

MANITOBA HEALTH, SENIORS AND ACTIVE LIVING
WEEKLY WEST NILE VIRUS SURVEILLANCE REPORT (WEEK 35)

The weekly 'West Nile Virus Surveillance Report' outlines the most current surveillance data and is posted weekly on the website (www.gov.mb.ca/health/wnv) during the summer season. Surveillance data are subject to change and will be updated accordingly as new information becomes available.

Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living (MHSAL) conducts surveillance for West Nile virus (WNV) within human, mosquito & horse populations annually:

- **Mosquito:** Mosquito surveillance is conducted twice per week between mid-May and mid-September (weather dependent) in a number of southern Manitoba communities. In Manitoba WNV testing is conducted on *Culex tarsalis* mosquitoes, the principal vectors of WNV, and both mosquito numbers and infection rates (i.e. positive mosquito pools*) are reported.
 - Communities chosen for mosquito trap placement were selected based on population density, local evidence of prior WNV activity and representative geographic distribution.
- **Human:** Human WNV surveillance is conducted throughout the year (January – December) by Cadham Provincial Laboratory and Canadian Blood Services, with all data reportable to MHSAL.
 - Human cases are included in the Weekly WNV Surveillance Report based on the date they are reported to MHSAL. Case classification information is not included in this report but can be found on the website (www.gov.mb.ca/health/wnv/stats.html).
- **Horse:** Surveillance of WNV in horses is conducted by Manitoba Agriculture with cases reported to MHSAL as detected.

The risk of WNV transmission is expected to be present throughout southern Manitoba each year and mosquito trapping provides a localized estimate of WNV risk. The absence of traps in a community or region does not imply that there is no risk of WNV in those locations. Further, low *Culex tarsalis* numbers and/ or infection rates should not be interpreted as zero risk. Residents and visitors are strongly encouraged to protect themselves from mosquito bites throughout the season even in areas with no mosquito traps or low WNV activity.

The accumulation of Degree Days* are recorded throughout the season as there is a general correlation between increased and/ or rapid accumulation of Degree Days and WNV transmission risk. Warmer temperatures associated with increased Degree Days serve to decrease mosquito development times, shorten the WNV incubation period and increase biting activity. All of which can increase the risk of WNV transmission, should other conditions also be favourable. Seasonally the greatest accumulation of Degree Days typically occurs in the southwestern portion of the province and along the Red River valley.

For additional West Nile virus information, including precautionary measures and symptoms, please consult the MHSAL WNV website (www.gov.mb.ca/health/wnv) or contact Health Links at 204-788-8200 (in Winnipeg) or toll free at 1-888-315-9257.

*** For a more detailed description off mosquito pools & degree days consult Appendix 2.**

- WNV Provincial Surveillance Data -

- Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living (MHSAL) identified six additional human cases of WNV in Week 35* (August 28 – September 3), bringing the seasonal total to date to seventeen. Human cases have been identified in all four southern Manitoba Health Regions (Interlake-Eastern, Prairie Mountain, Southern and Winnipeg).
- During Week 35 MHSAL detected one additional WNV positive mosquito pool. The positive pool was collected from a community in the Southern Health Region. A total of thirty-nine (39) WNV positive mosquito pools have been detected to date this season (Figure 1).
- During Week 35 *Culex tarsalis* activity again decreased at both the Health Region and Provincial levels (Table 1 & 2, Figure 2). *Culex tarsalis* activity was detected in less than half of the 29 sentinel communities, with numbers declining in all but four communities.
- *Culex tarsalis* numbers were highest in the Southern Health Region.

* For a listing of CDC surveillance weeks and corresponding dates for the 2016 please see Appendix 1.

2015 Year-End WNV Surveillance Data*

- With the detection of WNV activity in Manitoba in Week 29 the 2015, the Year-End WNV Surveillance summary will no longer be included in the current, or future, weekly surveillance reports. The 2015 Year-End Surveillance summary can be found in earlier 2016 weekly surveillance reports (<http://www.gov.mb.ca/health/wnv/stats.html>) .

Table 1 – Average number of *Culex tarsalis* mosquitoes captured by Health Region (current to Week 35)

Health Region	CDC Week									
	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35
Interlake-Eastern	3.73	2.06	5.37	6.7	21.25	50.26	21.4	8.00	1.35	0.47
Prairie Mountain	0.63	5.85	13.1	23.53	70.59	248.05	139.05	38.79	4.24	1.84
Southern	4.68	6.36	31.6	50.79	127.59	281.73	95.82	51.15	6.87	4.04
Winnipeg	2.58	9.11	14.2	9.71	93.88	224.79	113.35	43.75	4.57	1.30
Provincial Average	2.8	6.2	18.01	26.05	87.38	222.82	101.59	39.17	4.67	2.25
	Indicates that one or more positive mosquito pools were detected within the health region.									

