

# Summary of West Nile Virus Activity in Canada

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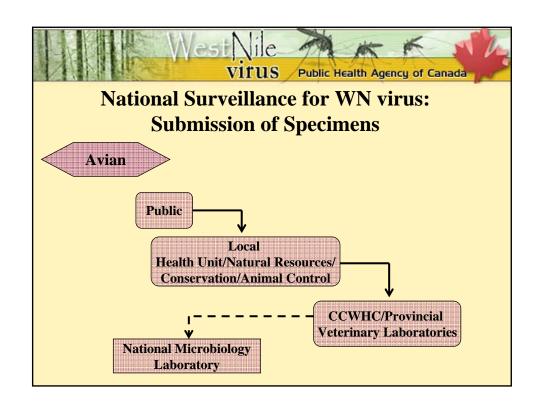


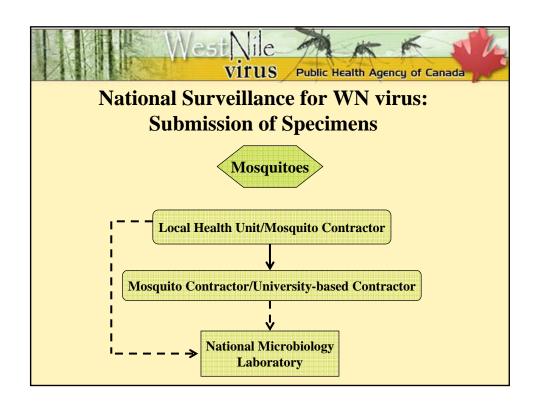
#### Surveillance in Canada: 2000 - 2005

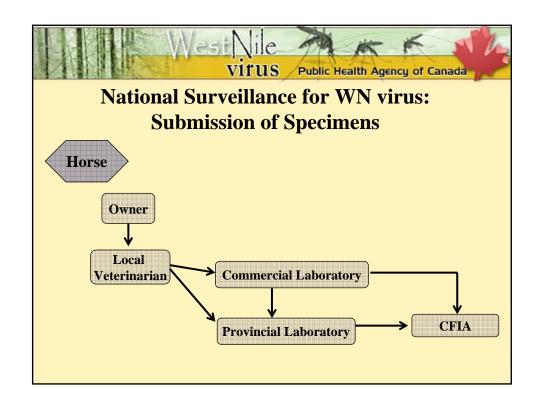
- Monitoring activities include surveillance in:
  - Birds
    - Dead birds
    - Sentinel Chickens
  - Mosquitoes
  - Horses
  - Humans

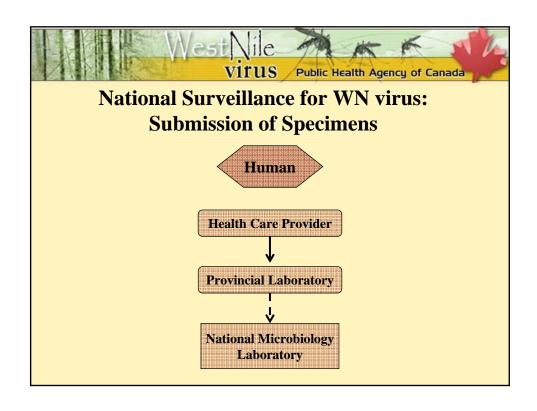














## National Surveillance 2003 - 2005: **Case Classification**

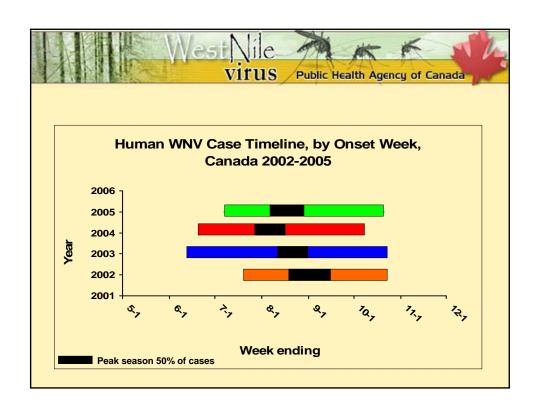
	Suspect	Possible	Probable	Confirmed
WNV Neurological Syndromes (WNNS)				
WNV Non-Neurological Syndrome (WN Non-NS)				
WNV Asymptomatic Infection (WNAI)				



