



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

English Edition

October 30 to November 12, 2016 (Weeks 44 and 45)

### West Nile virus

#### Canada

##### Humans

During surveillance weeks 44 - 45, ending on November 12, 2016, three (3) human clinical cases of West Nile virus (WNV) have been reported to the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC). Of these, one case was reported in Ontario [Oxford County (1)], and two in Quebec [Montréal (1), Outaouais (1)].

As of surveillance week 45, a total of 100 human clinical cases have been reported to the PHAC: Alberta (4) [Calgary zone (1) and South zone (3)], Manitoba (21) [Interlake-Eastern (3), Northern (1), Prairie Mountain (2), Southern (9) and Winnipeg (6)], Ontario (46) [Ottawa (2), Toronto (19), Niagara (7), York (3), Durham (2), Halton (1), Windsor-Essex County (3), Peel (5), Haldimand-Norfolk (1), Hamilton (1), Simcoe Muskoka district (1)] and Oxford County (1)], Quebec (27) [Capitale-Nationale (1), Laurentides (2)\*, Laval (5), Montérégie (4), Lanaudière (6), Montréal (7), Gaspésie - Îles-de-la-Madeleine (1) and Outaouais (1)], New Brunswick (1) [Fredericton area], and Prince Edward Island (1). Of these, sixty (60 %) were classified as West Nile virus Neurological Syndrome, thirty-three (33 %) as West Nile virus Non-Neurological Syndrome, and seven (7 %) were unclassified. Seven fatal cases have been reported.

In addition, six West Nile virus asymptomatic infections have been reported by three provinces: Saskatchewan (1) [Mixed-Grass prairie \*], Manitoba (1) [Prairie Mountain] and Ontario (4) [Toronto (3), Windsor-Essex County (1)].

##### Mosquitoes

As of surveillance week 45, 345 (2.28 %) out of 15124 mosquito pools have tested positive for WNV in Canada: Saskatchewan (67), Manitoba (39), Ontario (211) and Quebec (28).

##### Birds

As of surveillance week 45, 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 136 dead birds for WNV: British Columbia (2), Alberta (1), Saskatchewan (6), Ontario (77), and Quebec (50), of which 36 (26%) dead birds have tested positive for WNV: British Columbia (2) [Cranbrook], Saskatchewan (3) [Saskatoon (1), Moose Jaw (1), Langham (1)], Ontario (20) [Bradford (1), Hamilton (1), Sarnia (1), Thorold (1), Toronto (4), Tecumseh (1), Burlington (1), Waterloo (1), Elora (1), Brampton (1), Etobicoke (1), Mississauga (1), East York (1), North York (1), Caledonia (1), Campden (1), St. Catharines (1)] and Quebec (11) [Estrie (2), Lanaudière (1), Montérégie (5), Abitibi-Témiscaminique (1), Montréal (1), Capitale Nationale (1)]. The positive birds were identified as American Crows (22%), Red-tailed Hawks (31%), Sharp-shinned Hawks (19%), Merlins (8%), Northern Goshawks (8%), Great-horned Owls (3%), Cooper's hawks (3%), Blue Jays (3%) and Burrowing Owls (3%).

##### Domestic Animals

As of surveillance week 45, forty-six horses with WNV infection have been reported to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency by various provincial/private animal health laboratories. These are preliminary data under validation: British Columbia (10), Alberta (7), Manitoba (13), Ontario (2), Saskatchewan (13), Quebec (1). In addition, the Quebec Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, has reported two horses that tested positive for WNV, in Quebec.

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

As of November 15, 2016, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have reported a total of 1,548 human clinical cases of West Nile virus disease in 46 states in the US, including the following border states: Washington (9), Idaho (6), Montana (6), New York (15), North Dakota (68), Minnesota (47), Michigan (41), and Vermont (3). Of these, 813 (53%) were classified as neuroinvasive disease and 735 (47%) were classified as non-neuroinvasive disease. Seventy-four fatal cases have been reported. In addition, 222 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 November 10, 2016, a total of 206 human cases of WNV have been reported in the European Union and 263 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

