



## West Nile Virus and Other Mosquito-borne Diseases National Surveillance Report

### English Edition

### September 11 to September 17, 2016 (Week 37)

#### West Nile virus

##### Canada

###### Humans

During surveillance week 37, ending on September 17, 2016, eighteen (18) human clinical cases of West Nile virus (WNV) have been reported to the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC). Of these, three cases have been reported in Manitoba [Southern (2) and Winnipeg (1)], thirteen cases in Ontario [Toronto (7), Niagara (3), York (1), Durham (1), Halton (1)] and two cases in Quebec [Laval (1), Lanaudière (1)].

As of surveillance week 37, a total of 59 human clinical cases have been reported to PHAC: Alberta (4) [Calgary zone (1) and South zone (3)], Manitoba (20) [Interlake-Eastern (3), Northern (1), Prairie Mountain (2), Southern (8) and Winnipeg (6)], Ontario (27) [Toronto (17), Niagara (6), York (2), Durham (1), Halton (1)], and Quebec (8) [Capitale-Nationale (1), Laurentides (1)\*, Laval (3), Montérégie (1), Lanaudière (2)]. Of these, twenty-eight cases (48 %) were classified as West Nile virus Neurological Syndrome, nineteen cases (32 %) as West Nile virus Non-Neurological Syndrome, and twelve cases (20 %) were unclassified. Two fatal cases have been reported.

In addition, four West Nile virus asymptomatic infections have been reported: Saskatchewan (1) [Mixed-Grass prairie ✕ (1)] and Ontario (3) [Toronto (2), Windsor-Essex County (1)].

###### Mosquitoes

As of surveillance week 37, 330 (2.39 %) out of 13,798 mosquito pools have tested positive for WNV in Canada: Saskatchewan (67), Manitoba (39), Ontario (201) and Quebec (23).

###### Birds

As of September 17, 2016, the Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative, the Québec Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, and the Québec Centre for Wildlife Health have examined a total of 62 dead birds for WNV: British Columbia (2), Saskatchewan (2), Ontario (47), and Quebec (11), of which 17 (27%) dead birds have tested positive for WNV: British Columbia (2) [Cranbrook], Ontario (6) [Bradford (1), Hamilton (1), Sarnia (1), Thorold (1), Toronto (1), Tecumseh (1)] and Quebec (9) [Estrie (1), Lanaudière (1), Montérégie (4), Saint-Jean-Baptiste (1), Abitibi-Témiscamingué (1), Montréal (1)]. The positive birds were identified as American Crows (41%), Red-tailed Hawks (18%), Sharp-shinned Hawks (18%), Merlins (11%), Northern Goshawks (6%) and Great-horned Owl (6%).

###### Domestic Animals

As of September 17, 2016, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency has reported a total of 38 horses that have tested positive for WNV: British Columbia (10), Alberta (5), Manitoba (12), Ontario (1) and Saskatchewan (10).

##### United States and U.S. territories

As of September 17, 2016, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have reported a total of 868 human clinical cases of West Nile virus disease in 41 states in the US, including the following border states: Washington (8), Idaho (6), Montana (5), New York (1), North Dakota (11), Minnesota (24), Michigan (22), and Vermont (2). Of these, 448 (52%) were classified as neuroinvasive disease and 420 (48%) were classified as non-neuroinvasive disease. Twenty-five fatal cases have been reported. In addition, 144 presumptive viremic blood donors have been identified. Detailed information can be accessed via the CDC web site: <http://www.cdc.gov/westnile/statsmaps/preliminarymapsdata/histatedate.html>

##### Europe and Neighbouring Countries

As of September 17, 2016, a total of 111 human cases of WNV have been reported in the European Union and 181 cases have been reported in the neighbouring countries.

