



Florida Arbovirus Surveillance Week 43: October 20-26, 2013

Arbovirus surveillance in Florida includes endemic mosquito-borne viruses such as West Nile virus (WNV), Eastern equine encephalitis virus (EEEV), St. Louis encephalitis virus (SLEV), and Highlands J virus (HJV) and exotic viruses such as dengue virus (DENV) and California encephalitis group viruses (CEV). Malaria, a non-viral mosquito-borne disease is also included. During the period of October 20-26, 2013 the following arboviral activity was recorded in Florida:

WNV activity: One human case of WNV illness has been reported this week in Duval County. One horse with WNV infection was reported this week in Alachua County. One wild bird with WNV infection was reported this week in Leon County. Eighteen sentinel chickens tested positive this week for antibodies to WNV in Alachua, Indian River, Leon, Manatee, Nassau, Polk, Putnam, and St. Johns counties. In 2013, positive samples from four human, six equines, 1 wild bird, and 209 sentinel chickens have been received from 21 counties.

EEEV activity: No human cases of EEE were reported this week. No horses with EEEV infection were reported this week. Three sentinel chickens tested positive for antibodies to EEEV this week in Alachua, Putnam, and Walton County. In 2013, positive samples from two humans, four birds, 34 equines, two deer, and 150 sentinel chickens have been received from 29 counties.

DENV activity: No cases of locally acquired dengue were reported this week. In 2013, a total of 22 cases of locally acquired dengue have been reported in 20 Florida residents and two out-of-state-residents. Exposures occurred in two counties, Martin (21) or Miami-Dade (1).

SLEV activity: Nine sentinel chickens tested positive for antibodies to SLEV this week in Lee, Palm Beach, and Pinellas Counties. In 2013, 48 positive samples have been received from nine counties.

HJV activity: No sentinel chickens tested positive for antibodies to HJV this week. In 2013, 33 positive samples have been received from 10 counties.

Advisories/Alerts: Alachua, Bradford, Gilchrist, Hillsborough, Levy, Marion, Miami-Dade, Nassau and St. Lucie counties are currently under a mosquito-borne illness advisory. Duval and Martin County are currently under a mosquito-borne illness alert. No other counties are currently under mosquito-borne illness advisory or alert.

2013 Human Case Summary*

WNV infection Acquired in Florida: Four human cases of WNV illness with onset in August (1) and September (2), and October (1) has been reported in 2013 in Alachua (1), Duval (2) and Nassau (1) Counties. One asymptomatic positive blood donor was identified in August. The donor is a resident of Florida and has outdoor exposure in multiple North-East Florida counties.

EEEV Infection Acquired in Florida: Two human cases of EEE with onset in January (1) and March (1) have been reported in 2013 in Levy (1) and Hillsborough (1) County residents.

Dengue Infection Acquired in Florida: In 2013, a total of 22 cases of locally acquired dengue have been reported.

Twenty one cases of dengue have been reported as acquired in Martin County with onsets in June (2), July (4), August (14), and September (1) 2013. Of these 20 cases, fourteen are residents of Martin County; four are residents of St. Lucie County; one resident of Palm Beach County; and two are out-of-state visitors.

One case of dengue has been reported as acquired in Miami-Dade County by a Miami-Dade resident with onset in August, 2013.

Imported Dengue: Ninety-three cases of dengue with onset in 2013 have been reported in individuals with travel history to a dengue endemic country in the two weeks prior to onset. Countries of origin were: Angola, Bangladesh (2), Barbados, Bolivia, Brazil (3), the Caribbean, Columbia (4), Costa Rica (4), Cuba (2), Dominica, Dominican Republic (10), Haiti (3), Honduras (3), India, Indonesia, Jamaica (5), Nicaragua, Nigeria (2), Panama, Philippines (2), Puerto Rico (41), Saint Martin (2), and Venezuela. Counties reporting cases were: Alachua, Brevard, Broward (9), Clay, Duval (3), Hillsborough, Indian River, Lake, Lee, Miami-Dade (36), Nassau, Orange (14), Osceola (5), Palm Beach (8), Pasco, Pinellas, Santa Rosa, Seminole (3), St. Lucie and Volusia (3). Nine of the cases were reported in non-Florida residents.

In 2013, 70 of the 115 cases of dengue reported in Florida have been serotyped by PCR. Additional serotyping and strain typing are being conducted.