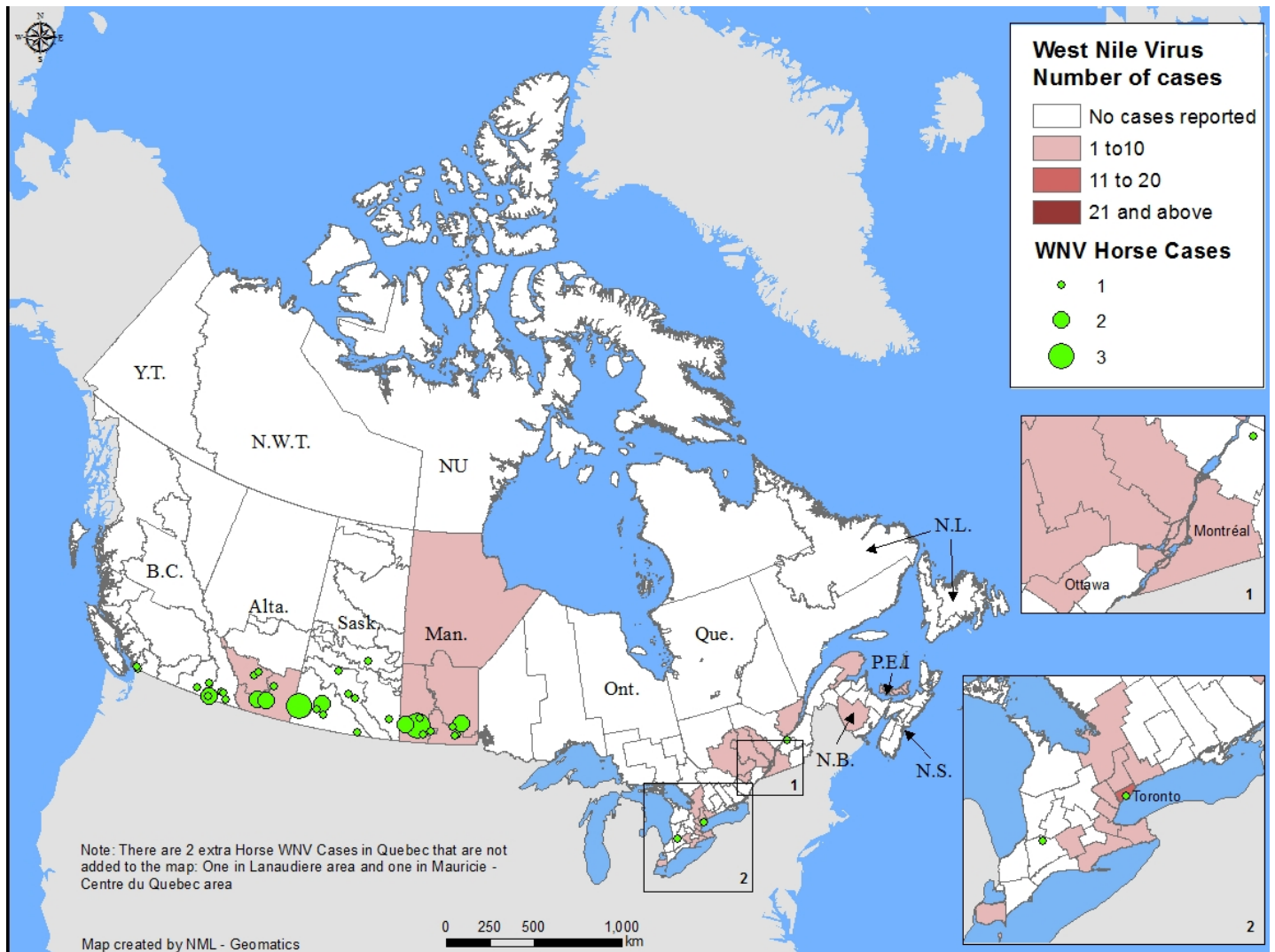
##### Domestic Animals

As of surveillance week 45, two horses with Eastern Equine Encephalitis in Québec, has been reported to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency by a provincial/private animal health laboratory.

