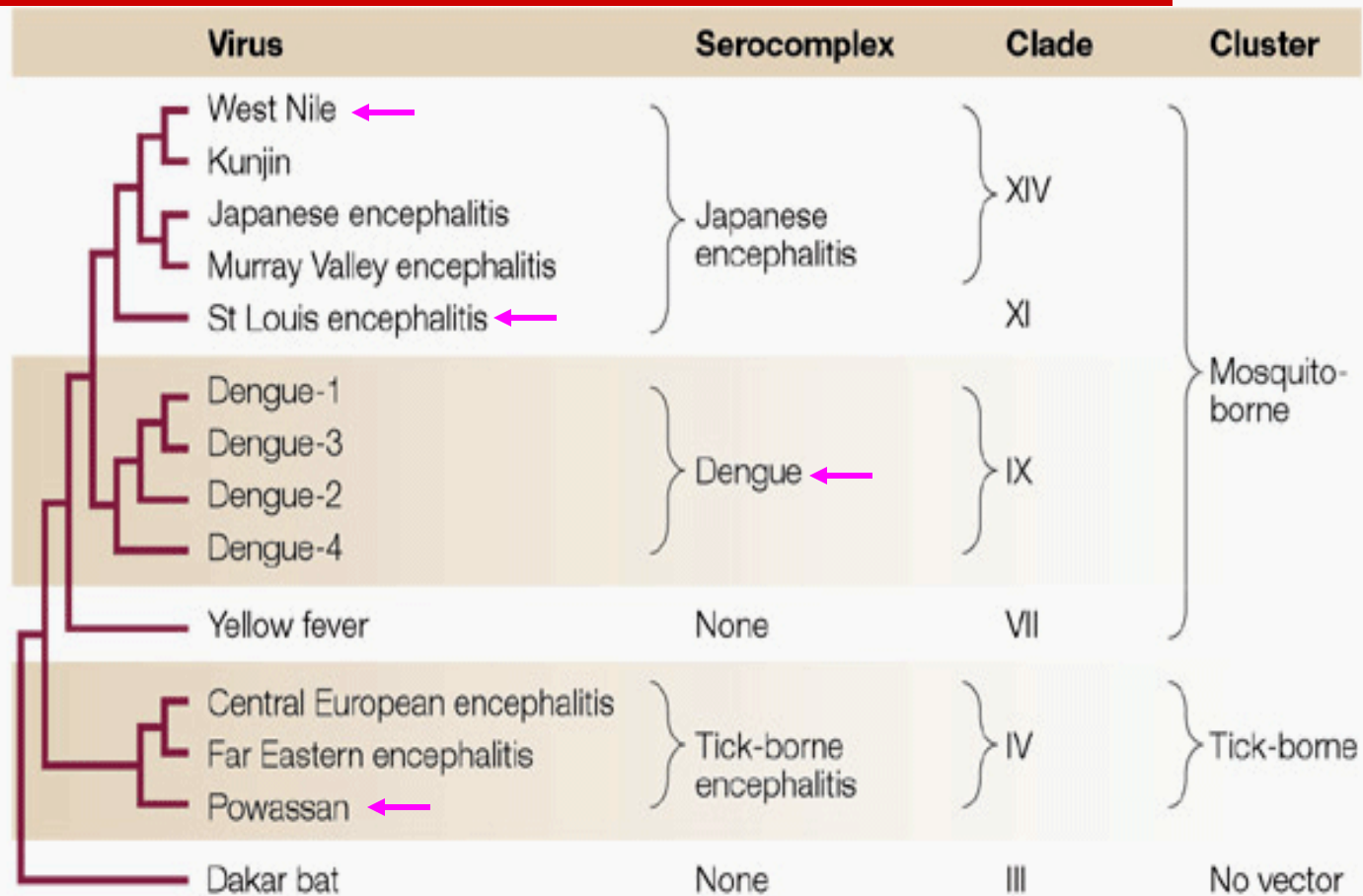




