

Florida Arbovirus Surveillance
Week 12: March 21-27, 2010

Arbovirus surveillance in Florida includes endemic viruses West Nile virus (WNV), Eastern equine encephalitis virus (EEEV), St. Louis encephalitis virus (SLEV), and Highlands J virus (HJV) and imported viruses such as Dengue virus (DENV) and California encephalitis group viruses (CEV). During the period March 21-27, 2010, the following arboviral activity was recorded in Florida:

EEEV activity: No EEEV activity was reported this week. In 2010, positive samples from four sentinel chickens and three live wild birds have been received from five of Florida’s 67 counties.

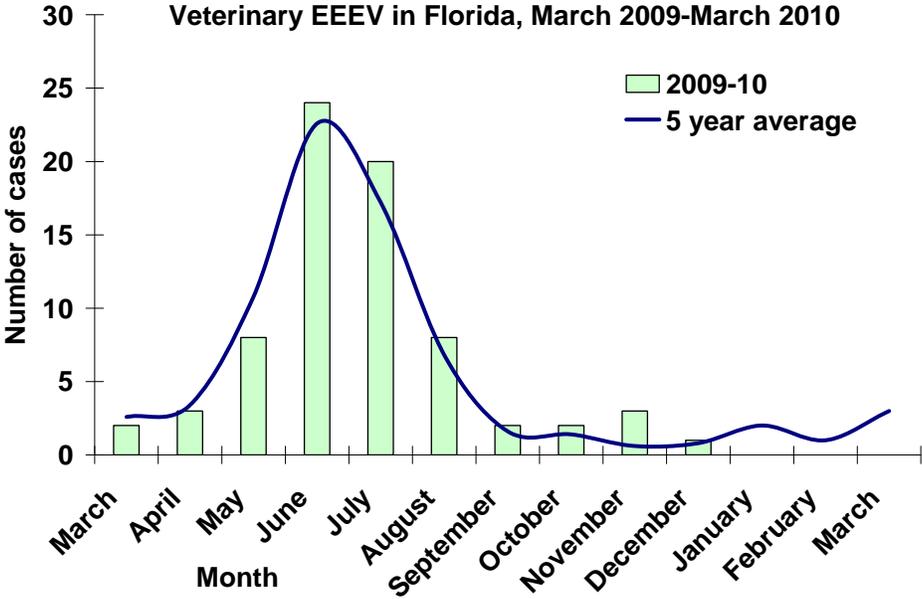
WNV activity: One sentinel chicken in Hillsborough County tested positive for antibodies to WNV. In 2010, positive samples from ten sentinel chickens have been received from three counties.

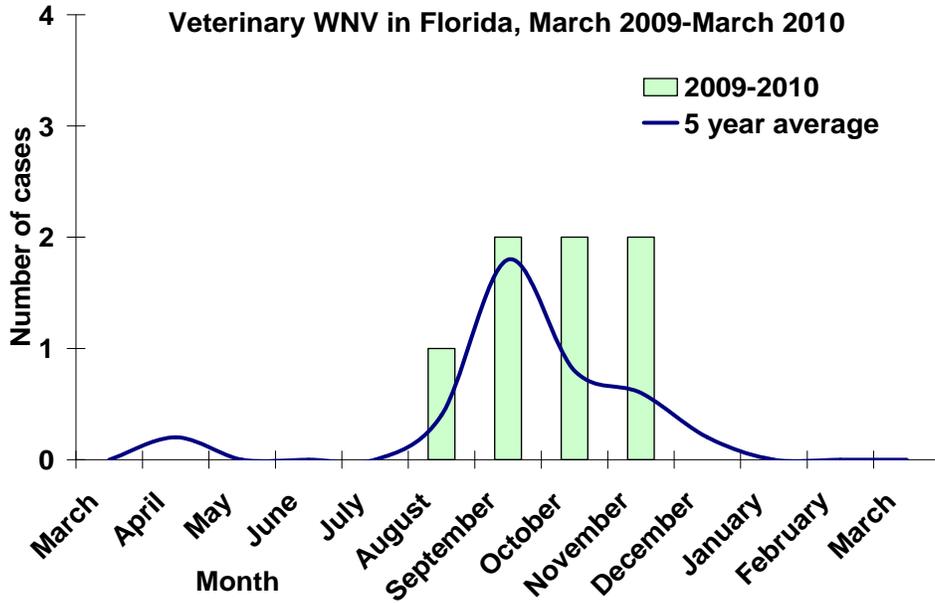
HJV activity: No HJV activity has been reported in 2010.

Advisories/Alerts: No counties are currently under mosquito-borne illness advisory or alert.

Veterinary Cases

No positive horses were reported this week.