\*This case was acquired during WNV season in 2015

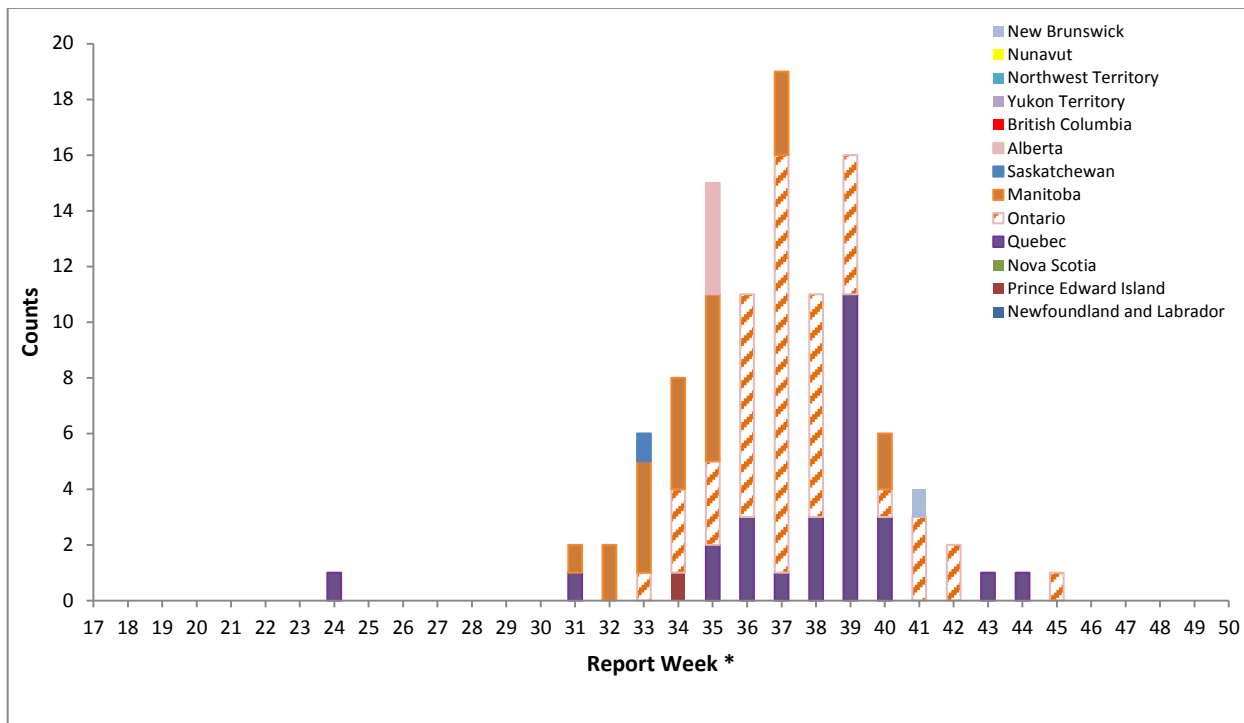
\*Sun Country, Regina Qu'Appelle, Five Hills, Cypress, Heartland Health Regions

FIGURE 1: Geographic distribution of WNV in humans (clinical cases) and horses\* in Canada, as of November 12, 2016