# Update on the status of WNV and DENV infection in the U.S.

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# *WNV spread in the US*

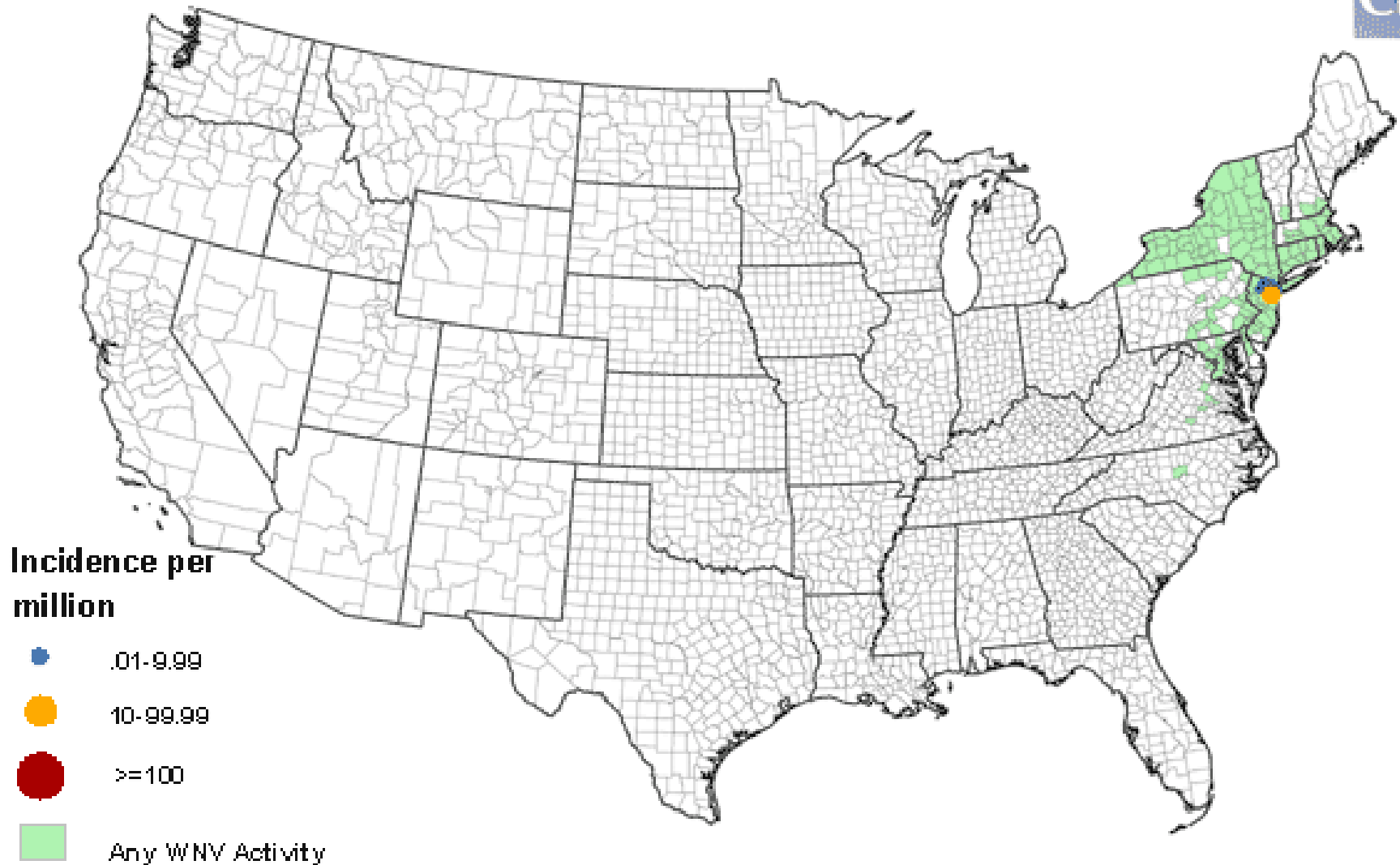