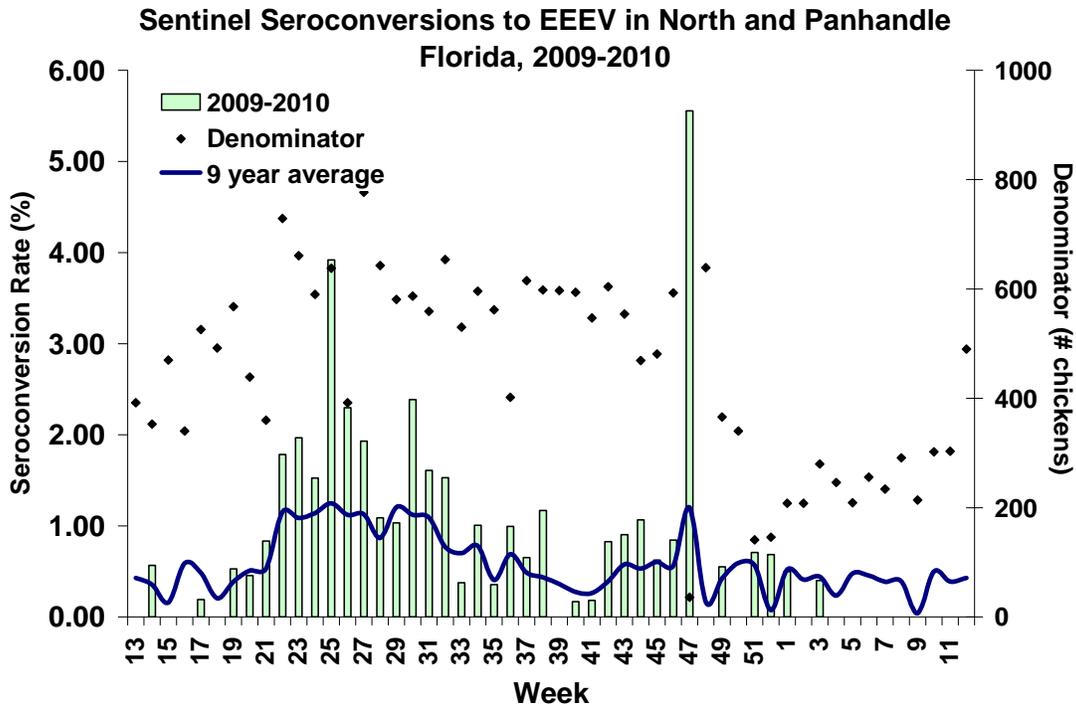


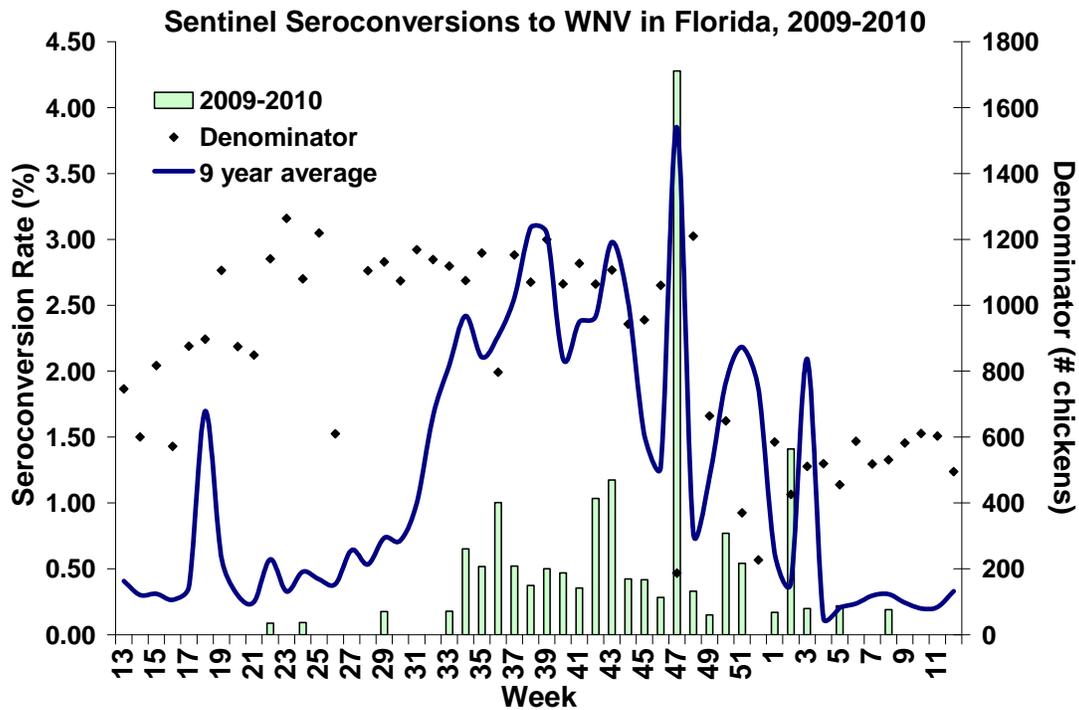


Sentinel Chickens

There was one seroconversion to WNV in a sentinel chicken from Hillsborough County. Seroconversion rates are calculated by week and include previously reported results. On the Week 10 report, a chicken