# **Exotic Mosquitoes in the USA: Updates and Trends**

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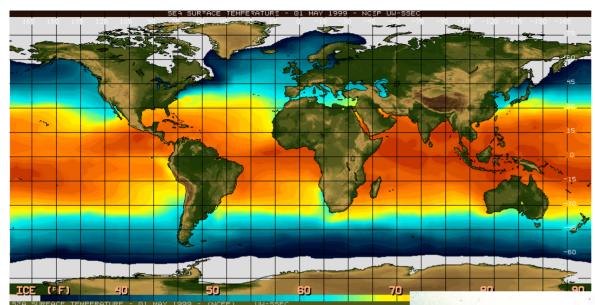
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### Causes of Invasions?



**Global** warming?

Increased global commerce?







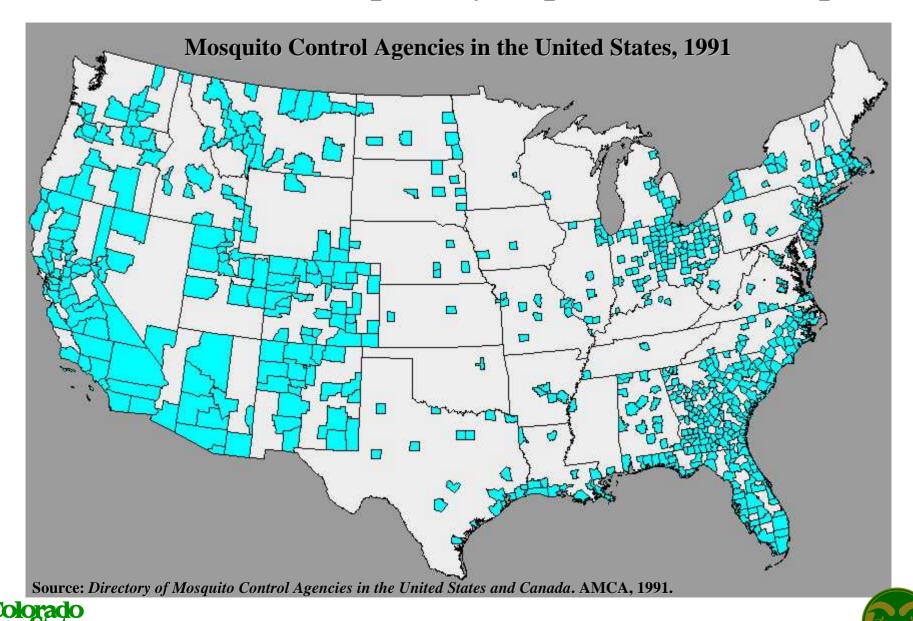
### **National Exotic Vectors Database**

- Started at CDC/DVBID in 1986
  - Track and map movement of Ae. albopictus
  - Expanded to include Oc. japonicus, etc.
- Now maintained at Colorado State Univ.
  - Include other exotic vectors (ticks, fleas, etc.)
  - Merge with larger invasives/exotics database
- Provide periodic updates, maps, & publications
  - Web sites (CDC, CSU)
  - JAMCA, etc.

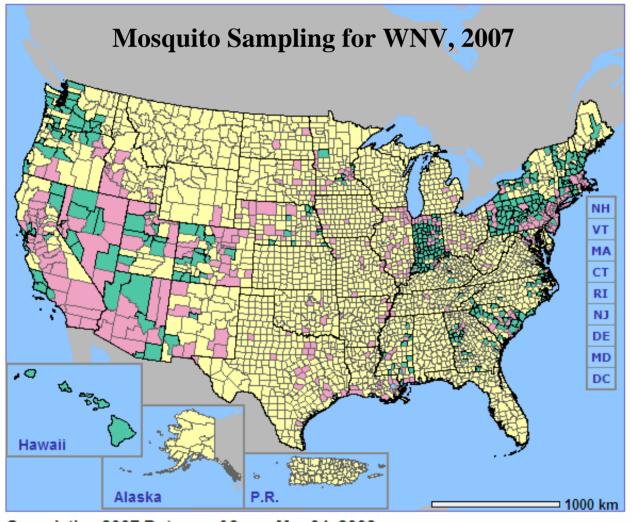




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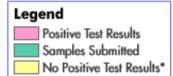
**Historical Data** 

FAQs

Links

#### Did You Know?

You can also navigate to Adjacent States by clicking on them.