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- First recognized in the Western Hemisphere in NYC in the summer of 1999
- Became increasingly spread reaching the West Coast in 2002
  - Covering the entire country by 2006
- WNV is now endemic in the US reoccurring each summer for 12 consecutive years
- WNV infections are mostly asymptomatic

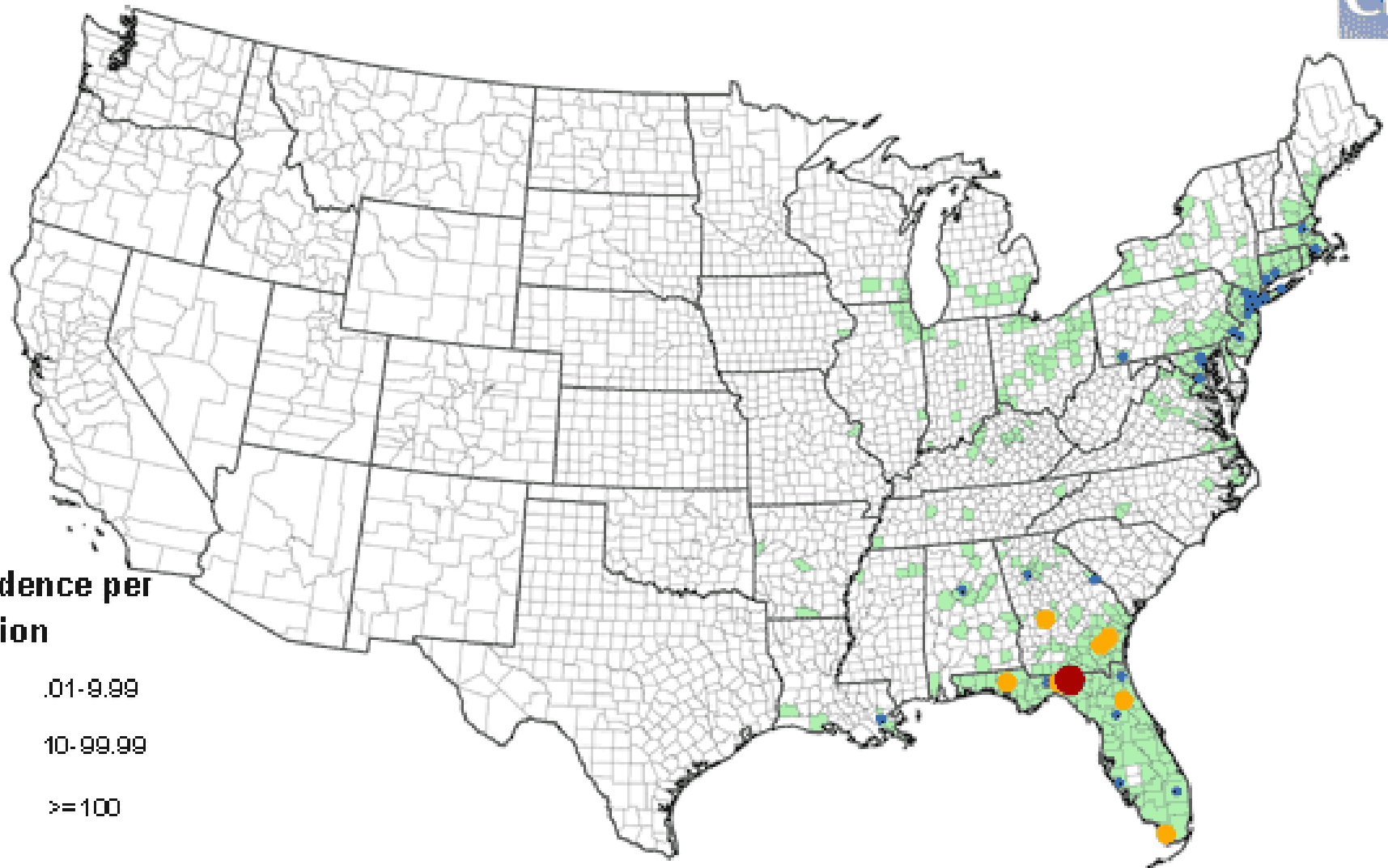
# Final 1999 WNV: Incidence of Human Neuroinvasive Disease (ND) in the US






# Final 2000 WNV Human ND Incidence