	# of cases per serotype – 2013
DENV-1	51
DENV-2	1
DENV-3	3
DENV-4	15
	70

Imported Malaria: Forty-two cases of malaria with onset in 2013 have been reported. Countries of origin were: Benin, Chad (2), Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Guinea (2), Ghana (3), Guyana (6), Haiti (6), India (4), Kenya (2), Liberia, Nigeria (3), Peru, Sierra Leone (2), Solomon Islands, South Sudan, Sudan (2), Uganda (2), and undetermined African country. Counties reporting cases were: Alachua (2), Broward, Duval (3), Hillsborough (6), Lake, Lee (2), Miami-Dade (9), Orange (8), Osceola (2), Palm Beach (5), Pinellas and Seminole (2). Two of the cases were reported in non-Florida residents.

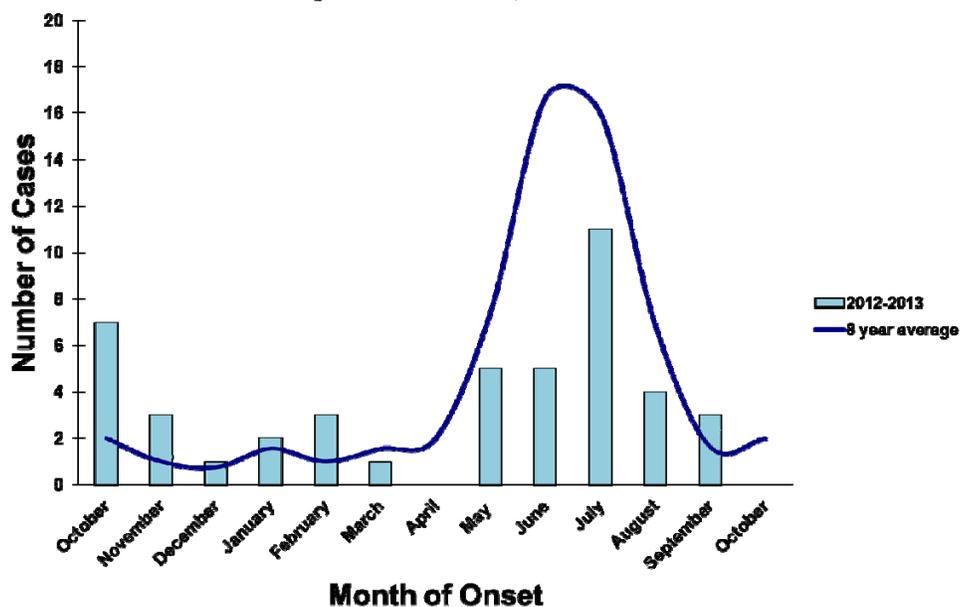
Thirty-three cases (79%) were diagnosed with *Plasmodium falciparum*, seven (17%) with *Plasmodium vivax*, one with *Plasmodium ovale* (2%), and one mixed *Plasmodium falciparum*/*Plasmodium vivax* (2%).

Veterinary Cases

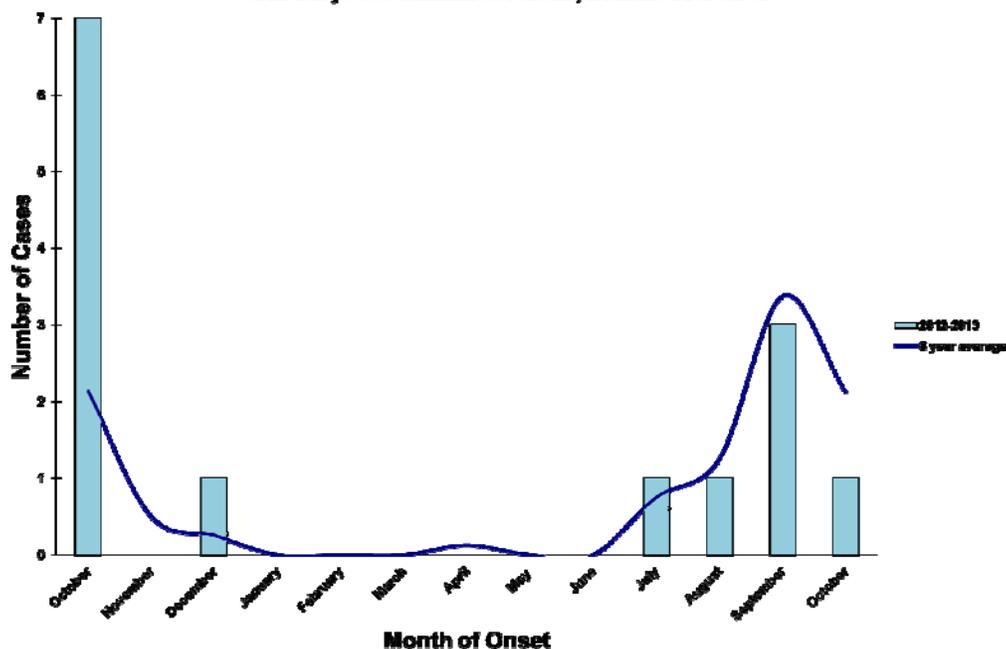
One horse with WNV infection was reported this week in Alachua County.