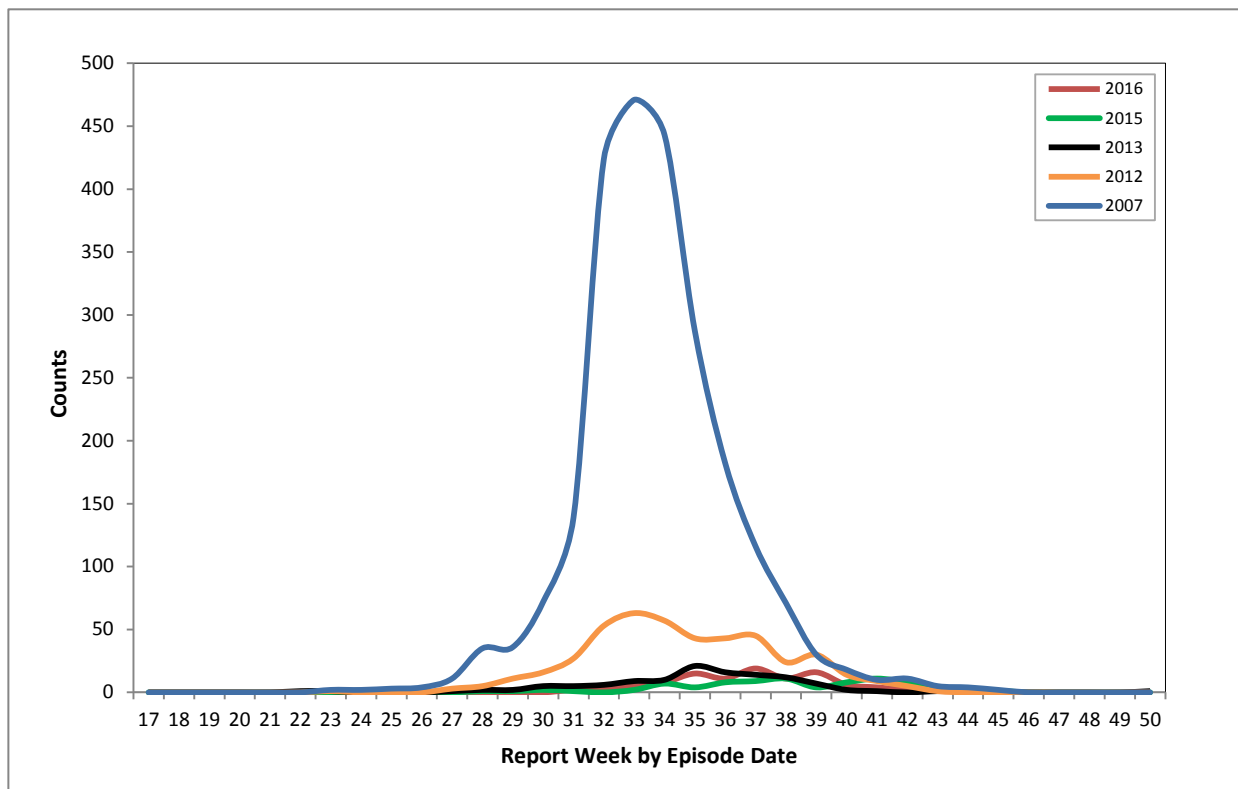


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**FIGURE 2: WNV human clinical cases and asymptomatic infections by province/ territory and by report week, as of November 12, 2016**



**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**

	Weeks 44 & 45: October 30 to November 12, 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	1	1	0	2	0	0
Ontario	1	0	0	1	0	0
Manitoba	0	0	0	0	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>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

	Year to date: January 1 to November 12, 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	1	0	1	1	0
Nova Scotia	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Brunswick	0	1	0	1	1	0
Quebec	17*	10	0	27*	0	0
Ontario	30	9	7	46	4	4
Manitoba	12	9	0	21	2	1
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>60</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</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 November 12, 2016 *		
	Number of positive mosquito pools	Number of mosquito pools tested	Percentage of positive mosquito pools (%)
Quebec	28	935	2.99
Ontario	211	12198	1.73
Manitoba	39	1394	2.80
Saskatchewan	67	597	11.22
Total	345	15124	2.28

\*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																				
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42
Newfoundland and Labrador	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Brunswick	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Quebec	0	0	0	0	0	2/59	0/67	0/65	2/78	4/69	2/79	6/76	5/67	2/78	4/89	0/79	1/77	0/52	‡	‡	‡
Ontario	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	7/706	2/364	1/102	0/25	‡
Manitoba	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	0/1	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	0/98	0/194	0/486	0/606	0/634	3/956	1/999	6/897	17/983	39/1305	54/1378	88/1245	52/1073	34/1054	21/960	19/854	8/783	2/416	1/102	0/25	0

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

- These jurisdictions do not maintain regular mosquito surveillance.

‡ Mosquito surveillance for 2016 has ended in these jurisdictions

FIGURE 4: Reported number of dead birds tested positive for WNV by province/ territory and by report week, 2016 season in Canada