\* States and counties in yellow either did not perform surveillance or did not report any positive test results from their surveillance.





Cumulative 2007 Data as of 3 am, Mar 04, 2008 National Cumulative Mosquito Infections: 8029

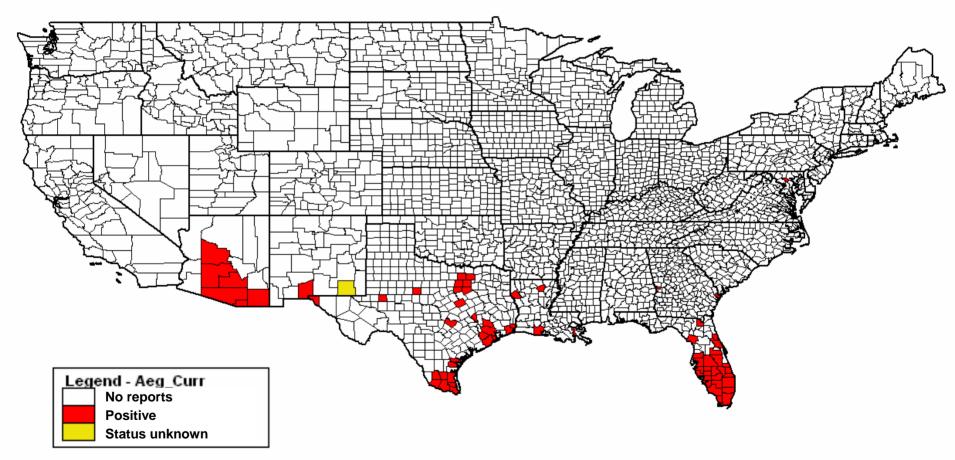




### Aedes aegypti, the yellow fever mosquito



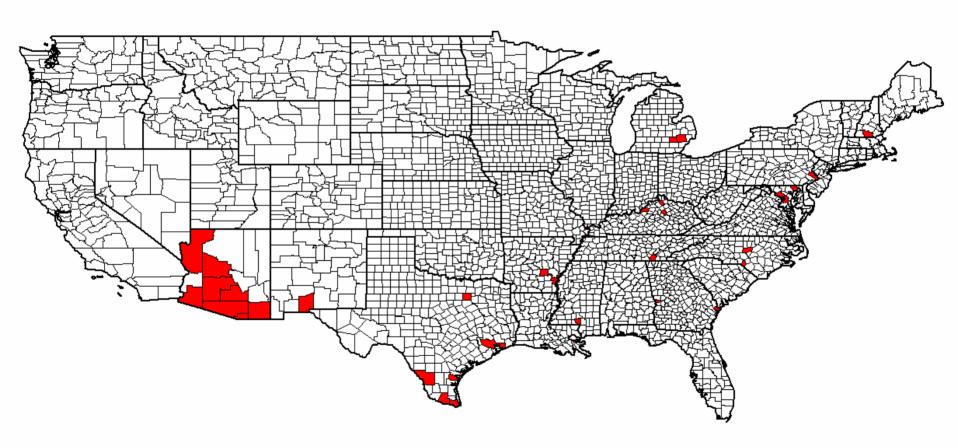
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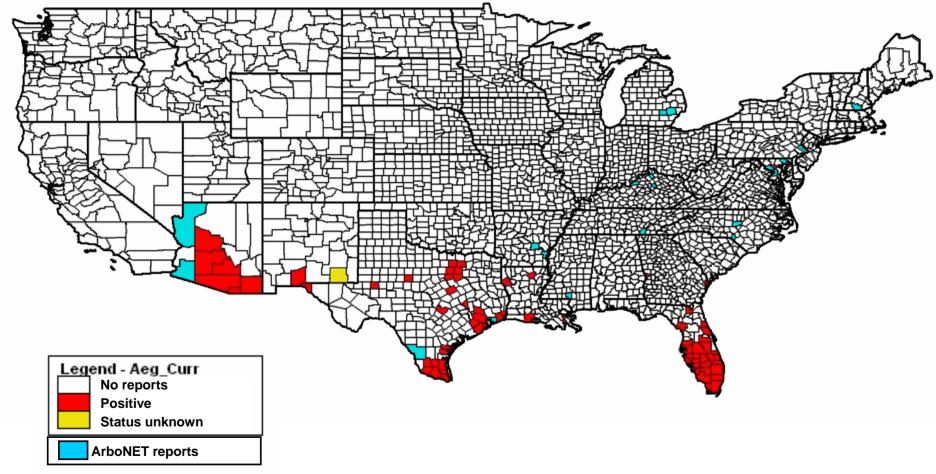
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### Aedes aegypti – Reports From All Sources