Detailed information can be accessed via the ECDC web site:

[http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/healthtopics/west\\_nile\\_fever/West-Nile-fever-maps/pages/index.aspx](http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/healthtopics/west_nile_fever/West-Nile-fever-maps/pages/index.aspx)

##### Eastern equine encephalitis

###### Canada

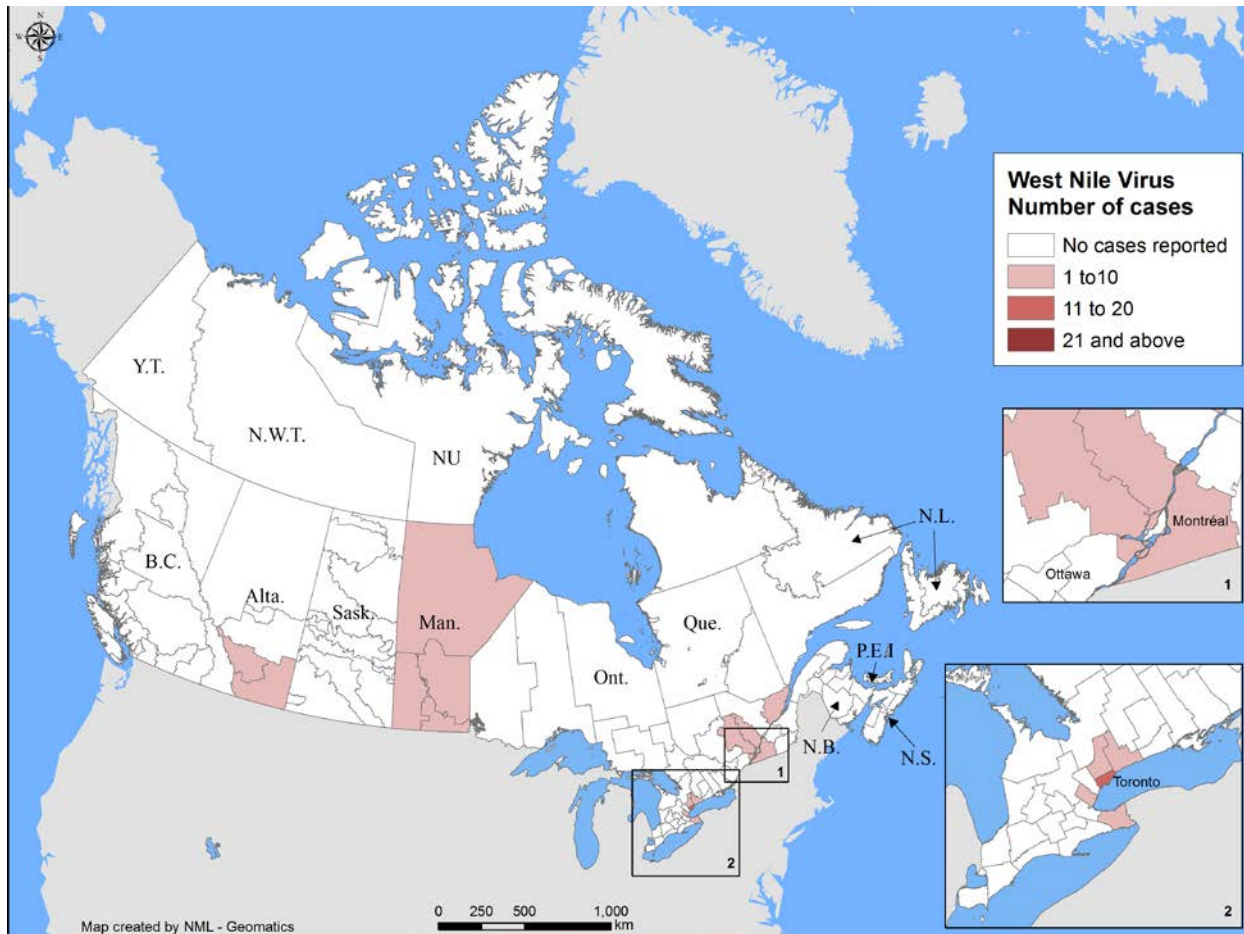
###### Domestic Animals

As of surveillance week 37, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency has reported one horse from Berthierville, Québec, that tested positive for Eastern Equine Encephalitis.