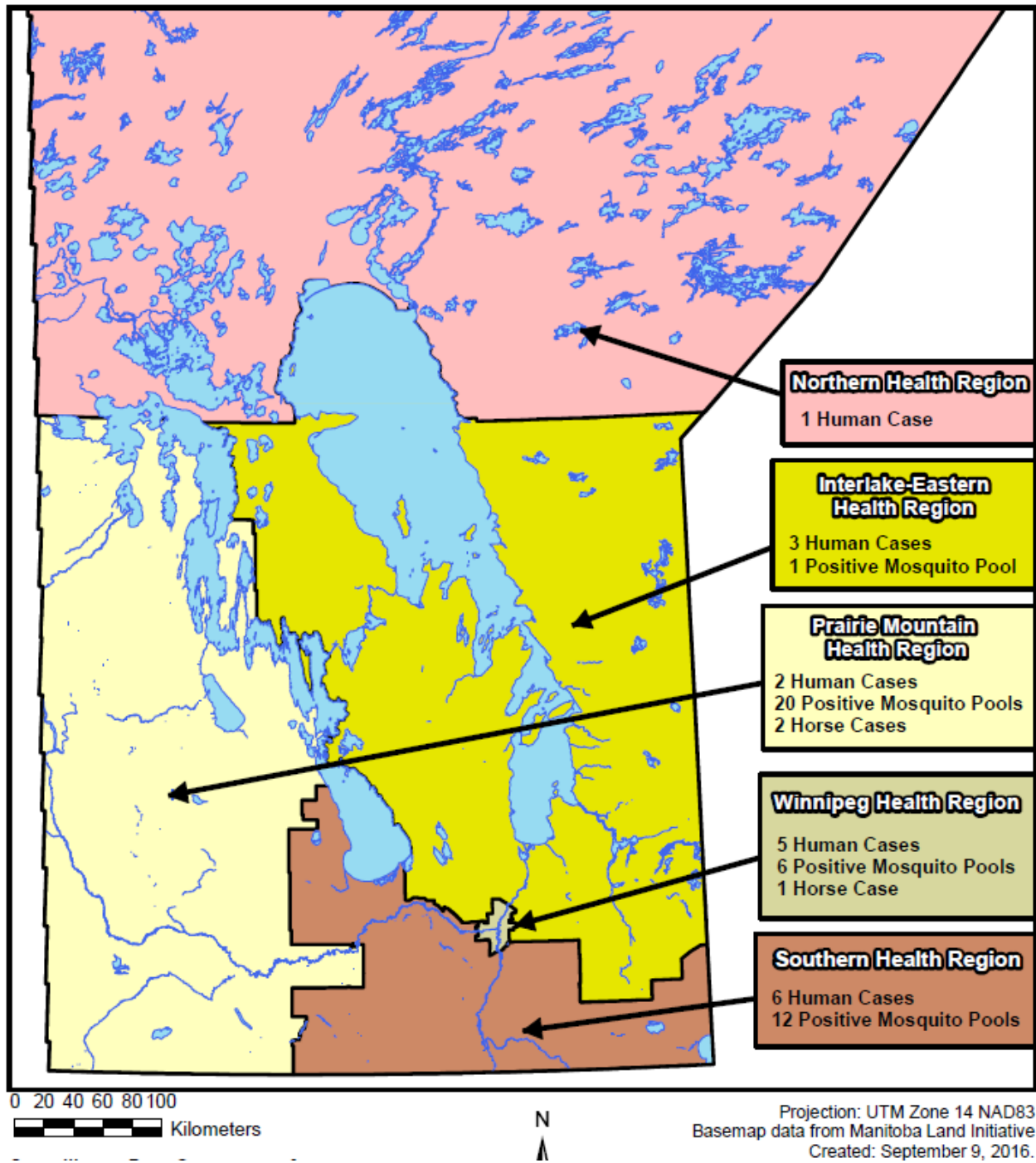


Figure 1 – WNV activity by Health Region within Manitoba (current to Week 35).

Table 2 – Average number of *Culex tarsalis* mosquitoes collected by surveillance community* in southern Manitoba – three week trend (current to Week 35).