in the US



# Final 2001 WNV Human ND Incidence in the US

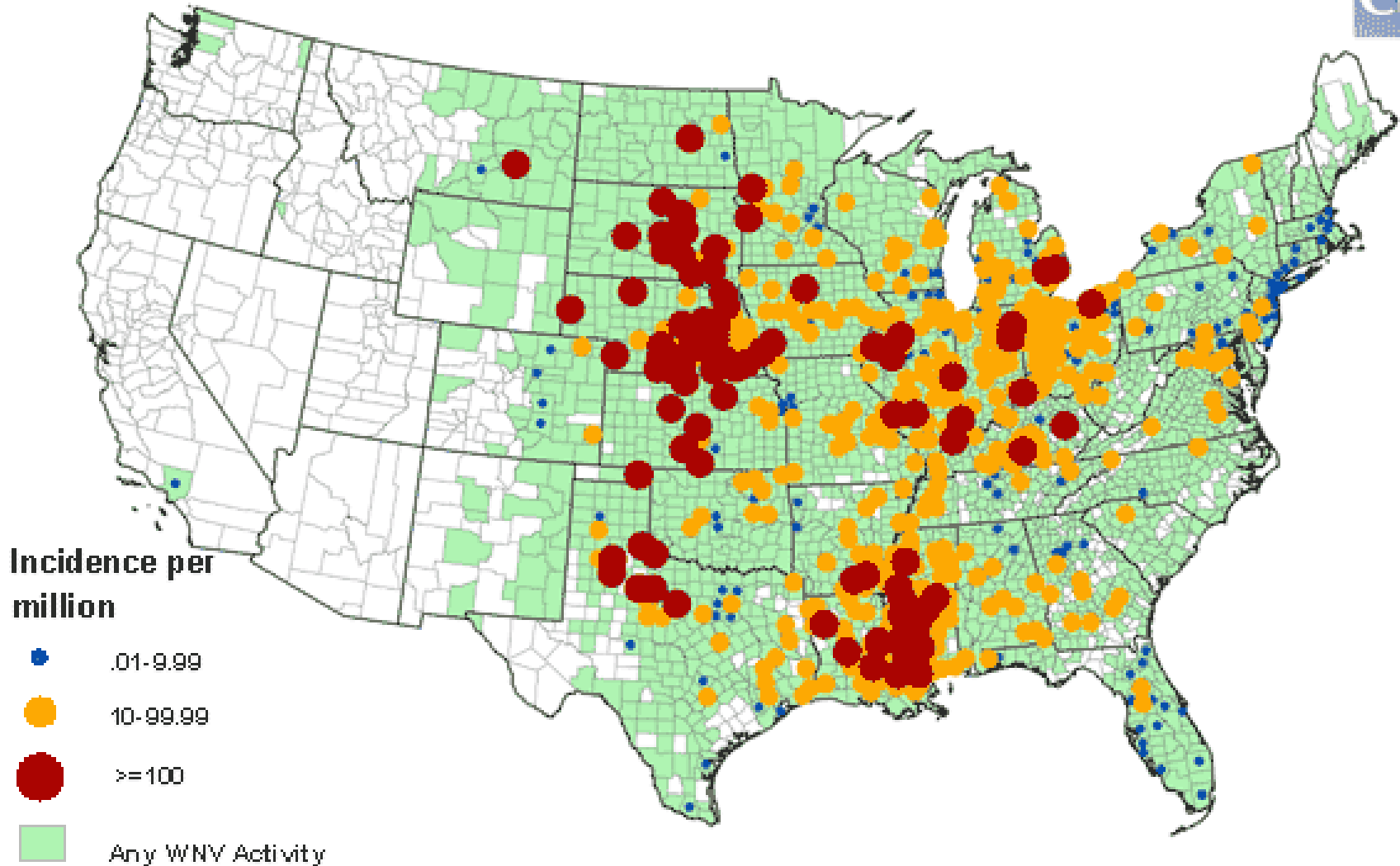


**Incidence per million**

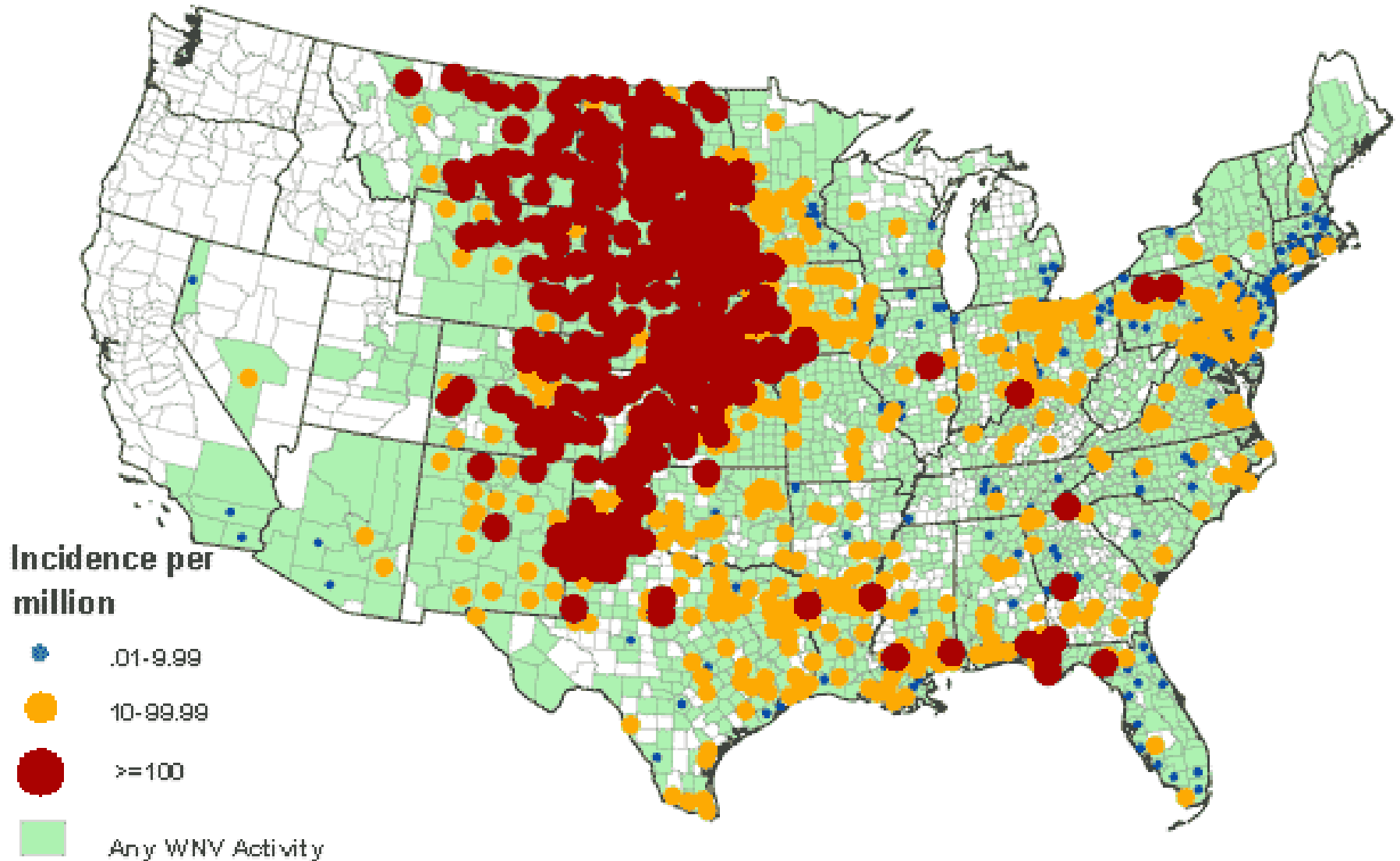