County	Onset Date	Species	Virus	Status	County YTD
Alachua	10/14/13	Equine	WNV	Euthanized	2 EEEV, 1 WNV

Veterinary EEE in Florida, October 2012-2013



Veterinary WNV Disease in Florida, October 2012-2013

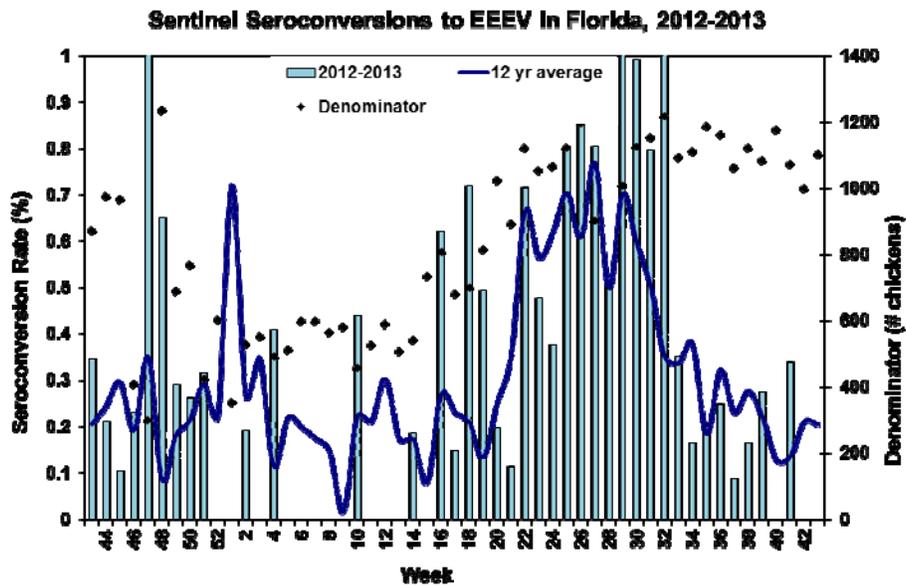


Sentinel Chickens

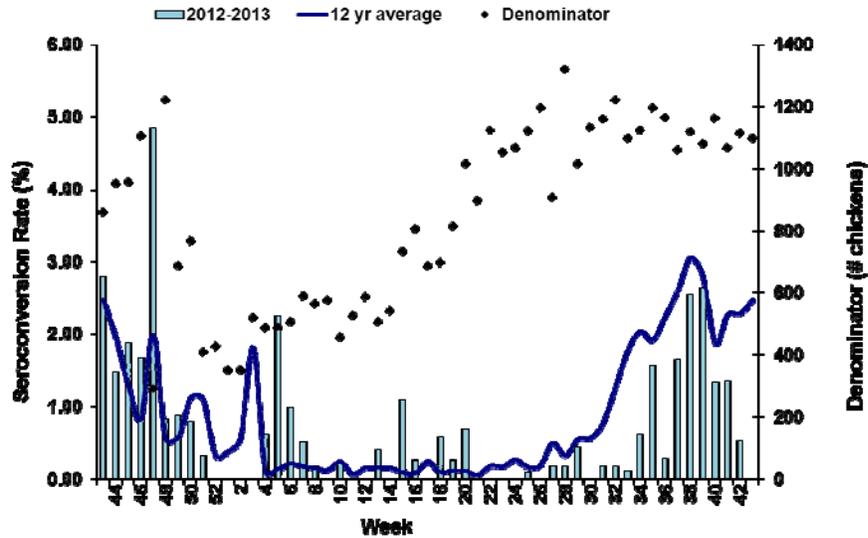
The table below is for the reporting of confirmatory laboratory results from this week. Some of the samples were collected at earlier dates. The date of collection is recorded for samples collected on that day along with the total number of positives and the corresponding seroconversion rate for the week the sample was collected.