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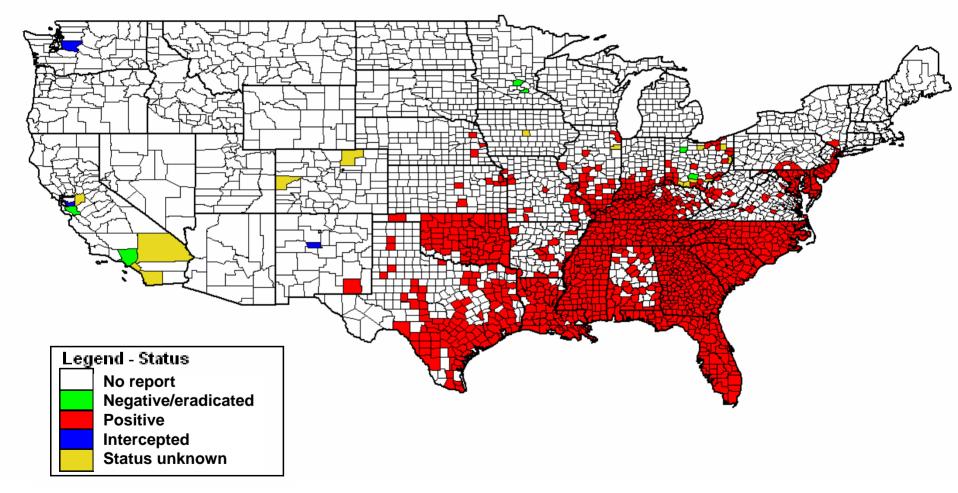