Health Region	Community	Week 35	Week 34	Week 33
Interlake-Eastern	Beausejour	0.00	0.00	1.50
	Gimli	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Oakbank	2.25	6.50	11.50
	Selkirk	0.00	0.25	15.50
	Stonewall	0.00	0.00	11.50
Prairie Mountain	Boissevain	4.75	22.50	189.00
	Brandon	3.40	1.00	52.78
	Carberry	0.50	3.25	24.75
	Dauphin	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Killarney	0.00	1.00	12.33
	Minnedosa	0.00	0.00	0.25
	Sioux Valley FN	1.50	3.50	16.25
	Souris	0.00	0.25	15.50
	Virden	3.00	8.25	51.75
Southern	Altona	5.50	1.75	27.00
	Carman	0.00	0.00	63.00
	Headingley	0.00	5.00	5.50
	Morden	14.00	18.00	307.25
	Morris	0.00	1.75	14.33
	Niverville	0.00	1.00	13.67
	Portage la Prairie	15.00	11.00	46.75
	Roseau River FN	9.00	1.25	11.25
	Ste. Anne	0.25	3.25	4.75
	Sandy Bay FN	0.00	0.00	0.25
	Steinbach	0.75	3.00	31.33
	Winkler	1.00	25.00	39.25
Winnipeg	East St Paul	0.00	1.00	0.00
	West St Paul	0.00	5.50	19.50
	Winnipeg	1.48	4.74	46.93
	Indicates that one or more positive mosquito pools were detected within the community.			

* Top three communities with the highest weekly average of *Culex tarsalis* are indicated in bold.

