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# MOUSE UPDATE – August 2001

Trap success on the **Central Darling Downs** transect in August was 16%. Numbers are now at average for this time of the year (see graph below).

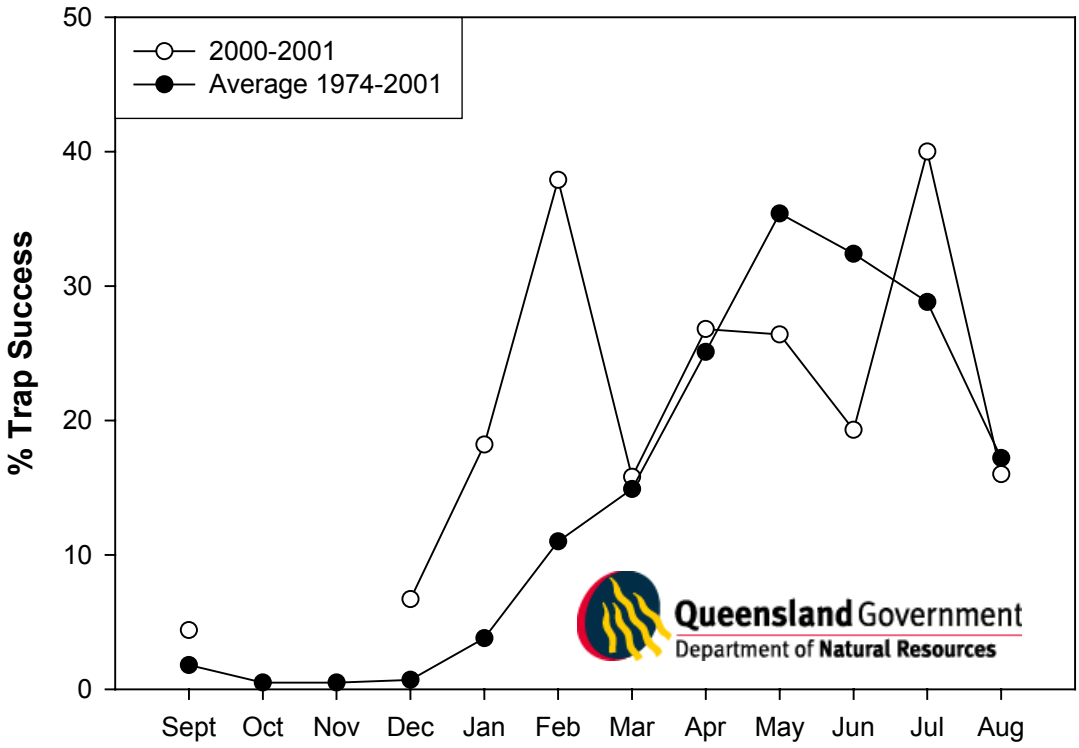


*Figure caption*: Percent trap success (number of mice caught per 100 traps) on the Central Darling Downs transect between December 2000 and August 2001 (open circles) and the average monthly value for the transect from data collected between February 1974 and August 2000 (solid circles).

None of the females were pregnant. Numbers are expected to continue to decline over the coming month even though the weather has been relatively mild.

The likely trend next summer is difficult to predict at this stage. If the drought continues, food may become limiting for mice over the next few months and breeding success will be curtailed. If good rains fall over the next month or two, then breeding success will be enhanced by the availability of good quality feed.

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