Photo by Leonard Munstermann





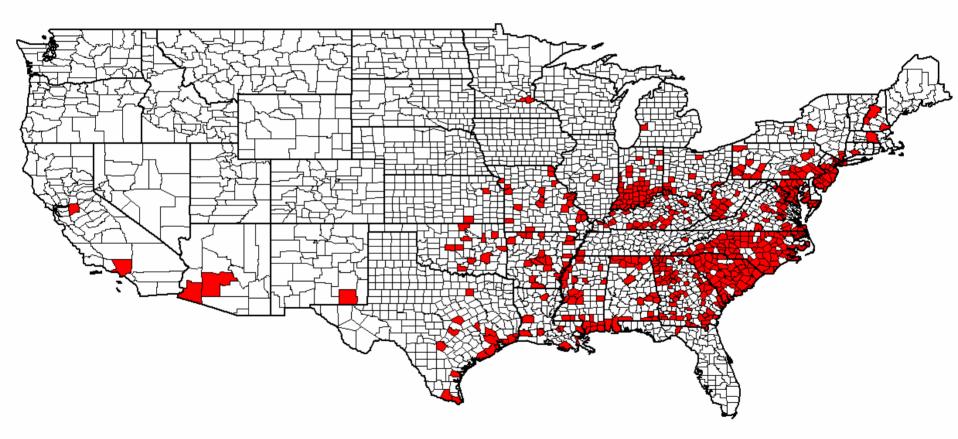
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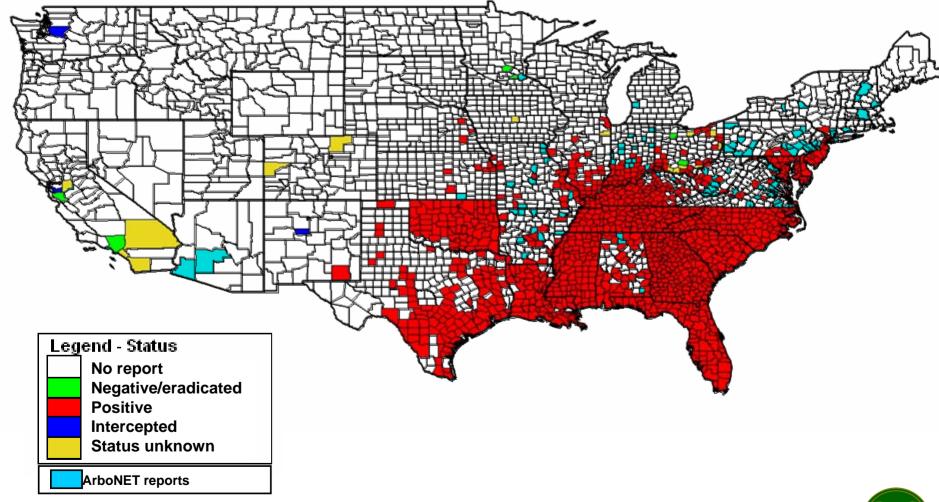
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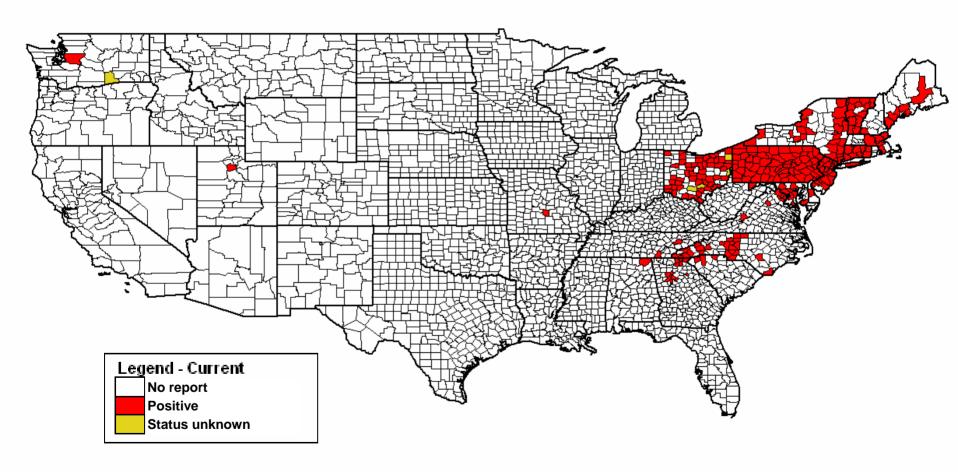








