West Nile Virus Surveillance Report

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Overview:

Three human cases of West Nile Virus have been reported in Iowa in 2013. Three positive blood donors have been reported so far this year. Three sentinel chickens have tested positive for West Nile Virus in Pottawattamie and Woodbury County. One mosquito pool has also tested positive for West Nile Virus in Story County. One horse has tested positive for this virus in Polk County. In 2012, there were 31 human cases of West Nile Virus reported.

Human / Sentinel Chicken / Mosquito Surveillance, 2013 Positive Samples

					Mosquito Pools	
County	**Human**	**Blood Donor**	**Horses**	**Sentinel Chickens**	***Culex pipiens* Complex**	***Culex tarsalis***
Kossuth	1	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Linn	1	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Polk	0	0	1	0	0	0
Pottawattamie	0	0	0	1	0	0
Shelby	1	3	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Story	0	0	0	0	1	0
Woodbury	0	0	0	2	0	0
Total	***3***	***3***	***1***	***3***	***1***	***0***

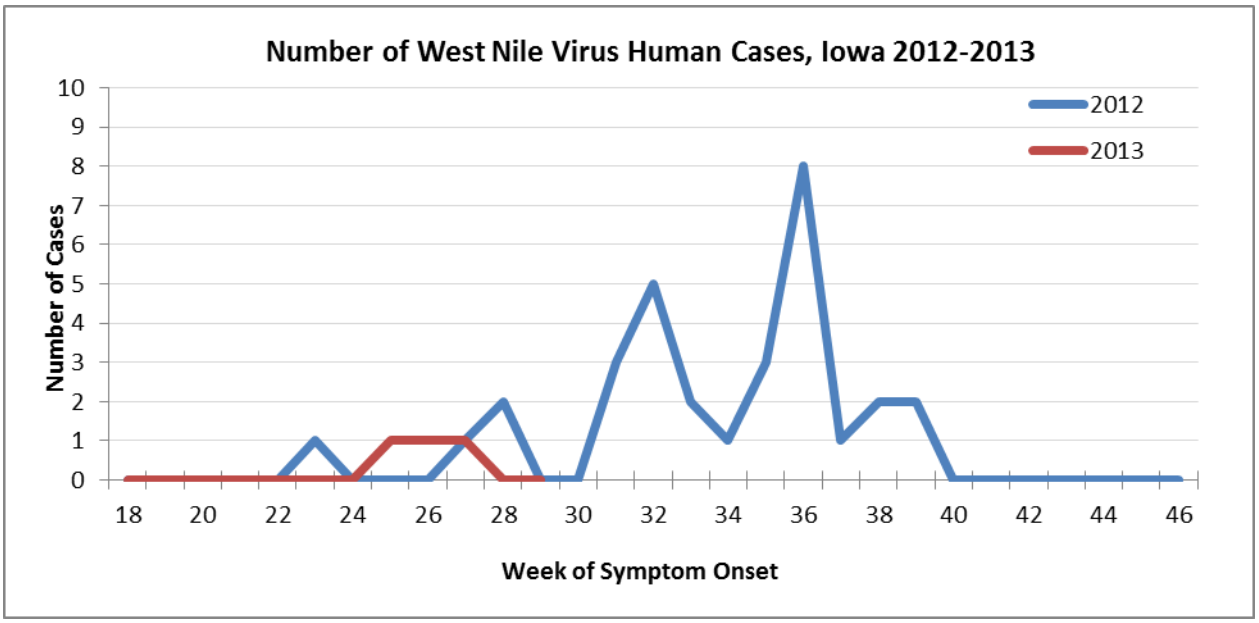

Figure 1. Number of West Nile Virus Human Cases – Iowa, 2012-2013

West Nile Virus is endemic in Iowa and activity usually peaks in late summer and early fall. Local partners collect mosquitoes and maintain sentinel chicken flocks across the state. Iowa State University Medical Entomology monitors the levels of *Culex pipiens* and *Culex tarsalis* mosquitoes (the primary vectors of WNV) statewide and the State Hygienic Laboratory (SHL) tests the mosquitoes to determine whether they are infected with West Nile Virus or other arboviruses. SHL also tests the blood drawn from sentinel chickens weekly to determine whether they have been infected with West Nile virus or other arboviruses.