** Adult mosquito trapping started during CDC Week 21.

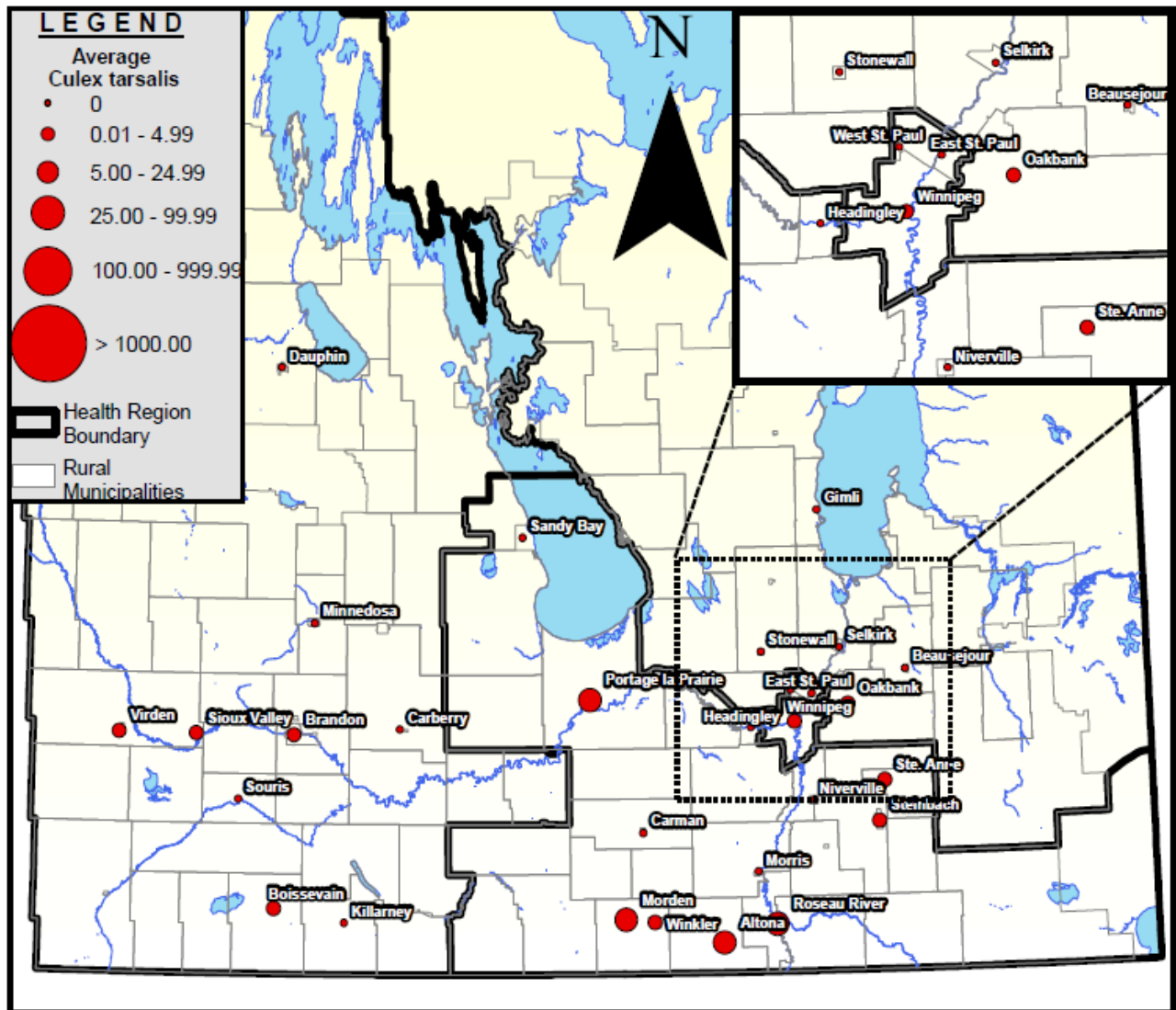
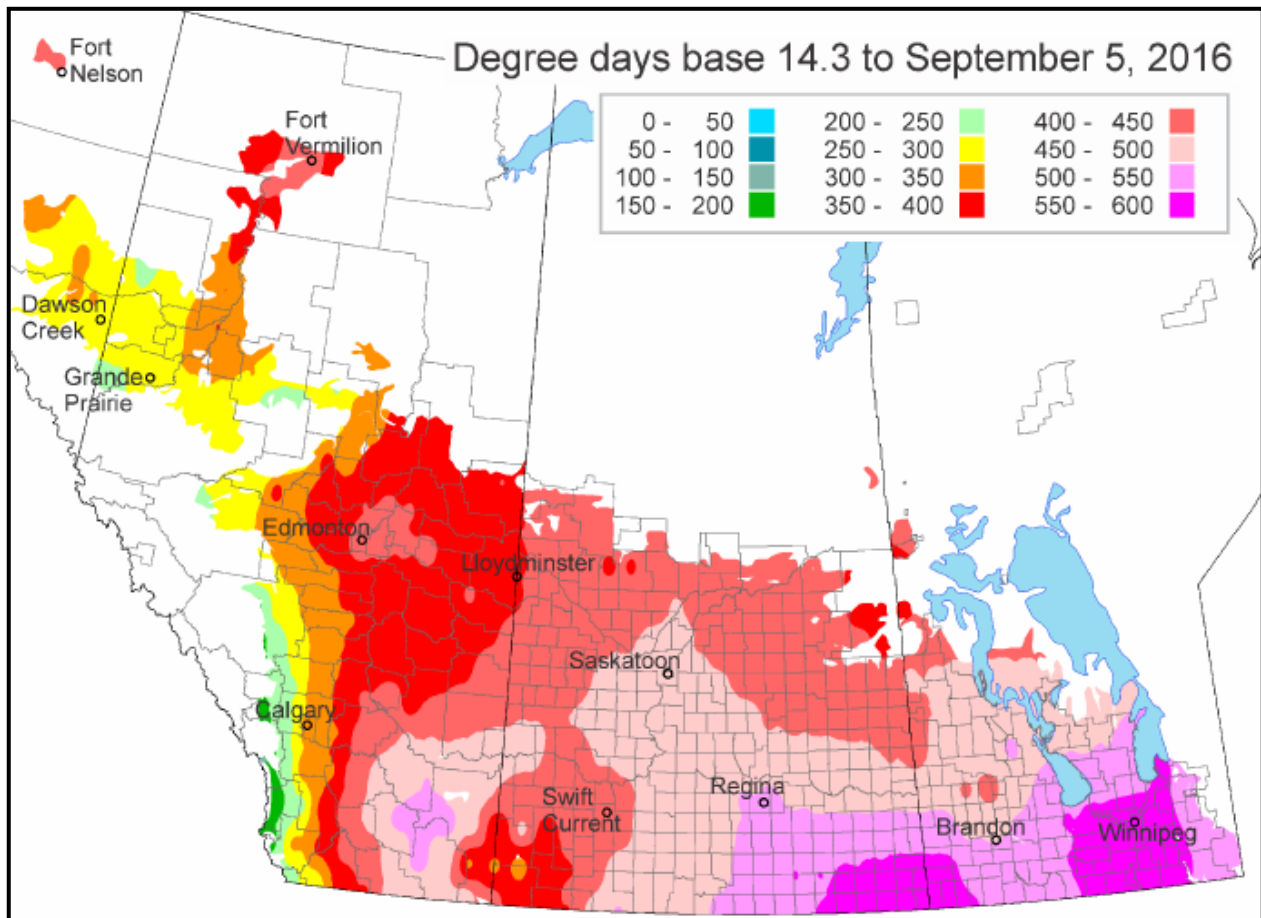


Figure 2 – Average number of *Culex tarsalis* mosquitoes collected across southern Manitoba during Week 35.



