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## Update on West Nile Virus (WNV) in the Americas

*USA:* During EW 45, 12 states reported a total of 176 human WNV cases (Arizona, Georgia, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Nebraska, New Jersey, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, and Virginia), including 2 fatalities in Louisiana. During the same period, infections were reported in 39 dead birds, 12 mosquito pools, 93 horses, 1 cat, and 5 dogs.

Source: West Nile Virus Activity—United States, November 6–12, 2003. Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Reports (MMWR), November 14, 2003 / 52 (45); 1105-1106. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of the United States (CDC).

*Mexico:* The CDC journal *Emerging Infectious Diseases (EID)* published an article presenting evidence of the spread of WNV in Mexico since 2002. This article can be consulted via the source below.

Source: <u>Dispatch: West Nile Virus in Mexico: Evidence of Widespread Circulation since</u> <u>July 2002</u> (Estrada-Franco et al.). *Emerging Infectious Diseases (EID)*. Centers for Disease Prevention and Control of the United States (CDC).