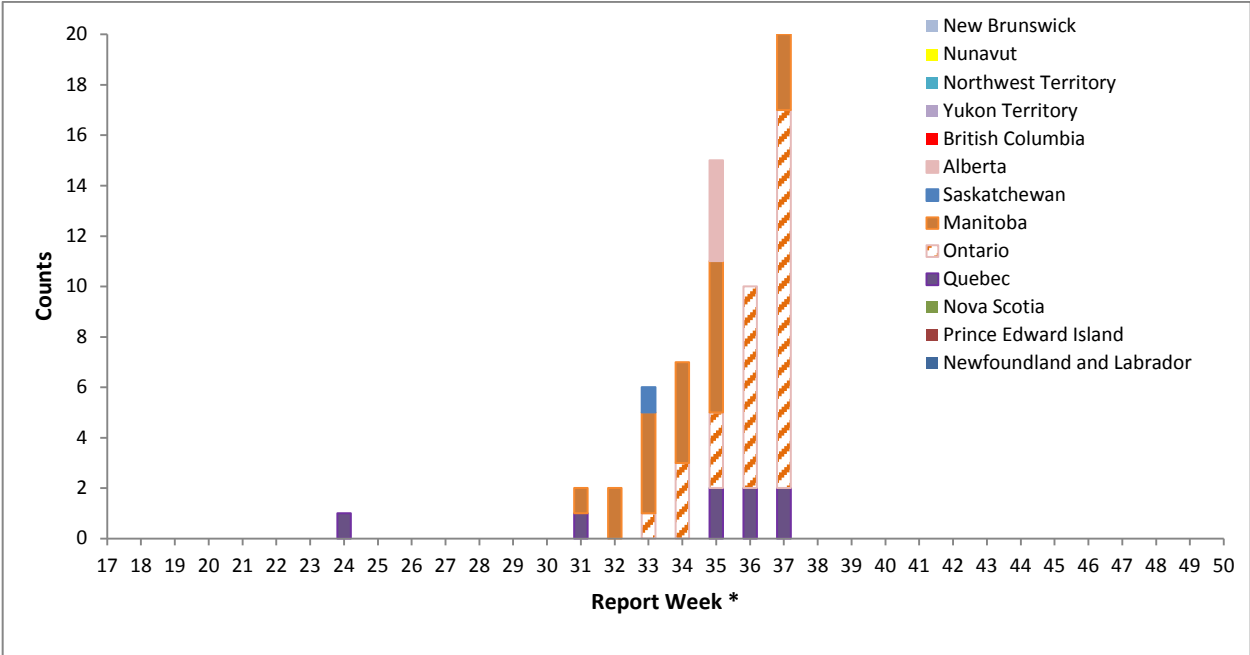
\*This case was acquired during WNV season in 2015

✕Sun Country, Regina Qu'Appelle, Five Hills, Cypress, Heartland Health Regions

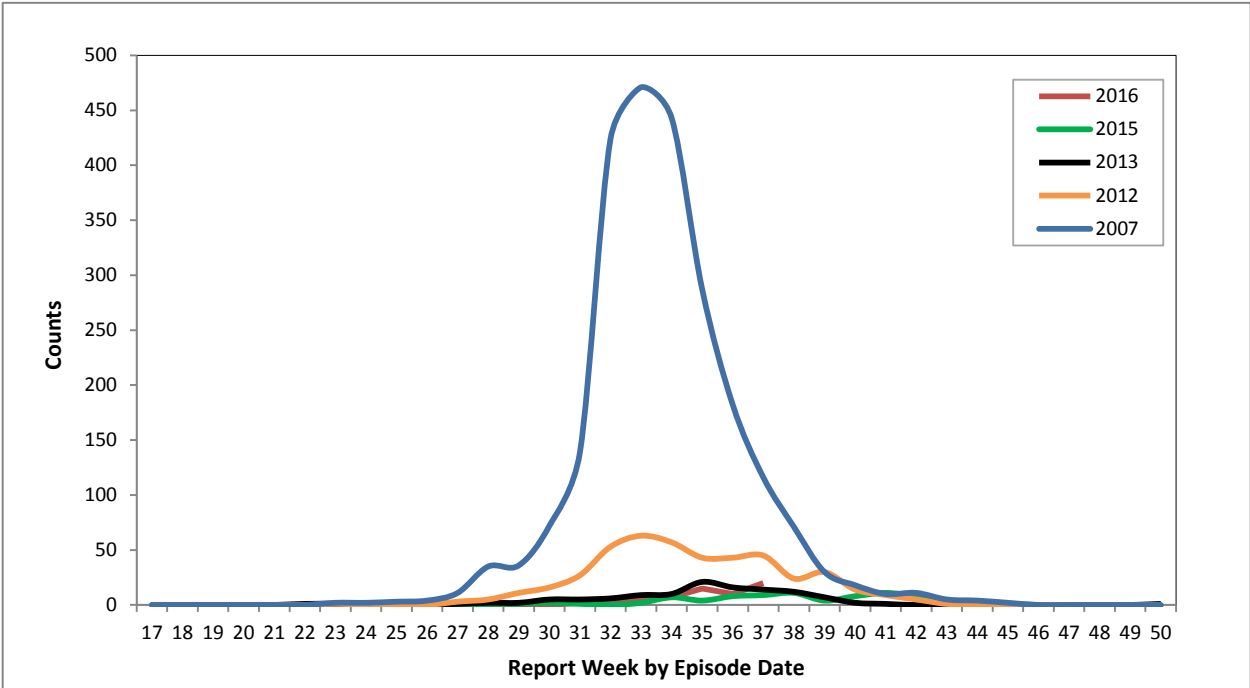
FIGURE 1: Geographic distribution of WNV in Humans (clinical cases) in Canada, as of September 17, 2016



