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About the GMCA

The Georgia Mosquito Control Association is a non-profit, professional organization founded in 1977.

The Association was founded on the belief that mosquito and other public health pest control problems have a significant impact on the citizens of Georgia. There was a need for interested persons within the state to form an association for these purposes:

- ✦ to exchange ideas and procedures to enable mosquito workers to better perform their duties;
- ✦ to protect the health and welfare of the people and their environment;
- ✦ to keep abreast of the

latest and best methods for control of mosquitoes and other pests so the citizens will be served;

- ✦ to encourage proper mosquito control, wherever feasible, and to help maintain a positive public interest in areas where mosquito and other public health pest control is operative;
- ✦ to keep the general public better informed of the benefits of mosquito and other public health pest control.

The Association hosts an annual educational and trade conference for its members. These conferences help promote inter-governmental cooperation and serve as a forum for the advancement of responsible mosquito and

vector control.

Those interested in membership in the Association should meet the following criteria:

Active Membership - All persons who are interested in any aspect of mosquito biology and control or who are professionally engaged in any branch of mosquito and related pest control work, and persons interested in the cause of mosquito and related pest control who desire affiliation with this association, shall be eligible for active membership.

2009-2010 Board of Directors

The President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, and Commercial Board Member serve a one-year term of office beginning in October. The Directors serve a three-year term, while the term for representatives is indefinite. Nominations are accepted during the annual October meeting.

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“Mosquitoes remind us that we are not as high up on the food chain as we think.”

Sustaining Members

The sustaining members of the GMCA are any persons or firms interested in the promotion of GMCA's purposes. Upon payment of dues, these person and organizations become listed here as Sustaining Members of the GMCA. Current GMCA Sustaining Members include:

ADAPCO, Inc.
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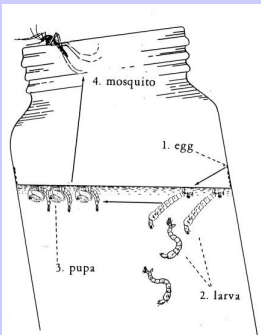
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Pest Control Licensing

GA Dept of Ag

The Pesticide Division enforces state and federal laws pertaining to the use and application of pesticides. Under the Georgia Pesticide Use and Application Act this section monitors the use of pesticides in a variety of pest management situations including commercial farming,

lawn care/landscaping, forestry, public health, right-of-way, etc. It also licenses private and commercial pesticide applicators and pesticide contractors. Under the Georgia Pesticide Control Act the division licenses restricted use pesticide dealers and registers all pesticides for sale and distribution in Georgia. Additionally, the

Pesticide Division licenses wood treatment facilities, inspects irrigation systems for chemigation, coordinates a pesticide container recycling program and waste pesticide collection program.

<http://agr.georgia.gov/portal/site/AGR>

Plant Industry Division
 Pesticides

Anyone who thinks that they are too small to make a difference has never tried to fall asleep with a mosquito in the room.

Mosquito ID Classes

The Georgia Division of Public Health offers two free mosquito ID classes every year. The object of these classes is to teach basic mosquito identification methods and techniques to anyone who is interested. Training is presented in a 2-day session comprising classroom,

laboratory, and field instruction using texts, photos, drawings, preserved specimens, and live specimens. Upon completion of training, all students will be able to identify mosquitoes at least to genus (all genera common to Georgia); they will also show improved under-

standing of mosquito habitat, anatomy, breeding sites and behavior. We provide CEUs for anyone with a pesticide applicators license. All supplies needed for the class are provided, and lunches are also supplied (with the help of the GMCA Sustaining Members). Check the GMCA website for class schedules.



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Why is mosquito control so important? Several mosquito-borne viruses circulate in Georgia each year and are capable of causing disease in humans and other animals. The most common mosquito-borne viruses in Georgia include West Nile virus, Eastern Equine encephalitis virus, and LaCrosse virus. Saint Louis encephalitis virus has been detected in Georgia in the past. Occasionally, imported cases of dengue, malaria, and chikungunya are detected. Mosquitoes also transmit dog heartworm and other animal diseases.

Mosquito control protects the public and their animals from vector-borne diseases. It reduces nuisance levels of mosquitoes and enhances the quality of life for those who work in and enjoy the outdoors. Good mosquito control provides the ability to respond to complaints and to vector-borne disease outbreaks with a minimal impact on the environment.

The Georgia Mosquito Control Association provides a venue to encourage proper mosquito control, wherever feasible, and to help maintain a positive public interest in areas where mosquito and other public health pest control is operative.

<http://www.GAmosquito.org>

National Mosquito Control Awareness Week, June 20-26

Many local mosquito control districts will once again put together high-visibility projects during this week, designed to bring positive press coverage to our profession. These campaigns range from providing television and radio interviews to informational booths at malls. By actively participating in this multi-pronged campaign, your district will be able to take maximum advantage of the positive press that will be generated by both your state associations and the AM-CA. There are many things that you can do, even at this late date, to help your district get the maximum play out of "Mosquito Control Awareness Week."

- *Write and distribute a press release to your local newspaper.
- *Feature problem mosquitoes that are currently active in your area.
- *Write an article about integrated mosquito management (IMM) and how your district employs it.

- *Write about what it would be like to live in your district without mosquito control.
- *Call your local radio station and offer to be a guest expert.
- *When school is in session, call your local elementary school and offer to give a talk about mosquitoes.
- *Have your technicians mention to the public that it is "Mosquito Control Awareness Week"
- *Emphasize the positive changes that have occurred within our profession.
- *Emphasize that we use environmentally-friendly control methods.

"National Mosquito Control Awareness Week" was instituted to provide our profession with a timeframe each year that we can devote to focusing the public's attention toward the service we provide. Your cooperative efforts in this regard can help to assure that the public support we require will be there when we need it.

<http://mosquito.org/secure/upload/articles/2010PressReleaseTemplate.doc>