in Palm Beach was incorrectly included in the surveillance totals.

County	Collection Date	Seroconversion Rates (%)				County Totals	
		SLEV	WNV	EEEV	HJV	Week	YTD
Hillsborough	02/22/10		1.3			1 WNV	5 WNV





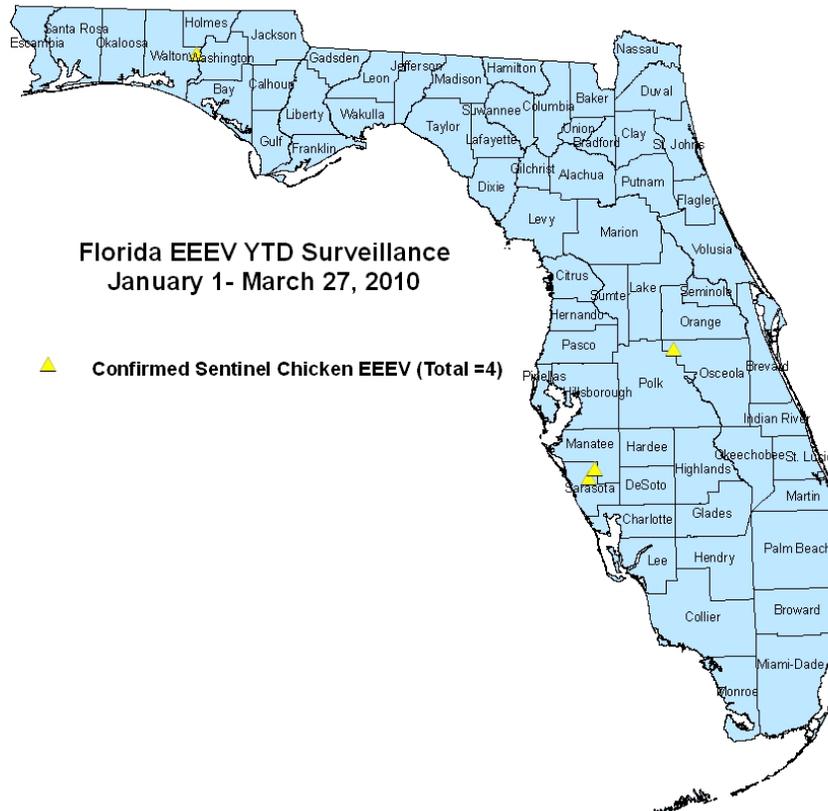
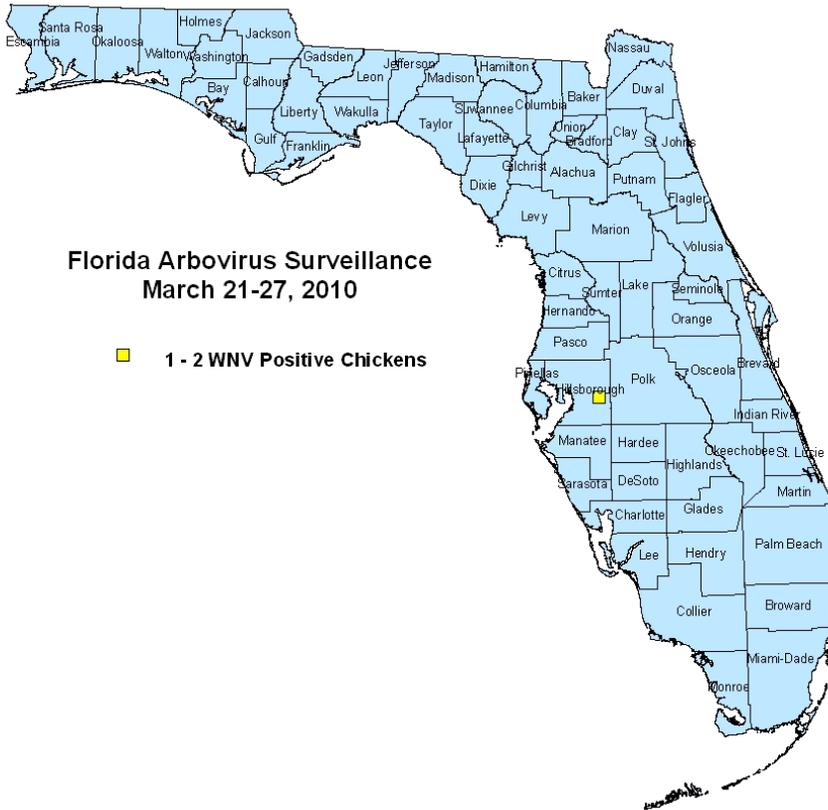
Live Wild Birds

