

Brood VIII periodical cicadas in recorded history

Project: Go the public library and search for records of previous cicada emergences.

To search for old newspaper accounts of periodical cicada emergences, look through old newspapers published during emergence years. You should start by looking at newspapers published between May 15 and June 15. This is detective work; you must search for the stories.

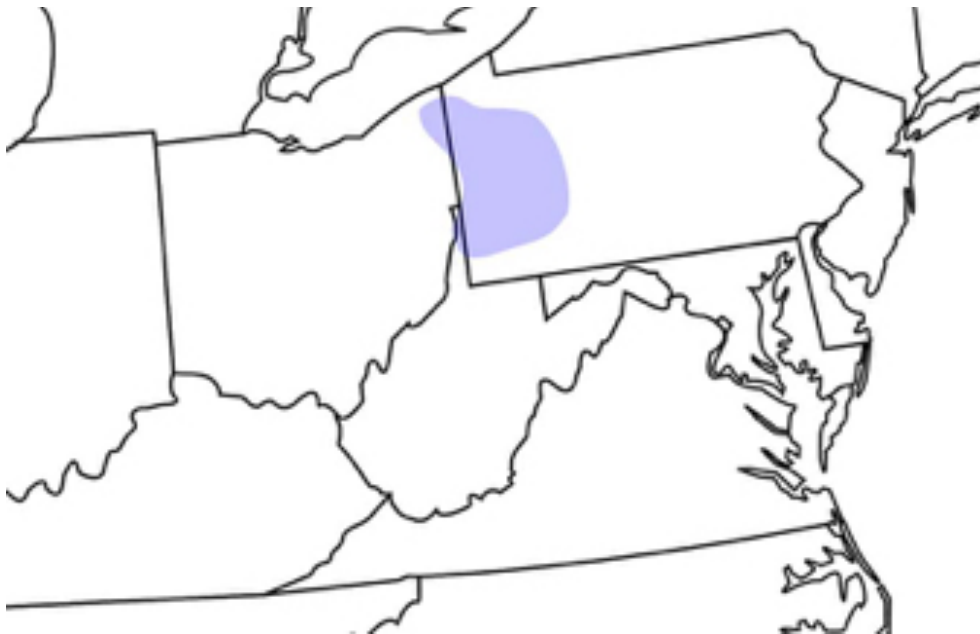
How far back can you trace periodical cicadas in your papers?

Who was President during these emergences?

Were the emergences of the past different from the emergence in 2019?

How did the newspapers' coverage differ from the coverage today?

Brood VIII periodical cicadas emerged during the following years. 2002, 1985, 1968, 1951, 1934, 1917, and 1900. The periodical cicadas will return in 2036.



The expected distribution of Brood VIII in 2019.