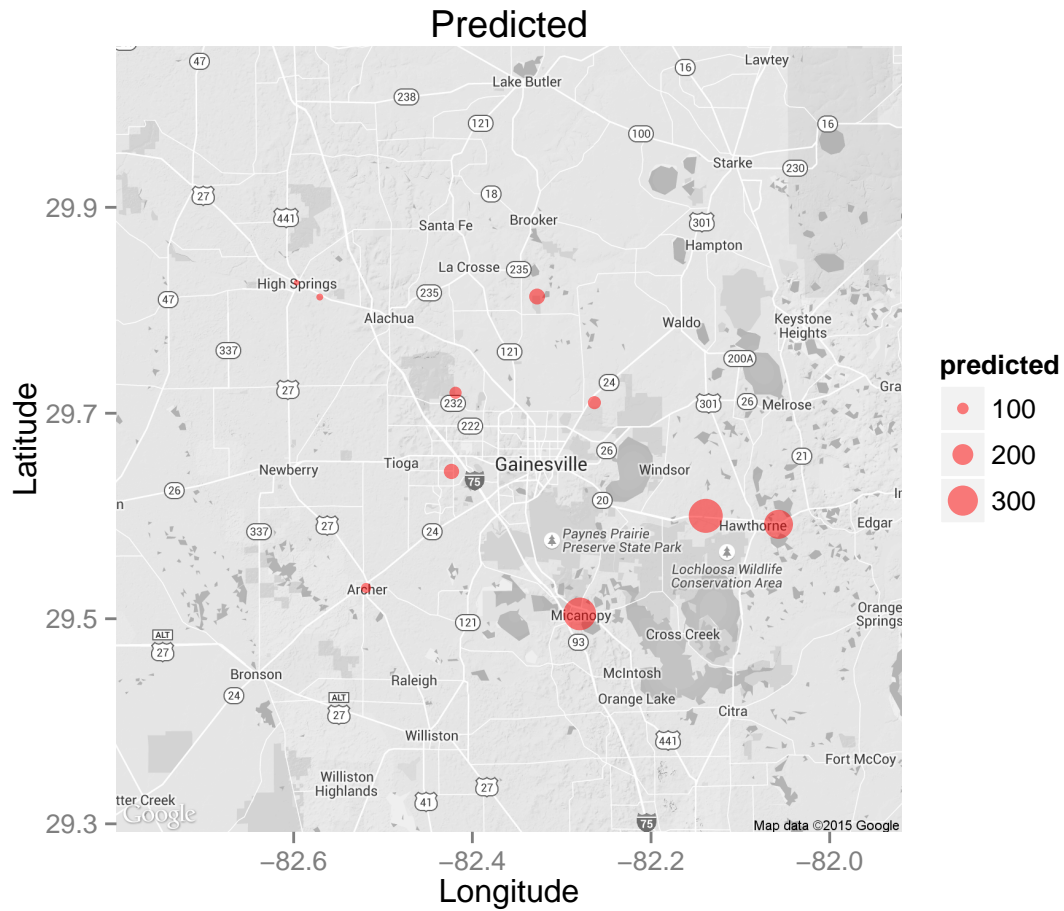
Disease details

Vectors of diseases of concern appear relatively evenly distributed throughout the county.



Forecast

Over the next two weeks, we predict the mosquito population to grow slightly, with the greatest growth occurring in the south of the county (towards Micanopy) and east (Hawthorne area).



Model details

The forecast model has undergone several improvements since last year. The inputs have been substantially expanded (now taking into account humidity, precipitation, wind speed, temperature and its fluctuations), and the model has been improved (in lieu of linear regression, the predictive model now employs ensemble machine learning methods).

The model is cross-validated and backtesting confirms a decent fit.