-  .01-9.99
-  10-99.99
-   $\geq 100$

 Any WNV Activity

# Final 2002 WNV Human ND Incidence in the US

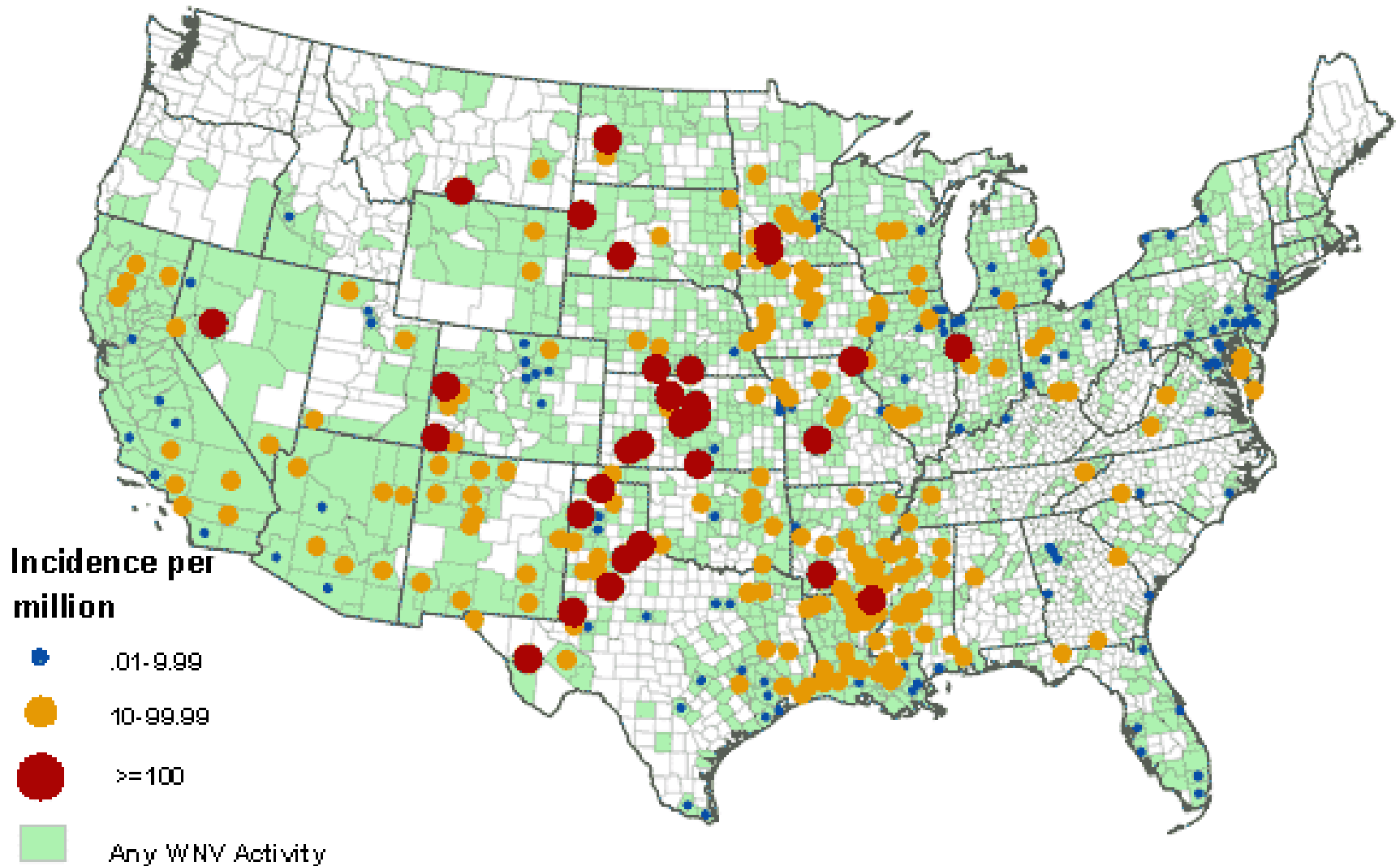