**FIGURE 2: WNV Human Clinical cases and Asymptomatic Infections, by Province/ Territory and by Report week, as of September 17, 2016**



**FIGURE 3: WNV Human Clinical cases and Asymptomatic Infections by Report week for selected years, in Canada**



\*West Nile virus clinical cases and asymptomatic infections are grouped by report week, based on episode date. Episode date could include one of the following: onset date, diagnosis date, lab sample date or reporting date.

**TABLE 1: West Nile Virus Human Clinical cases and Asymptomatic Infections by Province/Territory for the current report week and year to date, 2016 season**

	Week 37: September 11 to September 17, 2016					
	West Nile virus neurological syndrome	West Nile virus non-neurological syndrome	Unclassified/ unspecified	Total clinical cases <sup>1</sup>	Number of travel-related cases <sup>2</sup>	West Nile virus asymptomatic infection <sup>3</sup>
Newfoundland and Labrador	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nova Scotia	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Brunswick	0	0	0	0	0	0
Quebec	0	2	0	2	0	0
Ontario	7	5	2	14	0	1
Manitoba	0	0	3	3	0	0
Saskatchewan	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alberta	0	0	0	0	0	0
British Columbia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yukon Territory	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest Territory	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nunavut	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

	Year to date: January 1 to September 17, 2016					
	West Nile virus neurological syndrome	West Nile virus non-neurological syndrome	Unclassified/ unspecified	Total clinical cases <sup>1</sup>	Number of travel-related cases <sup>2</sup>	West Nile virus asymptomatic infection <sup>3</sup>
Newfoundland and Labrador	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nova Scotia	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Brunswick	0	0	0	0	0	0
Quebec	5*	3	0	8*	0	0
Ontario	16	8	3	27	0	3
Manitoba	6	5	9	20	0	0
Saskatchewan	0	0	0	0	0	1
Alberta	1	3	0	4	1	0
British Columbia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Yukon Territory	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest Territory	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nunavut	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>

<sup>1</sup> Total clinical cases is the sum of both probable and confirmed: West Nile virus neurological and non-neurological syndromes, along with any unclassified or unspecified cases.

<sup>2</sup> Likely related to travel outside the Province/Territory. These cases are included in either the total clinical cases or West Nile virus asymptomatic infections.

<sup>3</sup> Satisfies West Nile virus diagnostic test criteria in the absence of clinical criteria. This category could include asymptomatic blood donors whose blood is screened using a nucleic acid amplification test, by blood operators (i.e. Canadian Blood Services or Hema-Quebec) and is subsequently brought to the attention of public health officials. Blood operators in Canada perform a supplementary West Nile virus specific nucleic acid amplification test following any positive donor screen test result.

\* One of the cases was acquired in 2015.