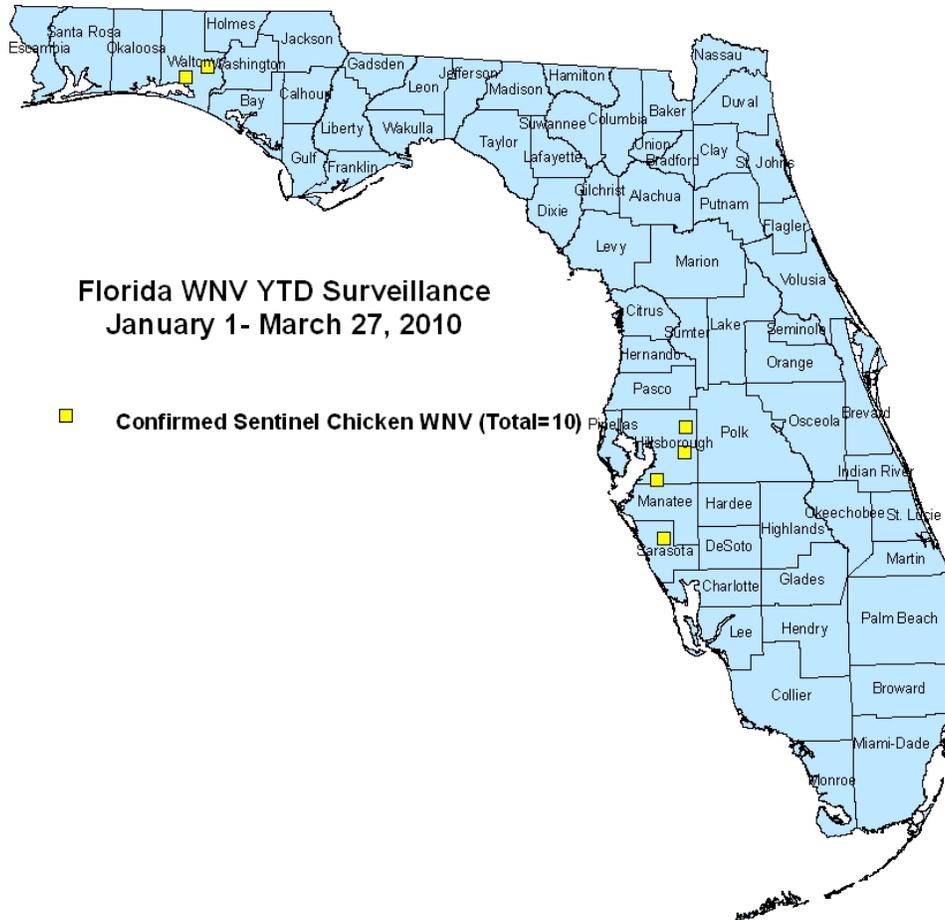
No positive live wild birds were reported this week.

Dead Birds

The Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) collects reports of dead birds, which can be an indication of arbovirus circulation in an area. This week, five reports representing 12 dead birds were received from five counties. None were identified as crows or jays; one was identified as a raptor. In 2010, 74 reports representing a total of 281 dead birds (1 crow, 1 jay, 13 raptors, 266 others) have been received from 32 of Florida's 67 counties. Please note that FWC collects reports of birds that have died from a variety of causes, not only arboviruses. Dead birds should be reported to www.myfwc.com/bird/.

Maps





YTD Arbovirus Activity by County

County	Arbovirus Activity
Hillsborough	WNV : 5 sentinels (1/12, 1/19, 2/22)
Okaloosa	EEE : 2 live wild birds (1 house sparrow 1/4, 1 blue jay 1/27)
Orange	EEE : 1 sentinel (1/7)
Santa Rosa	EEE : 1 live wild bird (1 blue jay 2/2)
Sarasota	EEE : 2 sentinels (1/5, 1/11) WNV : 1 sentinel (1/8)
Walton	EEE : 1 sentinel (1/19) WNV : 4 sentinels (1/14, 2/4)

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