## Canada to the last week of December 2002-2005

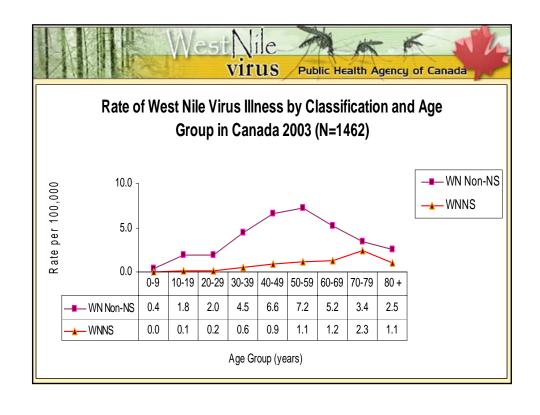
	2002	2003	2004	2005
Provinces with WN virus activity	NS, QC, ON, MB, SK	NS, NB, QC, ON, MB, SK, AB	QC, ON, MB, SK, AB	QC, ON, MB, SK, AB
Human cases <sup>1</sup>	426 (20)	14944 (10)	264 (0)	229 <sup>4</sup> (12)
Dead birds <sup>2</sup>	556	1631 (11287)	416 (6208)	447 (3960)
Domestic Animals <sup>3</sup>	356	445 <sup>5</sup>	14 <sup>5</sup>	35
Mosquito Pools <sup>2</sup>	305	570	176	695

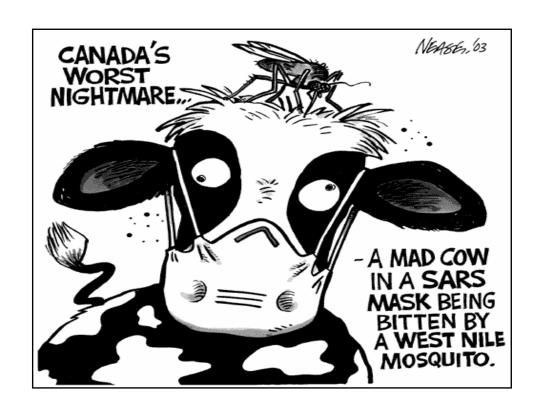
- <sup>1</sup> probable and confirmed (number of deaths in brackets)
- <sup>2</sup> confirmed positive (number tested in brackets)
- 3 presumed or confirmed
- <sup>4</sup> Several cases are related to travel outside Canada
- <sup>5</sup> These figures represent the number of positive results reported to the CFIA as per the Immediately Notifiable Disease Regulations

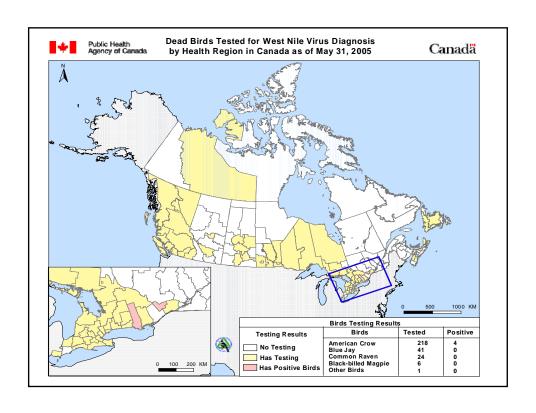


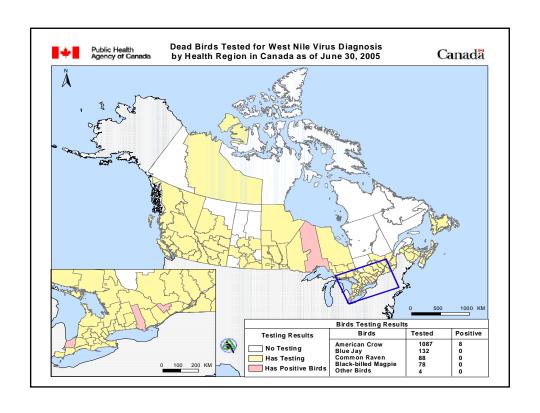


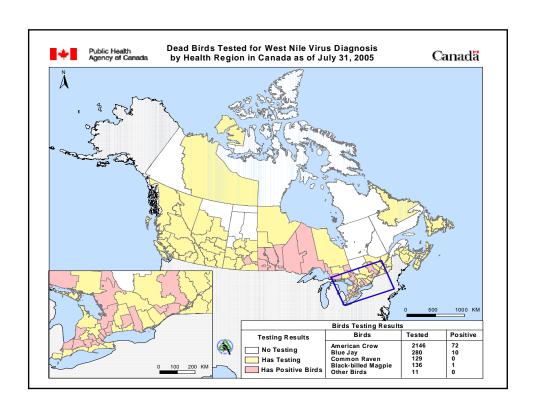
	Human West Nile Virus Cases by Clinical Classification in Canada 2003-2005							
Year	N	N- (WNAI	WNNS			WN-NonNS		
		+ <b>U</b> )	Median Age	Age Range	N	Median Age	Age Range	N
2003	1494	1462	54	0-92	217	47	3-92	1245
2004	26	25	50	3-88	13	46	16-83	12
2005	229	215	60	14-87	49	47	6-92	166