**TABLE 2: Number of mosquito pools tested and number of positive mosquito pools by Province/Territory, 2016 season**

Province	Year to date: January 1 to September 17, 2016 <sup>§</sup>		
	Number of positive mosquito pools	Number of mosquito pools tested	Percentage of positive mosquito pools (%)
Quebec	23	806	2.85
Ontario	201	11001	1.83
Manitoba	39	1394	2.80
Saskatchewan	67	597	11.22
Total	330	13798	2.39

<sup>§</sup>In 2016, mosquito surveillance is conducted by the following provinces only: Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan

**TABLE 3: Number of WNV positive mosquito pools/ Total number of WNV mosquito pools tested by Report week and by Province/ Territory, 2016 season †**

Province / Territory	Report week of 2016																					
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38
Newfoundland and Labrador	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Brunswick	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Quebec	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2/59	0/67	0/65	2/78	4/69	2/79	6/76	4/67	2/78	1/89	0/79	
Ontario	0	0/6	0/5	0/12	0/49	0/90	0/190	0/460	0/542	0/562	0/802	1/795	2/688	5/649	20/927	30/947	36/882	42/886	29/906	17/836	19/767	
Manitoba	0	0	0	0	0/4	0/8	0/3	0/17	0/56	0/58	0/69	0/100	4/113	7/192	5/241	6/246	15/143	1/65	1/42	0/29	0/8	
Saskatchewan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0/1	0/9	0/8	0/14	1/26	0/37	0/31	3/62	10/68	16/106	31/144	4/55	2/28	0/6	*	
Alberta	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
British Columbia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yukon Territory	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Northwest Territory	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nunavut	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	0	0/6	0/5	0/12	0/53	0/98	0/194	0/486	0/606	0/634	3/956	1/999	6/897	17/983	39/1305	54/1378	88/1245	51/1073	34/1054	18/960	19/854	

<sup>†</sup>Detailed West Nile virus mosquito surveillance data can be accessed through Provincial/ Territorial websites.

- These jurisdictions do not maintain regular mosquito surveillance.

\*Mosquito surveillance has ended.

FIGURE 4: Reported number of dead birds tested positive for WNV by Province/ Territory and by Report week, 2016 season in Canada

