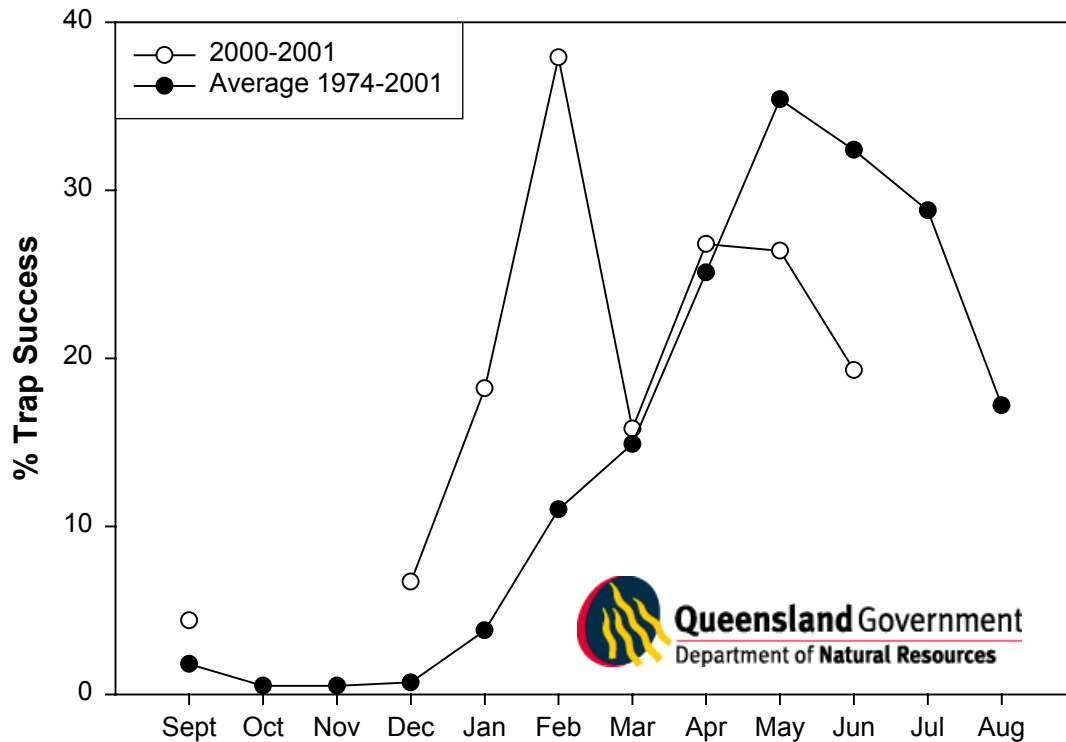


## MOUSE UPDATE – June 2001

Trap success on the **Central Darling Downs** transect in June was 19% — down 7% from last month.



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

As expected, nearly half of the mice caught were young from the April-May breeding. Very little further recruitment is expected over the next month; only one of the 64 adult females autopsied was pregnant and two lactating.

Since the numbers have started to decline, no significant problem is expected in tillering winter crops this year.

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