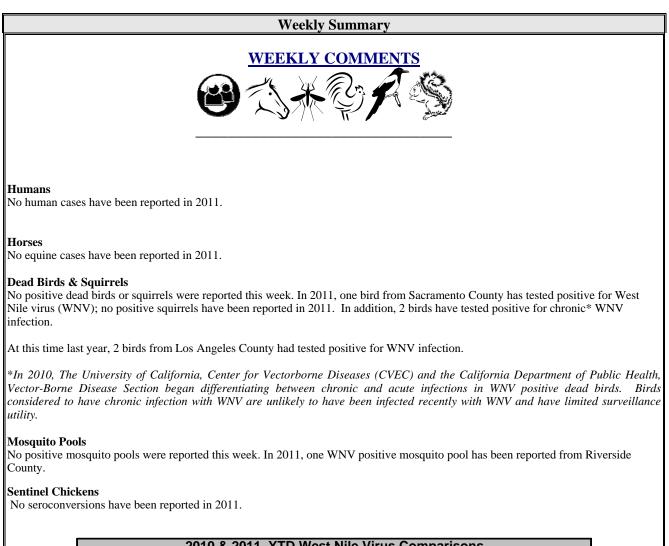
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2010 & 2011 YTD West Nile Virus Comparisons					
	2010	2011			
Total # Dead Bird Reports	874	874			
# Positive Counties	1	2			
# Human Cases	0	0			
# Horse Cases	0	0			
# Positive Dead Birds / # Tested	2 / 78	1 / 59			
# Positive Mosquito Pools / # Tested	0 / 394	1 / 685			
# Seroconversions / # Tested	0 / 256	0 / 562			
# Positive Squirrels / # Tested	0 / 4	0/0			

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TEST SUMMARIES

Human & Horse Cases

		WNV		WEEV		SLEV	
		Local	Imported	Local	Imported	Local	Imported
Human Cases	Week	0	0	0	0	0	0
	YTD	0	0	0	0	0	0
Horse Cases	Week	0	0	0	0	0	0
	YTD	0	0	0	0	0	0

Dead Birds & **Tree Squirrels**

		Number Tested	WNV Positive (recent only)
Dead Birds	Week	0	0
	YTD	59	1
Tree Squirrels	Week	0	0
	YTD	0	0

Sentinel Chickens & **Mosquito Pools**

		Number Tested	WNV Positive	SLEV Positive	WEEV Positive
Chicken Sera	Week	61	0	0	0
	YTD	562	0	0	0
Mosquito Pools: RT-PCR	Week	78	0	0	0
	YTD	685	1	0	0
Mosquito Pools: RAMP	Week	0	0	N/A	N/A
	YTD	0	0	N/A	N/A

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TEST PROTOCOLS

Humans:

Specimens are tested by local laboratories with an IgM or IgG immunofluorescent assay (IFA) and/or an IgM enzyme immunoassay (EIA). Specimens with inconclusive results are forwarded to the California Department of Public Health Viral and Rickettsial Disease Laboratory (VRDL) for further testing or confirmation by plaque reduction neutralization test (PRNT).

Horses:

Serum or brain tissue specimens from horses displaying neurological symptoms are submitted to the California Animal Health and Safety Laboratory (CAHFS) and tested by EIA and PRNT.

Dead Birds and Tree Squirrels:

Dead birds and tree squirrels are necropsied at CAHFS laboratory at University of California, Davis. Oral swabs from American Crows and kidney tissue from all other dead birds and squirrels are forwarded to the UC Davis Center for Vectorborne Diseases (CVEC) for West Nile virus testing using the singleplex RT-PCR Taqman assay and confirmed with a second primer set.

Sentinel Chickens:

Dried blood spot specimens from sentinel chickens are submitted to the California Department of Public Health Vector-Borne Disease Laboratory and tested for the presence of antibodies to West Nile, western equine encephalomyelitis (WEEV), and St. Louis encephalitis (SLEV) viruses by EIA and IFA. Positive samples are confirmed by western-blot or PRNT.

Mosquito Pools:

Mosquito pools are submitted to CVEC and screened for WEEV, SLEV, and WNV viral RNA using a Taqman multiplex RT-PCR. CVEC will cease confirmation testing on PCR-positive pools of *Cx. tarsalis* and *Cx. quinquefasciatus* but will continue to confirm multiplex PCR-positive results for other mosquito species using singleplex RT-PCR.

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Website Information: For updated information on WNV in California, please visit the California WNV website, www.westnile.ca.gov, or the California Vectorborne Disease Surveillance System website, www.calsurv.org. For national information on WNV and other arboviruses, please visit the CDC website, www.cdc.gov, and the USGS website, www.westnilemaps.usgs.gov