Eighteen sentinel chickens tested positive this week for antibodies to WNV in Alachua, Indian River, Leon, Manatee, Nassau, Polk, Putnam, and St. Johns counties. Three sentinel chickens tested positive for antibodies to EEEV this week in Alachua, Putnam, and Walton County. Nine sentinel chickens tested positive for antibodies to SLEV this week in Lee, Palm Beach, and Pinellas Counties.

County	Collection Date	Seroconversion Rates (%)				County Totals	
		SLEV	WNV	EEEV	HJV	Collection Week	YTD
Alachua	9/24/2013		31.25			5 WNV	6 EEEV, 12 WNV
	9/30/2013		6.25			1 WNV	
	10/7/2013			7.14		1 EEEV	
Indian River	10/10/2013		2.13			1 WNV	2 EEEV, 3 WNV
Lee	10/14/2013	5.48				4 SLEV	9 SLEV
Leon	10/1/2013		6.06			2 WNV	6 EEEV, 17 WNV
	10/11/2013		8.82			3 WNV	
Manatee	10/1/2013		1.54			1 WNV	3 WNV, 4 SLEV
	10/15/2013		1.67			1 WNV	
Nassau	10/11/2013		23.08			6 WNV	12 EEEV, 43 WNV, 3 HJV
Palm Beach	9/30/2013	9.09				2 SLEV	7 SLEV
	10/14/2013	4.35				1 SLEV	
Pinellas	10/14/2013	3.57				2 SLEV	3 SLEV
Polk	10/15/2013		8.33			1 WNV	1 WNV, 1 SLEV
Putnam	10/1/2013		26.09			6 WNV	11 EEEV, 19 WNV, 1 HJV
	10/8/2013			7.14		1 EEEV	
	10/15/2013		14.29			2 WNV	
St. Johns	10/14/2013		3.77			2 WNV	24 EEEV, 12 WNV, 4 HJV
Walton	9/23/2013			0.91		1 EEEV	51 EEEV, 62 WNV, 11 HJV



