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[1]
Date: Wed 8 Jan 2003
From: ProMED-mail <promed@promedmail.org>
Source: USDA-APHIS, Update on the current status of West Nile virus, Fri 3
Jan 2002 [edited]
<<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/lpa/issues/wnv/wnvstats.html>>

Equine Cases of West Nile Virus Illness in 2002: 1 Jan through 31 Dec*

The total number of equine cases of illness caused by West Nile virus (WNV) confirmed at the USDA's National Veterinary Services Laboratories (NVSL) or reported by state officials so far this year is 14 717. That is an increase of 202 cases from the total reported as of 15 Dec 2002 [see part (6) of the ProMED-mail post entitled: "West Nile virus update 2002 - USA (34) 20021219.6096". - Mod.CP].

The cases are from 40 states: Alabama (88), Arkansas (148), Colorado (378), Connecticut (4), Delaware (13), Florida (494), Georgia (149), Idaho (1), Illinois (1107), Indiana (703), Iowa (1,039), Kansas (793), Kentucky (513), Louisiana (362), Maryland (17), Massachusetts (2), Michigan (329), Minnesota (992), Mississippi (269), Missouri (914), Montana (134), Nebraska (1,100), New Jersey (47), New Mexico (61), New York (36), North Carolina (29), North Dakota (569), Ohio (644), Oklahoma (954), Pennsylvania (97), South Carolina (14), South Dakota (672), Tennessee (141), Texas (1597), Vermont (5), Virginia (45), Washington (2), West Virginia (3), Wisconsin (156), and Wyoming (96).

* Cases reported as of Fri 3 Jan 2003 that had onset of illness in 2002.

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<http://www.idph.state.il.us/public/press03/wnv_1_8_03.htm>

Illinois: New West Nile Lab Results Push Case Total to 813 with 53 Fatalities

Laboratory results received recently from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have pushed the number of human West Nile disease cases contracted in Illinois last year to more than 800, Dr. John R. Lumpkin, state public health director, reported on Wed 8 Jan 2003.

Dr. Lumpkin said the 35 new cases identified by CDC include the death of a 91-year-old Macon County woman and the first case from Logan County. The additional laboratory-positive cases raised to 813 the number of Illinoisans with the mosquito-borne disease in 2002, including 53 who died.

More than of 3900 cases of West Nile disease and 247 deaths were counted in the U.S. in 2002, with Illinois reporting the highest number of both cases and deaths.

Blood and spinal specimens and, in the case of the fatality, a brain tissue sample were submitted to CDC last year for more sophisticated testing after initial tests for West Nile disease were inconclusive at the Department's laboratory or private laboratories. Additional cases of the disease are expected to be confirmed in the coming weeks as CDC completes a backlog of samples from Illinois. Cold weather in late October ended the threat of West Nile disease in Illinois last year. The latest onset of illness in the state was mid-October 2002.

The cases announced today reported symptoms between 26 Jul and 6 Oct 2002. They include 8 from Chicago, 17 from suburban Cook County, 2 from Madison County and one each from Kane, LaSalle, Logan, Macon, Macoupin, Peoria, St. Clair, and Will counties.

The Macon County woman who died from West Nile encephalitis became ill on 18 Sep 2002 and died on 24 Sep. The state's other 52 West Nile encephalitis fatalities were from Chicago (14), suburban Cook County (18), DuPage County (3), Fulton County (3), Sangamon County (3) and one each from Effingham, Jackson, Jefferson, Kane, Kendall, Knox, Lake, Macon, Madison, Moultrie, and White counties. With the addition of a case from Logan County -- a 32-year-old woman who became ill on 7 Sep 2002 -- 53 of the state's 102 counties have reported at least one case of West Nile disease.

A complete listing of the positive humans, birds, mosquito batches, and horses identified so far this year in Illinois, by county, is available on the Department's Web site at

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[see also:

West Nile virus update 2003 - USA (01) [20030103.0016](#)
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West Nile virus - USA 2001: final report [20020613.4491](#)

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West Nile virus update 2002 - USA (19): non-human [20020901.5213](#)
West Nile virus update 2002 - USA (20) [20020907.5252](#)
West Nile virus update 2002 - USA (35) [20021226.6129](#)
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