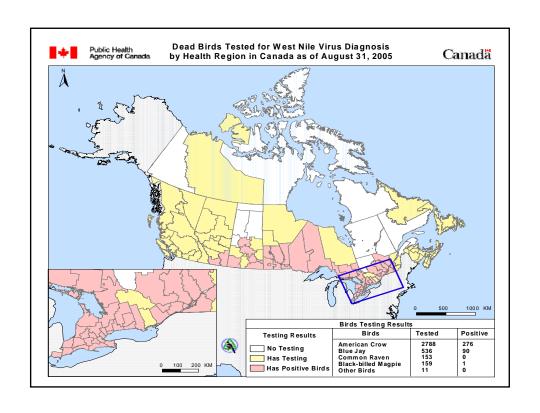


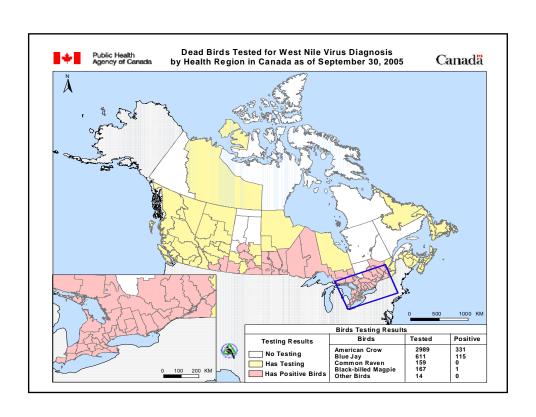


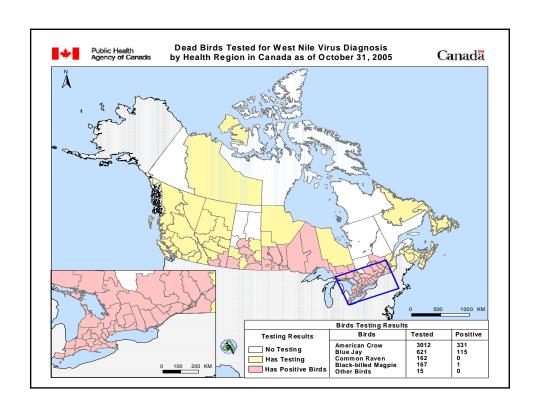


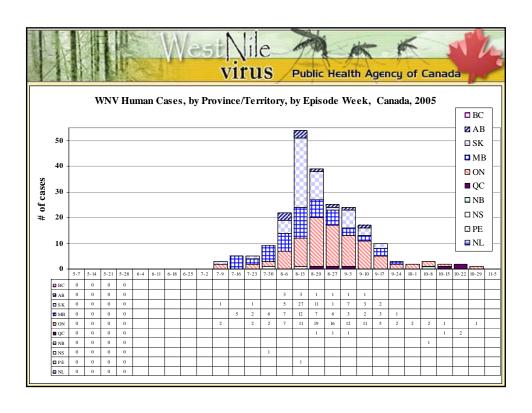


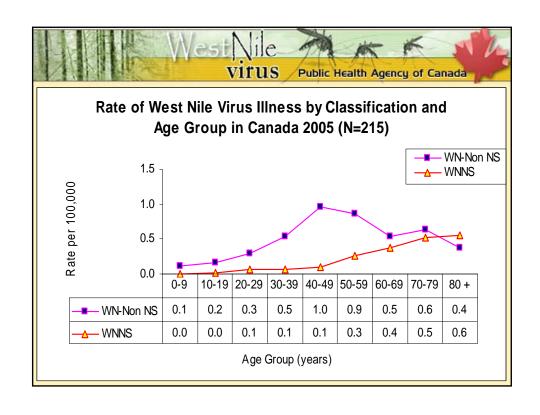


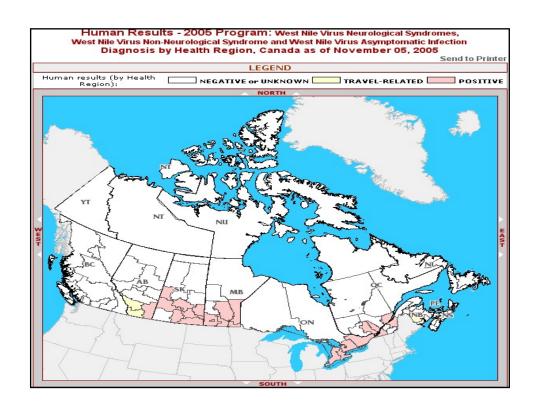


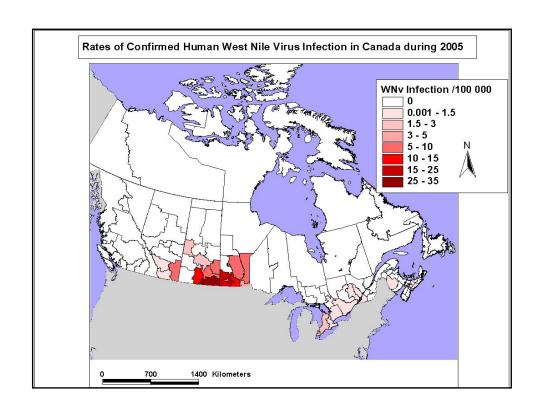


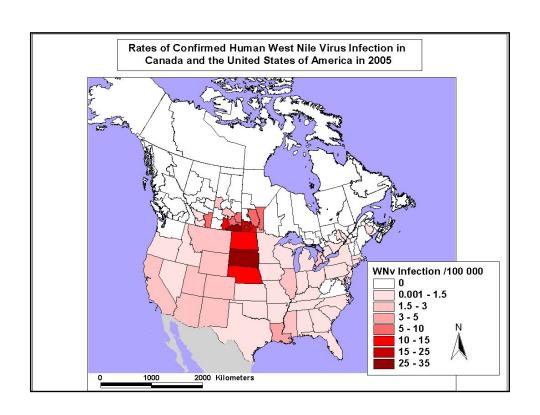














### **Blood Screening for WNV in Canada**

#### **Blood Agencies**

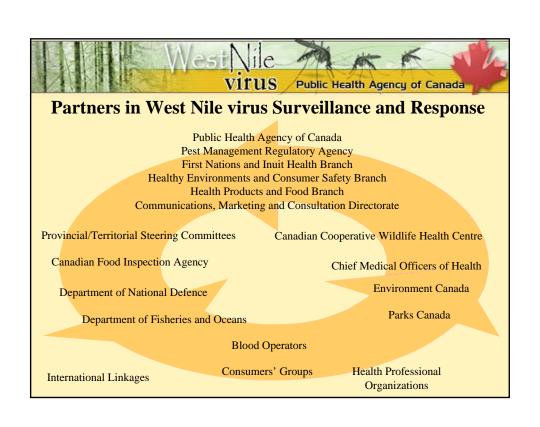
- 1. Hema-Quebec (1 province)
- 2. Canadian Blood Services (9 provinces, 3 territories)
- Both use Roche platform
- Both have developed close working relationships with public health partners



	20	03	2004		2005	
Province	# Samples Tested	# Positive	# Samples Tested	# Positive	# Samples Tested	# Positive
NL					n/a	0
NS					n/a	0
NB					n/a	0
QC	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	1
ON	n/a	0	n/a	0	n/a	8*
MB	n/a	1	n/a	0	n/a	3
SK	n/a	10	n/a	0	n/a	3*
AB	n/a	3	n/a	0	n/a	1
BC/YK					n/a	0
Total	841,537	14	432,679	0	417,810	16

\* One was not positive by alternate NAT

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Serosurvey Results in Canada						
	Year	Mean	95% CI			
Ontario	2002	3.1%	2.2 – 4.0%			
Manitoba	2003	3.2%				
Saskatchewan	2003	10%	7 – 13%			
Alberta	2003	4.6%	2.8 – 6.8%			
Quebec	2004	0.2%	0.1 - 0.5%			
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For more information, please consult the Public Health Agency of Canada's WNV website at:

www.westnilevirus.gc.ca

Pour plus d'informations, consulter le site Web d'Agence de santé publique du Canada sur le virus du Nil occidental à l'adresse suivante:

www.virusduniloccidental.gc.ca