Sentinel Seroconversions to WNV in Florida, 2012-2013



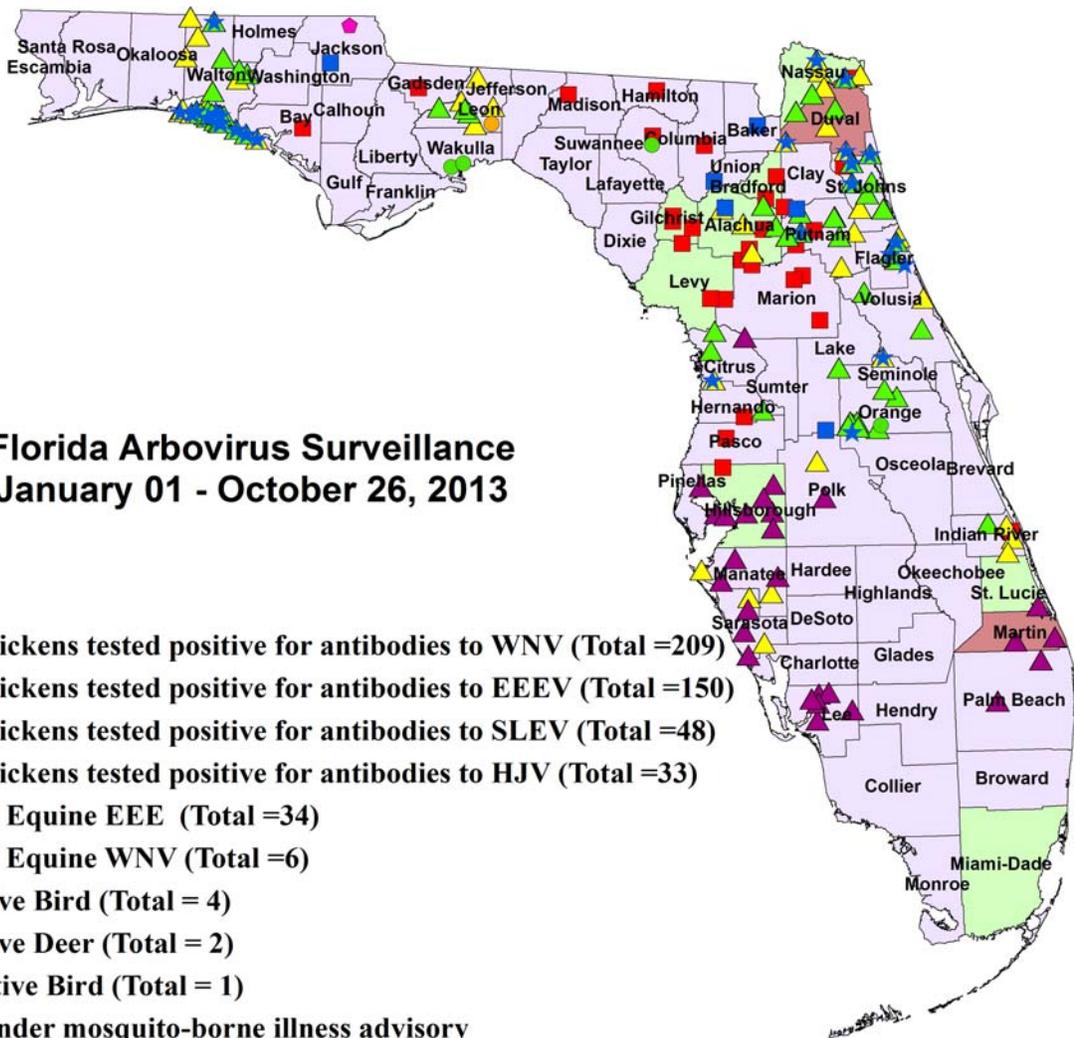
Dead Birds

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, 6 reports representing 6 dead birds, including 1 raptor were received from 5 counties.

In 2013, 580 reports representing a total of 1846 dead birds (26 crow, 21 jays, 112 raptors, 43 doves) were received from 51 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/