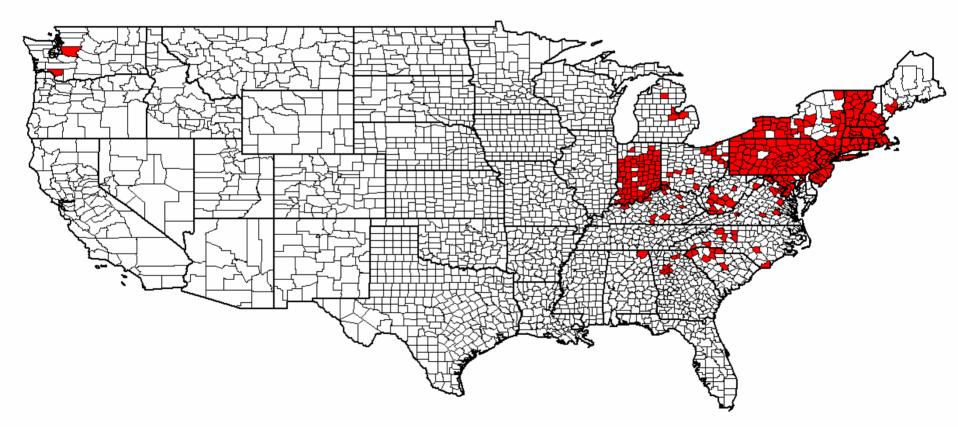
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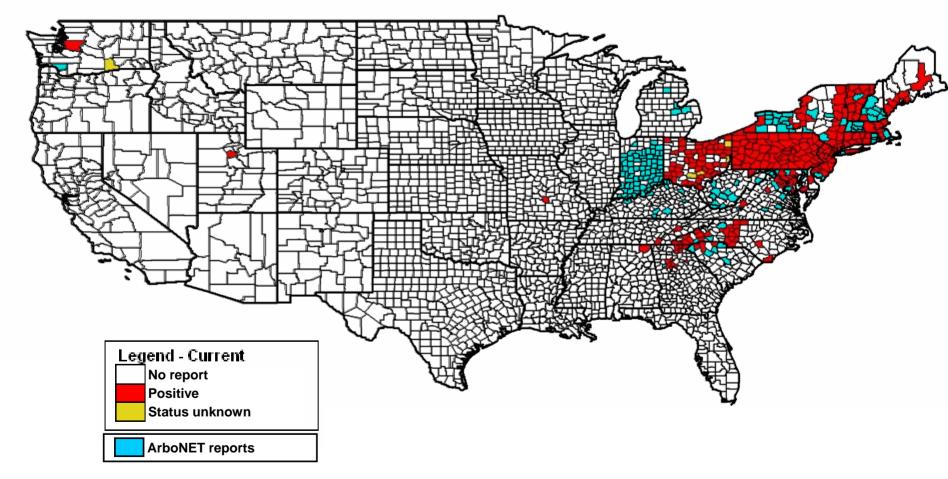
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## Domestic Species on the Move – Welcome to the "Homogenocene" Era

- Southward extensions
  - Oc. atropalpus
  - Cs. minnesotae? (Hutchinson et al., JAMCA 24:1; 2008)
- Northward extensions
  - Cx. coronator
  - *Ps. ferox*? (Hutchinson et al., JAMCA 24:1; 2008)
- Eastward extensions
  - Cx. tarsalis
  - Cx. coronator





#### **National Exotic Vectors Database**

- All exotic vectors (insect, acarine)
- In collaboration with Nat'l Institute of Invasive Species Science at CSU
- New records can be sent to: Chester.Moore@ColoState.edu
- Data:
  - Species, locality (county, lat/lon, etc.), date found, discoverer, current status (pos, neg, eradicated, etc.)
  - Excel spreadsheet form available on request



### **Questions?**





### **Other Vector Groups**





### Exotic ticks in the United States (99 species in 11 genera)

- Argasidae
  - Ornithodoros (4)
  - Otobius (1)
- Ixodidae
  - Amblyomma (44)
  - Anocentor (1)
  - Aponomma (11)

- Ixodidae (Cont'd.)
  - Boophilus (1)
  - Dermacentor (4)
  - Haemaphysalis (8)
  - Hyalomma (10)
  - Ixodes (5)
  - Rhipicephalus (11)

Source: Keirans JE, Durden LA, *J. Med. Ent.* 38:850-861; 2001.





### **Points to Consider**

- Increased international commerce and travel will likely lead to more introductions
- There are multiple paths of introduction
- Species with resistant stages (Aedines) are more likely to be successfully introduced
- The fact that a species is not an important vector in its native environment does not mean it will not be a vector in a new environment