For additional on Iowa West Nile Virus activity, visit:
www.idph.state.ia.us/Cade/DiseaseIndex.aspx?disease=West Nile Virus.

National WNV Activity:

Nationally, as of August 6th , 359 counties in 38 states and the District of Columbia have reported WNV activity for 2013, including 22 states with reported WNV infections (i.e., disease cases or viremic blood donors) and 16 additional states with reported WNV activity in non-human species only (i.e., veterinary cases, mosquito pools, dead birds, or sentinel animals.

To date, a total of 99 human cases of WNV disease have been reported from 22 states. States with human infections includes Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Washington, Wisconsin and Wyoming

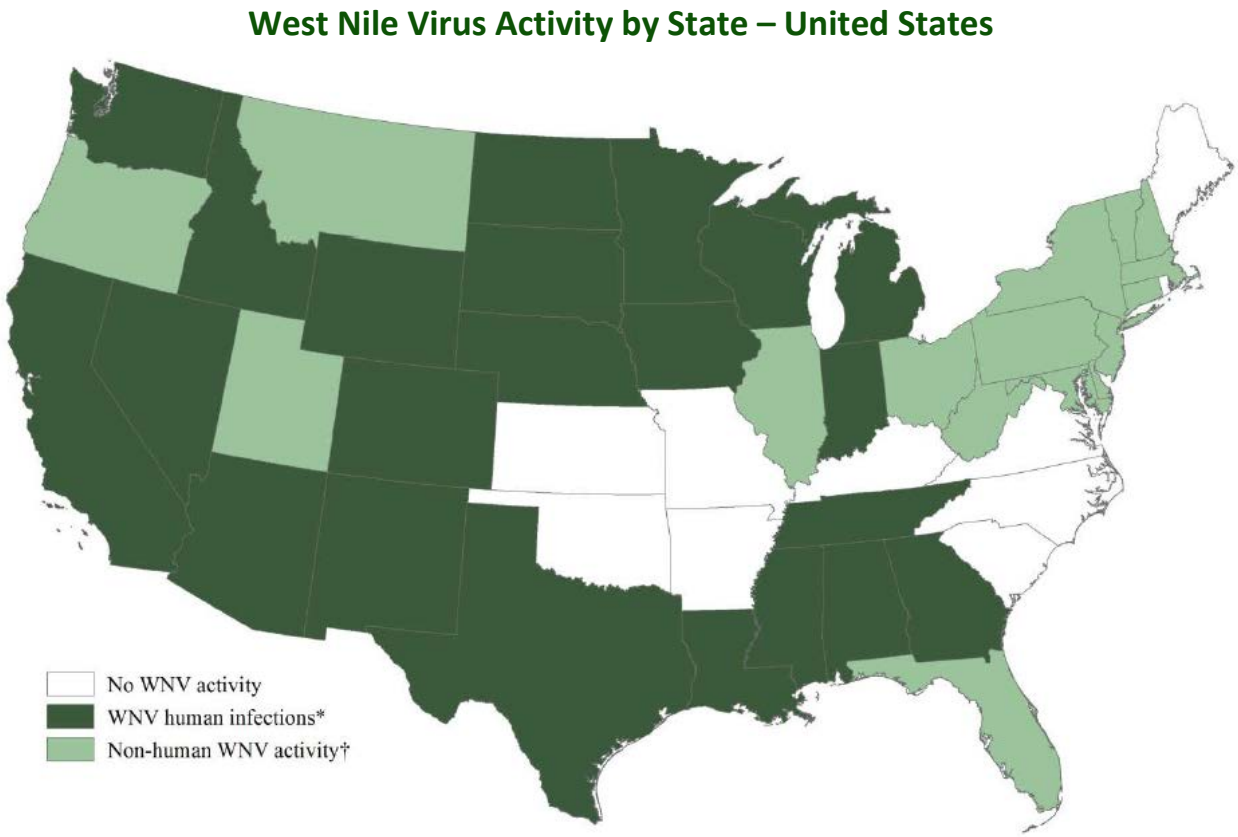

Figure 2. West Nile virus (WNV) activity reported by state — United States, 2013 (as of August 6, 2013)

For additional information on the national West Nile Virus activity, visit:
http://www.cdc.gov/westnile/statsMaps/preliminaryMapsData/index.html