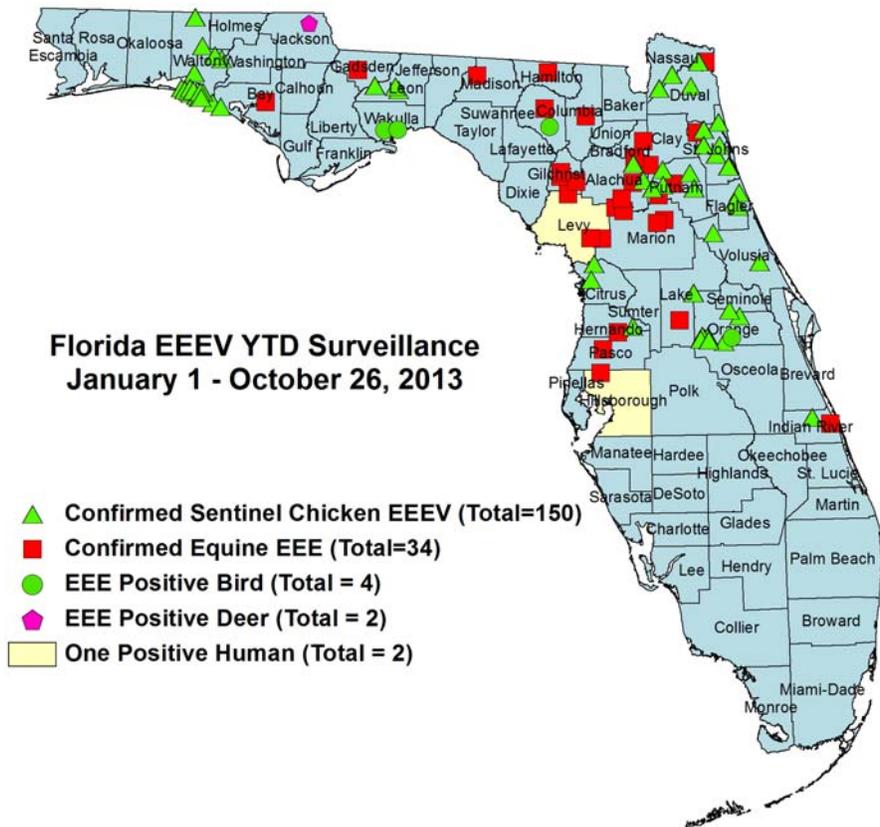
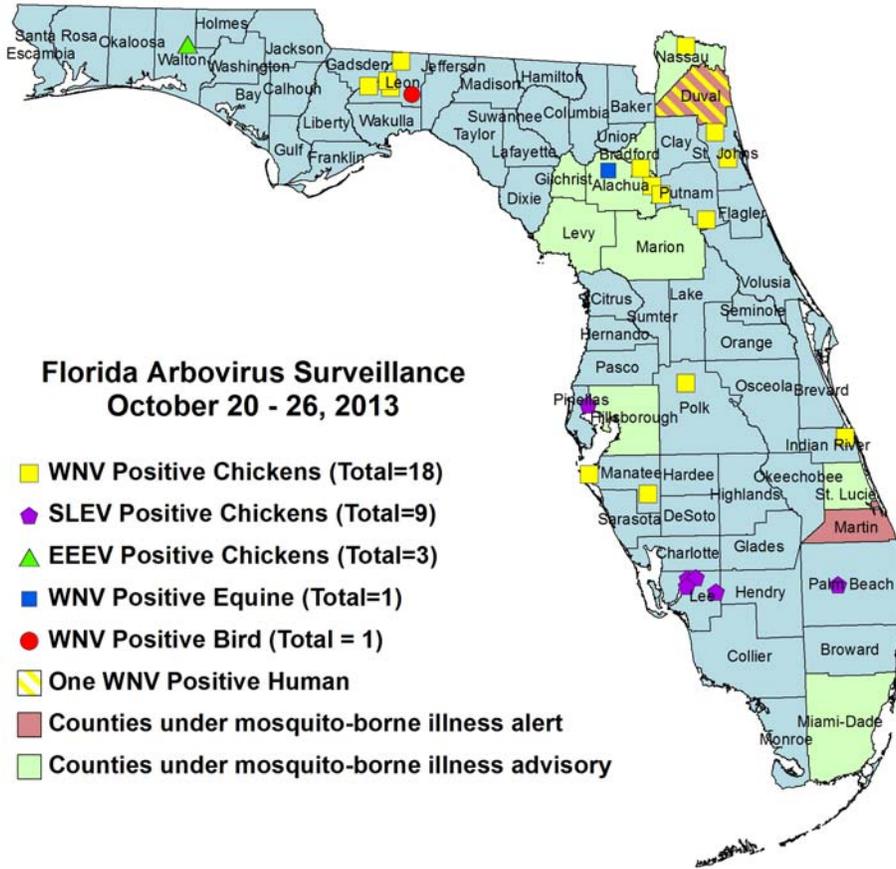
County	Total Dead Birds	Crows	Jays	Raptors	Dove
Alachua	1	0	0	0	0
Escambia	2	0	0	0	0
Hernando	1	0	0	1	0
Lee	1	0	0	0	0
Santa Rosa	1	0	0	0	0

