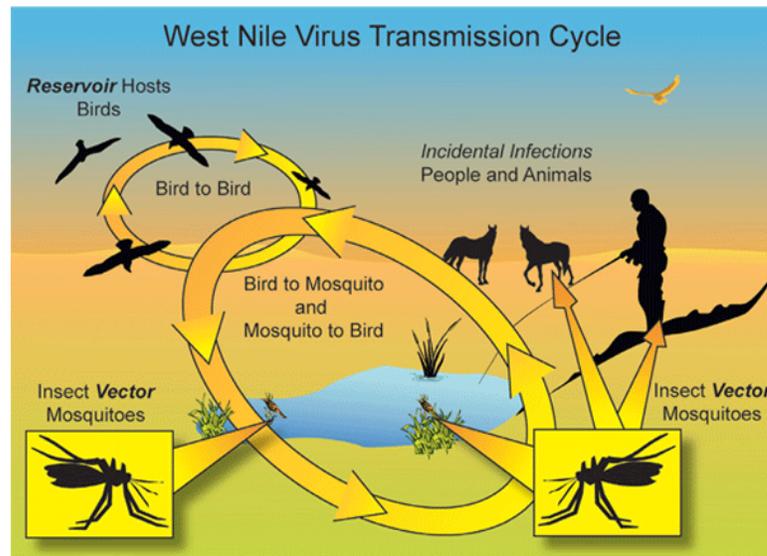


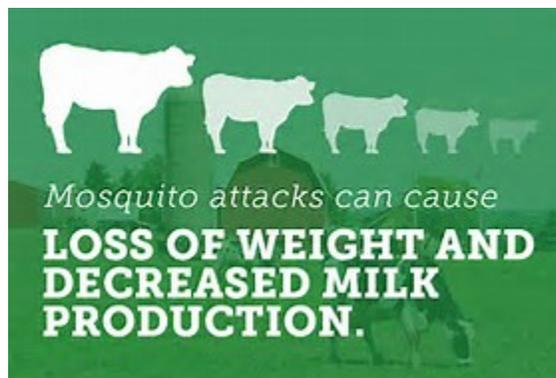
Tips to prevent mosquito infestation on irrigated land or farmlands

While some growers or livestock keepers view mosquito problems as a part of life, there are many reasons why you should pitch in to minimize mosquito population.

1. Mosquitoes carry disease and can be passed on to humans. Some of the more common mosquito-borne diseases are: West Nile Virus, Zika, Dengue Fever, Malaria, and chikungunya.



2. Mosquitoes threaten livestock and pets. Animals bitten by mosquitoes do not feed properly. They can transmit the encephalitis virus to horses. Horses also susceptible to West Nile virus. Mosquitoes can transmit heartworm in dogs and cause myxcomytosis in rabbits.



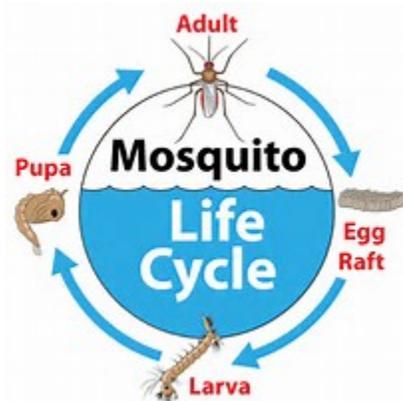
3. Mosquito infestation will cause decrease in property value and labor problems. Neighboring home owners and families find it difficult to enjoy barbecues, playing outdoor games, gardening, and Do-It-yourself projects.



MOSQUITOES AND WATER

You may be raising and breeding those mosquitoes in addition to your agriculture product. Crops need water and so do mosquitoes. All young mosquitoes hatch and develop in water. Once mature, mosquitoes tend to stay in the immediate area.

Mosquitoes breed in standing water, that is any body of water without turbulent flow. They do best in weeds or tall grass mixed with water. They just need a minimum of 4 days of standing water to go from egg to adult.



MOSQUITO PREVENTION

- Prevent or eliminate water that stands for longer than 4 days. This includes water in ruts, containers, old tires, old piping, birdbaths, tarps, boats, wheelbarrows, etc...
- Keep weeds and all vegetation low around ponds, ditches, and shallow wetlands. This allows natural predators to hunt mosquitoes more effectively.

- Irrigate properly so that all surface water is gone within 4 days.



- Fertilizers and manure mixed with water increase mosquito problems significantly, ensure proper drainage and conservative use of fertilizers
- Biological and chemical control of mosquitoes can supplement these essential preventative measures
- Livestock watering troughs or ponds create mosquito breeding due to hoofprints or ruts left in the ground which in turn become puddles - Pave or maintain area routinely. Get rid of troughs no longer in use



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