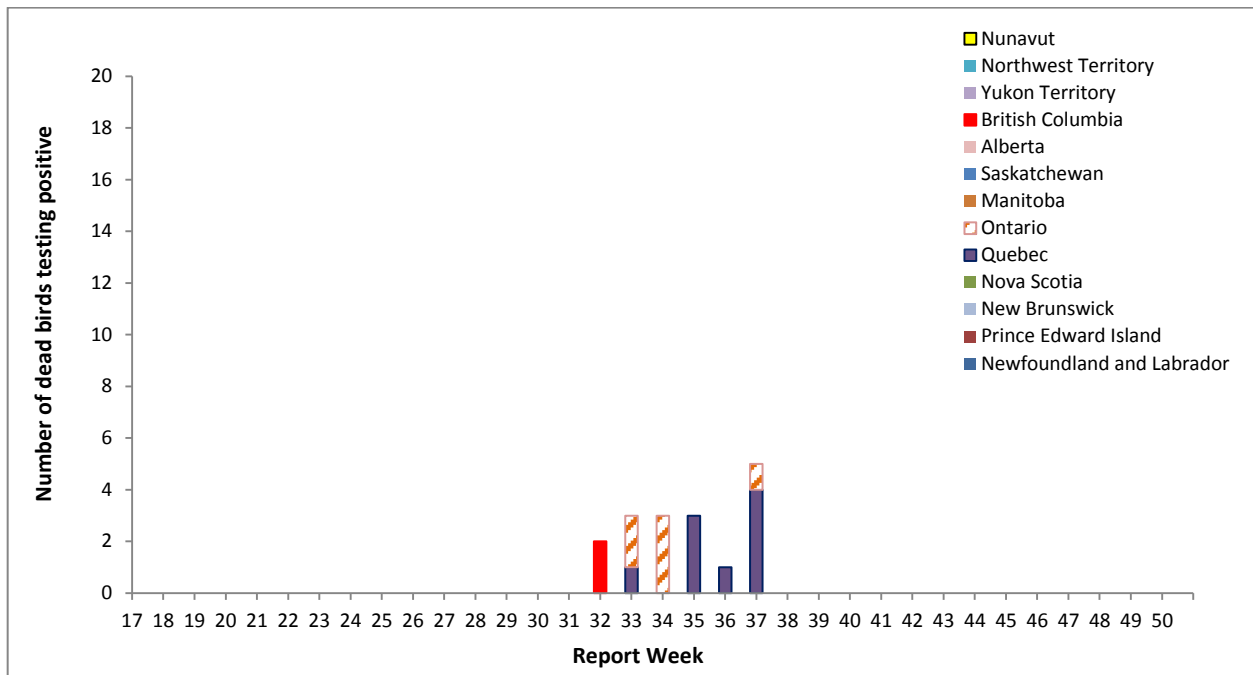
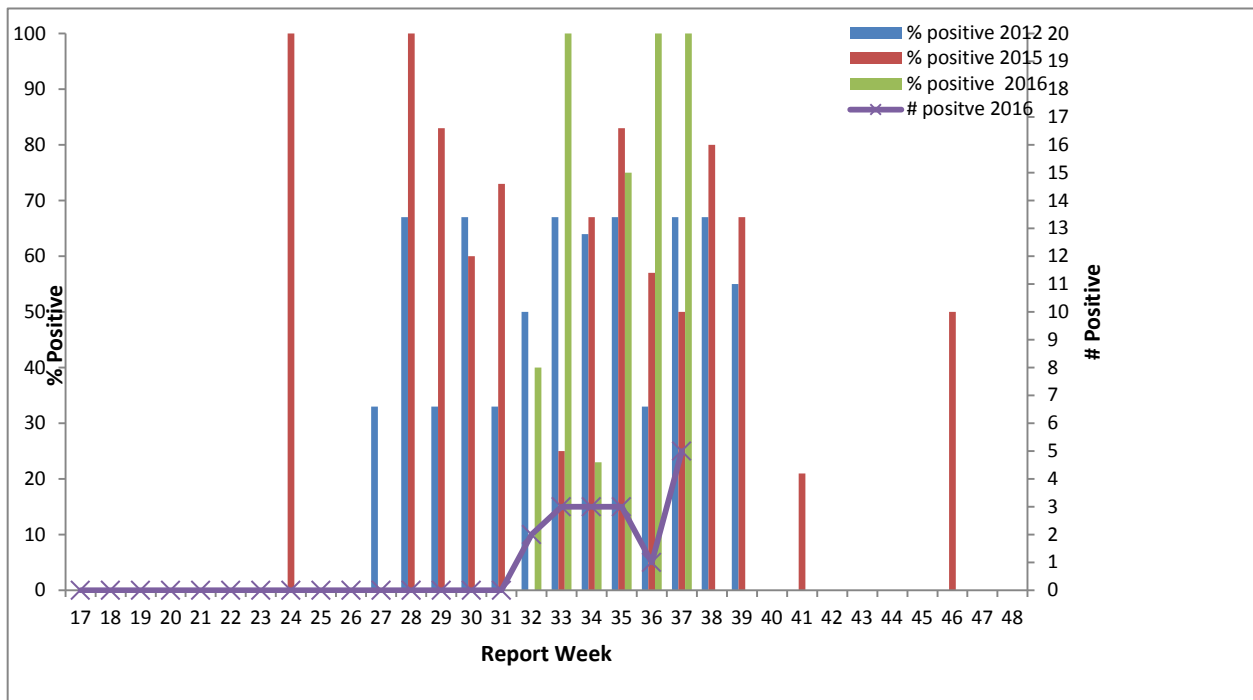


FIGURE 5: Percentage of dead birds tested positive for WNV by Report week in 2012, 2015 and 2016, and number of dead birds tested positive for WNV, by Report week, 2016, in Canada ¶



¶ Not all provinces are conducting dead bird surveillance as part of their own WNV surveillance program. However, WNV positive dead birds may be identified through the National Wildlife Disease Surveillance Program of the Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative (CWHC)