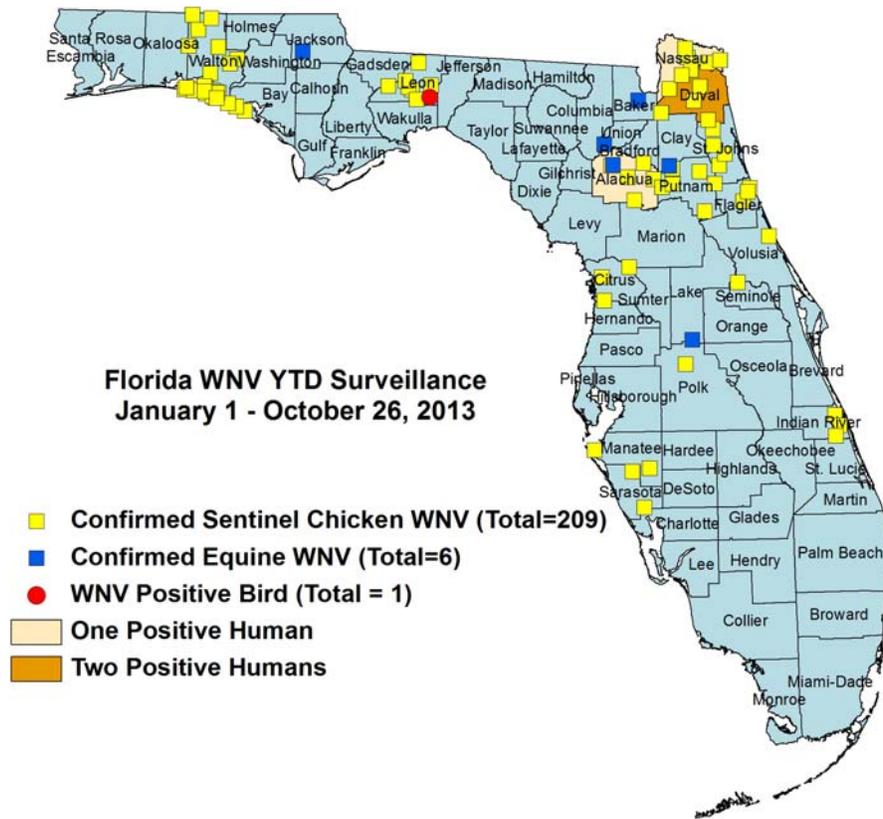
Maps



Florida Arbovirus Surveillance January 01 - October 26, 2013

- ▲ Sentinel chickens tested positive for antibodies to WNV (Total =209)
- ▲ Sentinel chickens tested positive for antibodies to EEEV (Total =150)
- ▲ Sentinel chickens tested positive for antibodies to SLEV (Total =48)
- ★ Sentinel chickens tested positive for antibodies to HJV (Total =33)
- Confirmed Equine EEE (Total =34)
- Confirmed Equine WNV (Total =6)
- EEE Positive Bird (Total = 4)
- ◆ EEE Positive Deer (Total = 2)
- WNV Positive Bird (Total = 1)
- Counties under mosquito-borne illness advisory
- Counties under mosquito-borne illness alert





2013 Arbovirus Activity by County

County	Arbovirus Activity
Alachua	EEEV: 2 horses (2/13, 7/11) ; 1 deer (1/1/); 6 sentinels (6/17, 6/24, 7/15, 8/5, 10/7) WNV: 1 human (September); 1 horse (10/14); 12 sentinels (7/1, 8/19, 9/16, 9/24, 9/30)
Baker	WNV: 1 horse (7/9)
Bay	EEEV: 1 horse (8/21) 1 sentinel (5/21) WNV: 3 sentinels (5/7, 8/26) HJV: 2 sentinels (5/7, 5/28)
Bradford	EEEV: 2 horses (5/27, 5/30) EEEV: 3 sentinel (4/15, 10/7)
Citrus	WNV: 4 sentinels (1/21, 1/28, 9/16) SLEV: 1 sentinel (1/21) HJV: 2 sentinels (3/25, 4/2)
Clay	EEEV: 1 horse (7/17) WNV: 1 horse (8/7)
Columbia	EEEV: 1 horse (5/4) WNV: 1 horse (9/9)
Duval	EEEV: 1 sentinel (8/22) WNV: 2 Human (August, October), 21 sentinels (7/1, 7/15, 7/29, 8/26, 8/28, 9/3, 9/10, 9/16, 9/23, 9/30, 10/3) HJV: 2 sentinels (6/17, 7/8)
Flagler	EEEV: 5 sentinels (4/22, 6/24, 7/22, 7/29) WNV: 5 sentinels (8/19, 9/23, 9/30, 10/7) HJV: 5 sentinels (6/17, 7/29, 8/5, 9/3)
Gadsden	EEEV: 1 horse (9/3)
Gilchrist	EEEV: 4 horses* (2/6, 6/28, 6/29)
Hamilton	EEEV: 1 horse (5/30)
Hernando	EEEV: 1 horse (6/27) ; 1 sentinel (6/10)