Source: Map produced courtesy of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada's Prairie Pest Monitoring Network.

Figure 3 - Degree day accumulations, as of Week 35, across the Prairie Provinces.

Table 3 – Total number of human WNV cases*, by Health Region of residence, reported to Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living by laboratories (current to Week 35).

Health Region	CDC Week										Totals
	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	
Interlake-Eastern	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	3
Northern	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Prairie Mountain	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
Southern	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	6
Winnipeg	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	1	5
Totals	0	1	1	0	0	2	1	3	3	6	17

* Note that cases are presented by week reported to MHSAL, adjustments may be made as more details (such as exposure CDC week) become available through follow-up investigation.

Table 4 – Total number of *Culex tarsalis* mosquito pools tested during the 2016 season by health region (current to Week 35)

RHA	CDC Week										Totals
	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	
Interlake-Eastern	3	5	10	14	17	24	17	10	3	3	113
Prairie Mountain	14	19	31	38	59	74	102	49	23	15	441
Southern	22	29	35	36	65	66	66	51	20	13	441
Winnipeg	19	16	24	25	51	77	61	33	19	11	362
Weekly Totals	58	69	100	113	192	241	246	143	65	42	1357

Table 5* – Total number and percentage of WNV positive *Culex tarsalis* mosquito pools by Health Region (current to Week 35)

Health Region	CDC Week										Totals
	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35		
Interlake-Eastern	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (5.9)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (0.9)
Prairie Mountain	0(0)	0(0)	0 (0)	4 (6.8)	4 (5.4)	4 (3.9)	8 (16.3)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	20 (4.5)
Southern	0 (0)	0 (0)	3 (8.6)	1 (1.5)	1 (1.5)	0 (0)	5 (9.8)	1 (5.0)	1 (7.7)	1 (7.7)	12 (2.7)
Winnipeg	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (4.0)	1 (2.0)	0 (0)	2 (3.3)	2 (6.1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	6 (1.7)
Weekly Totals	0 (0)	0 (0)	4 (3.6)	7 (3.6)	5 (2.1)	6 (2.4)	15 (10.5)	1 (1.5)	1 (2.4)	1 (2.4)	39 (2.9)

* Note that numbers outside brackets represent positive pools, numbers within represent the percentage of total pools that tested positive for WNV.

Table 6 – Comparison of year-to-date cumulative and year-end total West Nile virus in Manitoba (current to Week 34)

Year	Cumulative (Year-to-Date) Amount		Year End Totals	
	Positive Mosquito Pools	Human WNV Cases	Positive Mosquito Pools	Human WNV Cases
2016	39	17	TBD	TBD
2015	29	5	30	5
2014	22	2	24	5
2013	19	3	19	3
2012	116	39	116	39
2011	0	0	0	0
2010	20	0	20	0
2009	2	2	2	2
2008	40	12	41	12
2007	943	540	948	587
2006	171	47	171	51
2005	192	51	193	58
2004	57	3	57	3
2003	284	132	290	143

- WNV Activity in Canada and the U.S. -

Canada:

- As of Week 35 there have been **260 WNV positive mosquito pools** (39 in Manitoba, 165 in Ontario, 16 in Quebec and 40 in Saskatchewan), **32 WNV human cases** (17 in Manitoba, 7 in Ontario, 5 in Quebec and 3 in Saskatchewan), **6 WNV positive horses** (3 in Manitoba and 3 in Saskatchewan) and **3 WNV positive birds** (2 in Ontario and 1 in Quebec) reported in Canada (Table 7).
- Additional up to date Canadian WNV information can be obtained by consulting the Public Health Agency of Canada West Nile virus website at <http://healthycanadians.gc.ca/diseases-conditions-maladies-affections/disease-maladie/west-nile-nil-occidental/surveillance-eng.php>, or by consulting the respective provincial department websites.

