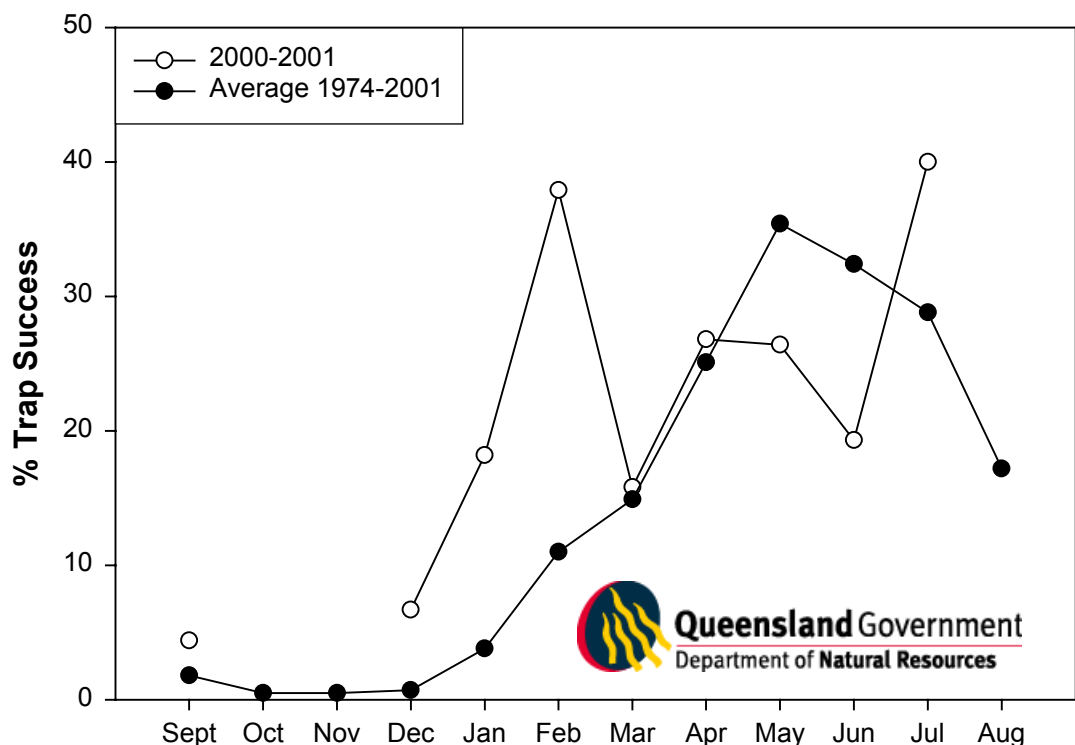


**MOUSE UPDATE – July 2001**

Trap success on the **Central Darling Downs** transect in July was 40%. This increase was due largely to recruitment from the breeding effort in May when more than 50% of females produced young.

	May	June	July
% females breeding (pregnant &/or lactating)	53%	10%	7%
Mean litter size	6	5	2
% immature	19%	48%	55%



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

Very little further recruitment is expected over the next month. Numbers are expected to decline from this peak over the next month. Some problems may be experienced in tillering winter crops before the decline.

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