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West Nile Virus (WNV) in USA and Canada

USA, 30 July 2003

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) confirmed 44 cases of WNV infection and one death. The cases were recorded in the states of Alabama (6), Colorado (4), Florida (4), Iowa (1), Louisiana (10), Minnesota (1), Mississippi (1), Ohio (1), South Carolina (1), South Dakota (4), and Texas (11).

Additional information can be found on the <u>CDC website</u>.

State	Human WNV Cases Reported to the CDC	Deaths
Alabama	6	1
Colorado	4	
Florida	4	
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Louisiana	10	
Minnesota	1	
Mississippi	1	
Ohio	1	
South Carolina	1	
South Dakota	4	
Texas	11	
Total	44	1
Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), USA.		

Canada, 25 July 2003

The first Canadian with West Nile Virus infection for this year was announced in an individual from the Assiniboia area of Saskatchewan. The infected individual is healthy and has not yet exhibited any symptoms of the disease. Saskatchewan's surveillance system for 2003, in addition to human cases, is tracking WNV in chickens, birds from the Corvid family, mosquitoes, and horses. West Nile Virus is a reportable disease under the Canadian Public Health Act.

Source: Health Canada.