United States:

- As of September 6, 2016 a total of 631 WNV human cases have been reported from 39 states in the US, including 94 viremic blood donors and fourteen WNV related deaths (Arizona, California, Colorado, Kansas, Minnesota, Mississippi, South Dakota, Texas and Washington) (Table 7).

- As of September 7th, 2016 Minnesota is reporting eighteen (18) WNV human cases (including 4 viremic blood donors), ten (10) WNV positive mosquito pools and fourteen (14) WNV positive horses (Table 7).
- As of September 2nd, 2016 North Dakota is reporting forty-two (42) WNV human cases, fifteen (15) WNV positive mosquito pools, eight (8) WNV positive birds and five (5) WNV positive veterinary cases (includes four horses) (Table 7).
- As of September 7th, 2016 South Dakota is reporting one-hundred and eight (108) WNV human cases (including 13 viremic blood donors), and one WNV associated fatality (Table 7).

➤ Additional up to date U.S. WNV information can be obtained by visiting the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – West Nile virus 'Website' at <http://www.cdc.gov/westnile/statsmaps/preliminarymapsdata/histatedate.html>

Table 7 – Positive human, mosquito, horse and bird West Nile Virus surveillance indicators across Canada and neighbouring US states as of Week 35.

Province/ State	Human Cases*	Positive Mosquito Pools	Veterinary ***	Birds
Manitoba	17	39	3	0
Saskatchewan	3	40	3	0
Alberta	0	N/A**	0	N/A
North Dakota	42	15	5	8
South Dakota	108	9	2	0
Minnesota	18	10	14	0
Ontario	7	165	0	2
British Columbia	0	N/A	0	0
Quebec	5	16	0	1
Maritimes	0	N/A	0	N/A
TOTAL	200	294	24	11

* Table numbers include travel related cases.

** Jurisdictions with N/A (not applicable) do not maintain regular surveillance.

*** Veterinary cases are primarily, but not all, horse cases.

- APPENDIX 1 -

Table 8 – 2016 CDC surveillance weeks

CDC Week Number	Dates	CDC Week Number	Dates
21	May 22 - May 28	30	July 24 - July 30
22	May 29 - June 4	31	July 31 - August 6
23	June 5 - June 11	32	August 7 - August 13
24	June 12 - June 18	33	August 14 - August 20
25	June 19 - June 25	34	August 21 - August 27
26	June 26 - July 2	35	August 28 - September 3
27	July 3 - July 9	36	September 4 - September 10
28	July 10 - July 16	37	September 11 - September 17
29	July 17 - July 23	38	September 18 - September 24

- Appendix 2 -

Average number of *Culex tarsalis* – This weekly value provides an estimate of the *Culex tarsalis* numbers and activity. The potential risk of WNV transmission is greater when more *Culex tarsalis* are present – should the virus itself be present and other conditions prove favorable. It is calculated by dividing the total number of *Culex tarsalis* mosquitoes captured in the specified area by the total number of trap nights for the week (a trap night is recorded for each night that a trap was operational).

EXAMPLE: 120 *Culex tarsalis* collected; 2 traps operating on 2 nights (= 4 trap nights);
Average number = 120 (*Culex tarsalis*)/ 4 trap nights = 30.0

Degree Day – Degree days are a measurement of heat accumulation. The threshold temperature below which West Nile virus development does not occur (when in mosquitoes) is 14.3°C. Degree days are calculated by taking the daily mean temperature and subtracting the cut-off threshold:

EXAMPLE: Mean Temperature = 19.3°C; Degree Day threshold = 14.3°C; 19.3 – 14.3 = 5.0 Degree Days.

During the season a running total of accumulated Degree Days is recorded. It is generally assumed that a total of 109 Degree Days are required for virus development to be completed and potential transmission to occur. The risk of transmission increases with increasing Degree Day accumulation. Moreover, consistently warmer temperatures will significantly shorten virus development time thereby increasing the potential risk of WNV transmission – should the virus itself be present and other conditions prove to be favorable.

Mosquito Pool – Mosquitoes of the same species, collected from the same trap on the same date are pooled together for the purposes of laboratory testing. *Culex tarsalis* mosquitoes collected from one trap on a given night are placed in pools of 1 – 50 mosquitoes for WNV testing. When more than 50 *Culex tarsalis* mosquitoes are collected from the same trap multiple pools are tested. Thus a positive pool refers to the detection of WNV in between 1 – 50 *Culex tarsalis* mosquitoes collected from a given trap.