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West Nile Virus Activity 2002

This message summarizes data on West Nile virus (WNV) activity reported to CDC through August 4, 2002. A total of 34 states and the District of Columbia have detected WNV activity in 2002. Three states have reported 88 humans with WNV infection (58 in Louisiana, 22 in Mississippi, and 8 in Texas). A total of 1478 WNV infected birds have been reported from 34 states and the District of Columbia. Equine surveillance has detected 66 horses with WNV neurological disease from 11 states (Alabama [2], Florida [23], Georgia [2], Illinois [1], Kentucky [3], Louisiana [6], Mississippi [7], North Dakota [1], South Dakota [2], Tennessee [1], and Texas [18]). Mosquito surveillance has detected 293 WNV-positive mosquito pools in 11 states and the District of Columbia, representing 12 mosquito species.

Statistics and maps depicting WNV activity can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/index.htm> and at

http://cindi.usgs.gov/hazard/event/west_nile/west_nile.html. Further information can also be obtained from World Wide Web sites posted by state and local health departments; links to these sites can be found at http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/city_states.htm. National guidelines for the surveillance, prevention, and control of WNV can be obtained at www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/resources/wnv-guidelines-apr-2001.pdf.

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