County	Arbovirus Activity
Hillsborough	EEEV: 1 human (March), 1 horse (7/20) SLEV: 14 sentinels (9/3, 9/17, 9/25, 9/30, 10/8)
Indian River	EEEV: 1 horse (9/29), 2 sentinels (5/9,8/15) WNV: 3 sentinels (7/10, 7/31, 10/10)
Jackson	EEEV: 1 deer (10/1) WNV: 1 horse (9/24)
Lake	EEEV: 1 horse (1/30) WNV: 1 horse (9/16)
Lee	SLEV: 9 sentinels (9/2, 9/16, 9/30, 10/14)
Leon	EEEV: 6 sentinels (6/3, 8/5, 8/12, 8/20) WNV : 17 sentinels (8/27, 9/17, 9/23, 10/1, 10/11) ; 1 wild bird (10/1)
Levy	EEEV : 1 human (January) ; 3 horses (1/7, 7/21, 7/27)
Madison	EEEV : 1 horse (2/16)
Manatee	WNV: 3 sentinel (9/24, 10/1, 10/15) SLEV: 4 sentinels (9/17, 9/24, 10/1)
Marion	EEEV : 6 horses (7/11, 7/12, 7/18, 7/31, 8/7, 9/10)
Martin	Dengue : 14 humans (June, July, August, September) SLEV : 6 sentinels (9/20, 10/4)
Miami-Dade	Dengue : 1 human (August)
Nassau	EEEV : 1 horse (7/8) ; 12 sentinels (6/8, 6/15, 6/28, 7/1, 7/5, 7/12, 7/19, 7/26, 8/5, 8/10) WNV : 1 Human (September) ; 43 sentinels (7/19, 7/26, 8/3, 8/5, 8/16, 8/23, 8/30, 9/9, 9/13, 9/16, 9/20, 9/23, 9/30, 10/6, 10/7, 10/11) HJV : 3 sentinels (6/28, 7/29)
Orange	EEEV : 25 sentinels (5/2, 5/30, 6/6, 6/13, 6/20, 6/24, 6/27, 7/1, 7/3, 7/11, 7/15, 7/23, 8/12, 8/22, 8/26, 9/16, 9/23) ; 1 bird (1/1) HJV : 2 sentinels (9/5, 9/12)
Palm Beach	SLEV : 7 sentinels (9/3, 9/16, 9/17, 9/30, 10/14) Dengue : 1 human with exposure in Martin (August)
Pasco	EEEV : 1 horse (7/16)
Pinellas	SLEV : 3 sentinel (10/7, 10/14)
Polk	WNV : 1 sentinel (10/15) SLEV : 1 sentinel (9/9)
Putnam	EEEV : 2 horses (6/26, 8/8) ; 11 sentinels (7/16, 7/23, 7/30, 8/6, 9/10, 9/24, 10/8) WNV : 19 sentinels (9/17, 9/24, 10/1, 10/8, 10/15) HJV : 1 sentinel (9/10)
Sarasota	WNV : 2 sentinels (5/3, 9/10) SLEV : 3 sentinels (4/5, 9/20, 9/30)
Seminole	WNV : 1 sentinel (9/10) HJV : 1 sentinel (5/7)
St. Johns	EEEV : 1 horse (3/1) ; 24 sentinels (4/8, 5/6, 5/28, 6/3, 6/10, 6/17, 6/24, 7/22, 7/29, 8/5, 8/12, 8/26, 9/3) WNV : 12 sentinels (9/3, 9/16, 9/23, 10/7, 10/14) HJV : 4 sentinels (6/3, 6/17, 7/1, 9/3)
St. Lucie	Dengue : 4 humans with exposure in Martin (July, August)
Suwannee	EEEV : 1 horse (8/9), 1 bird (8/11)
Volusia	EEEV : 2 sentinels (7/15, 9/3) WNV : 1 sentinel (9/16)
Wakulla	EEEV : 2 birds (4/8)
Walton	EEEV : 51 sentinels (1/7, 2/26, 3/25, 4/15, 4/29, 4/30, 5/6, 5/13, 5/28, 6/17, 6/24, 7/1, 7/8, 7/23, 7/30, 8/5, 8/6, 8/19, 8/26, 8/27, 9/23) WNV : 62 sentinels (1/7, 1/14, 1/15, 1/23, 1/28, 2/4, 2/20, 3/11, 4/8, 4/9, 4/15, 4/29, 4/30, 5/7, 5/13, 5/14, 6/17, 7/8, 8/6, 8/19, 8/26, 9/3, 9/11, 9/16, 9/17, 9/23) HJV : 11 sentinels (5/13, 6/17, 7/1, 7/8, 7/29, 8/20)

*The equine listed as Gilchrist/Columbia for 5/29/13 had exposure in both counties during the 2 weeks prior to onset and is not listed in the table above.

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For more surveillance information, please see the DOH website at:

<http://www.doh.state.fl.us/Environment/medicine/arboviral/index.html>

For arbovirus surveillance information for the United States, please see the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at:

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/surv&control.htm>

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http://www.doh.state.fl.us/Disease_ctrl/epi/surv/CaseDefinitions/2012CaseDef_FINAL.pdf

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