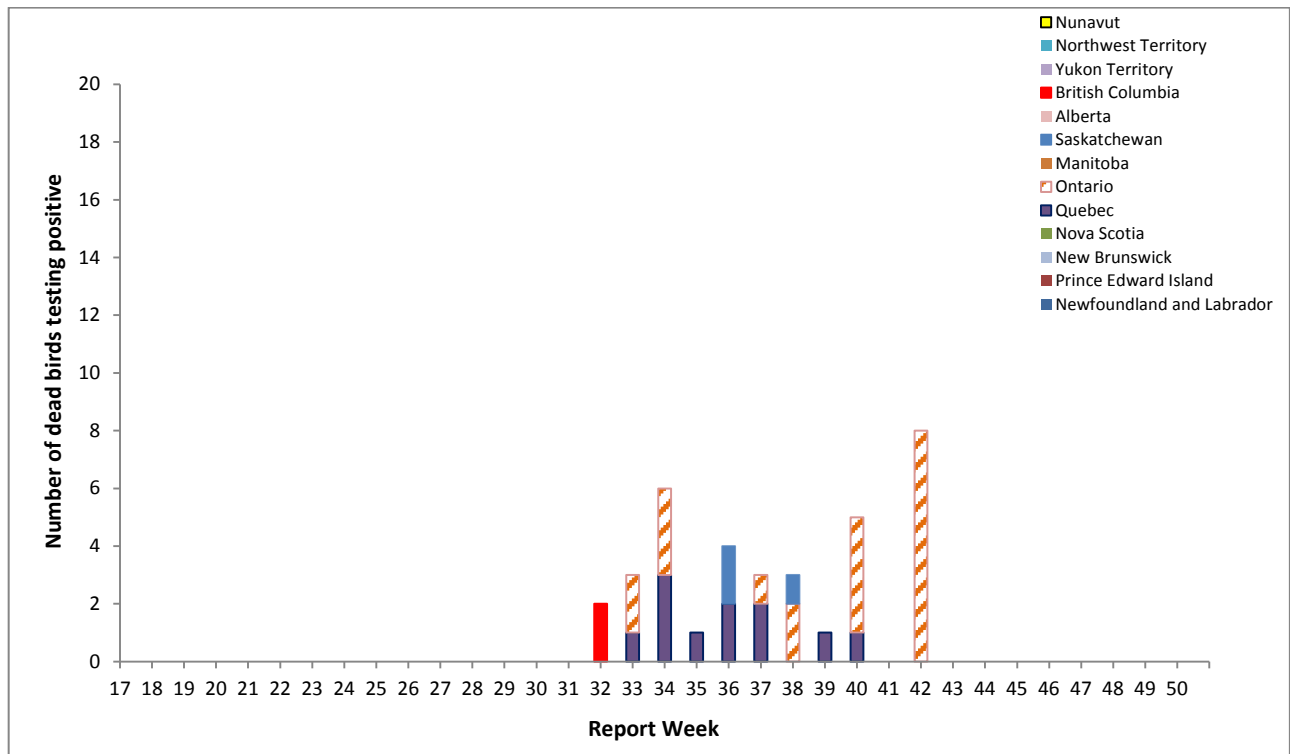
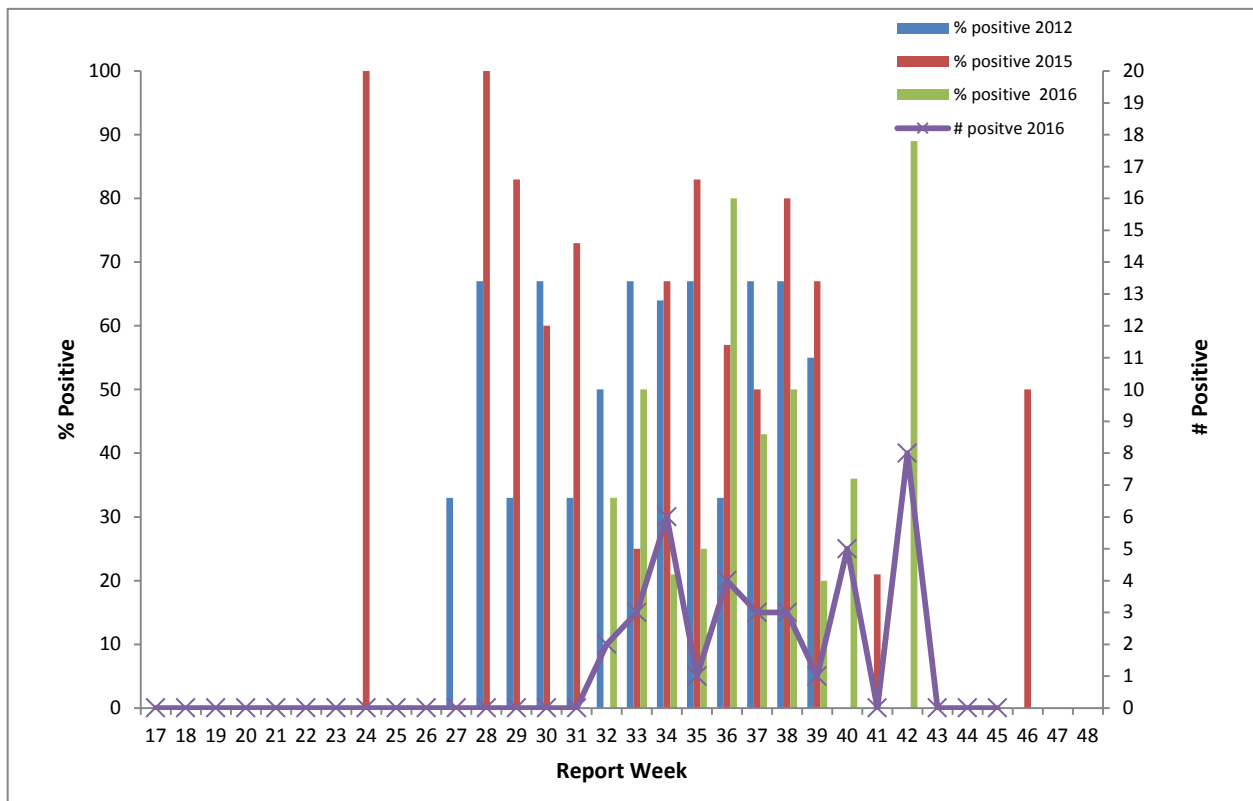


FIGURE 5: Percentage of dead birds tested positive for WNV by report week in 2012, 2015 and 2016, and number of dead birds tested positive for WNV, by report week, 2016, in Canada ¶



¶ 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)