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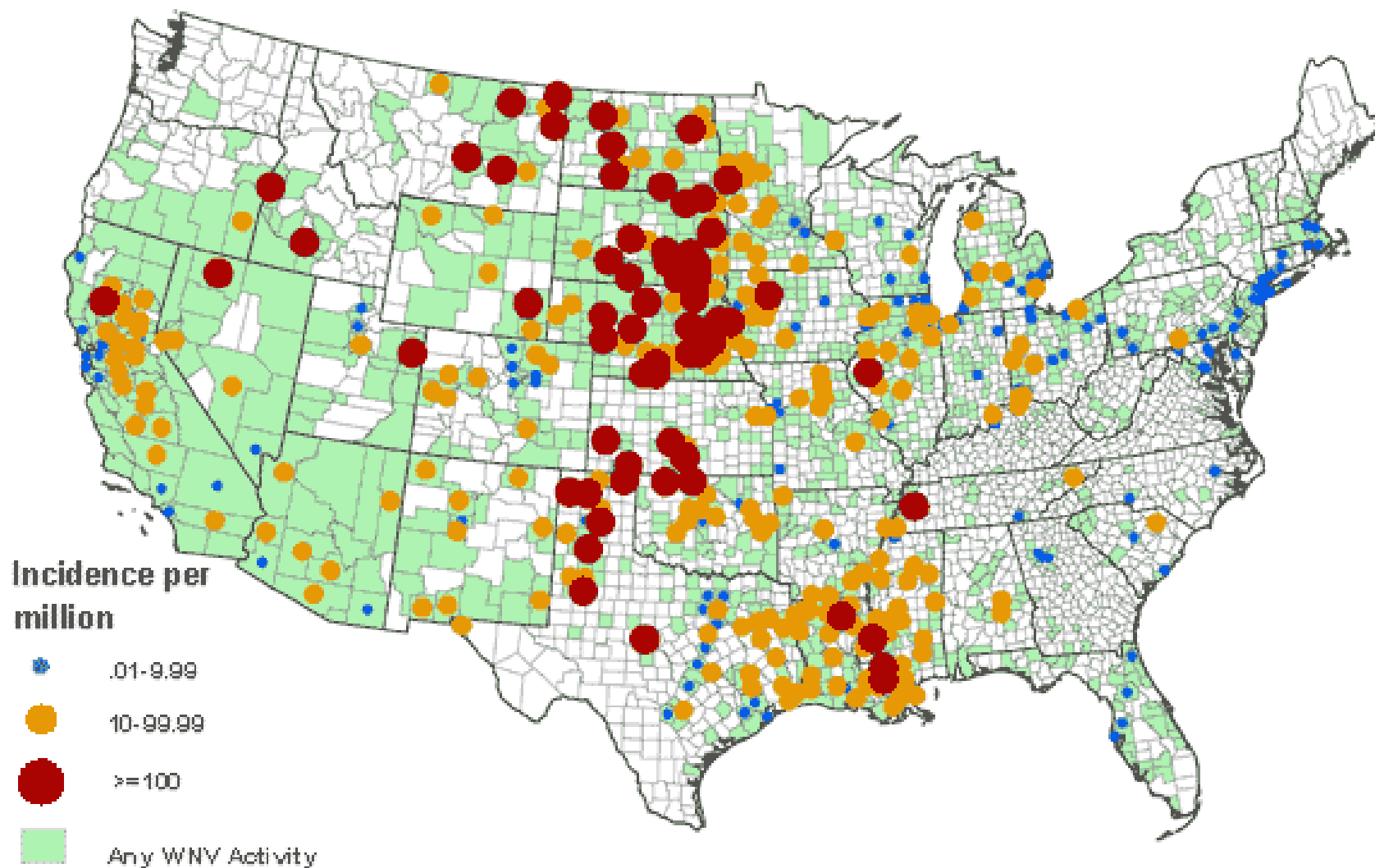




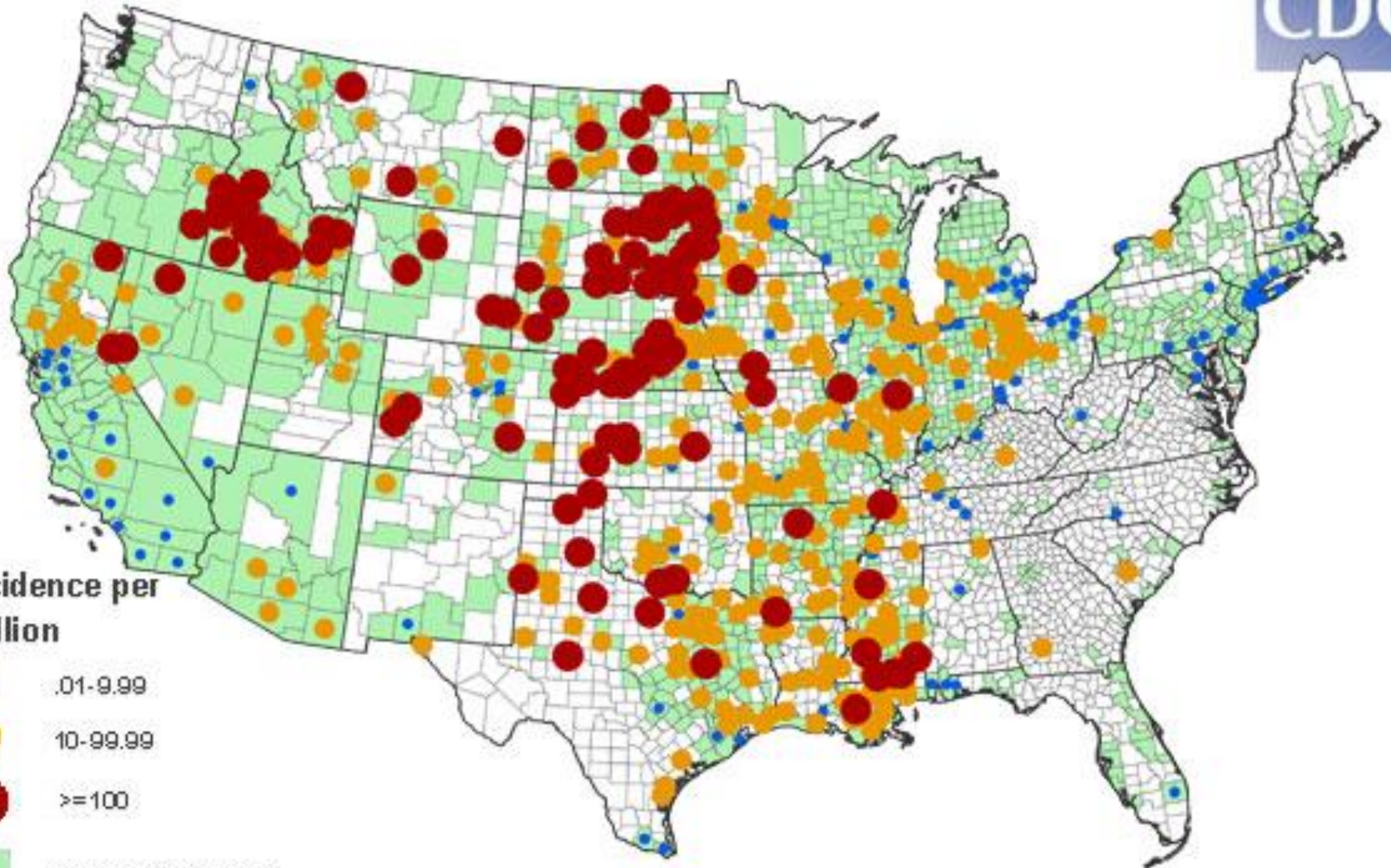
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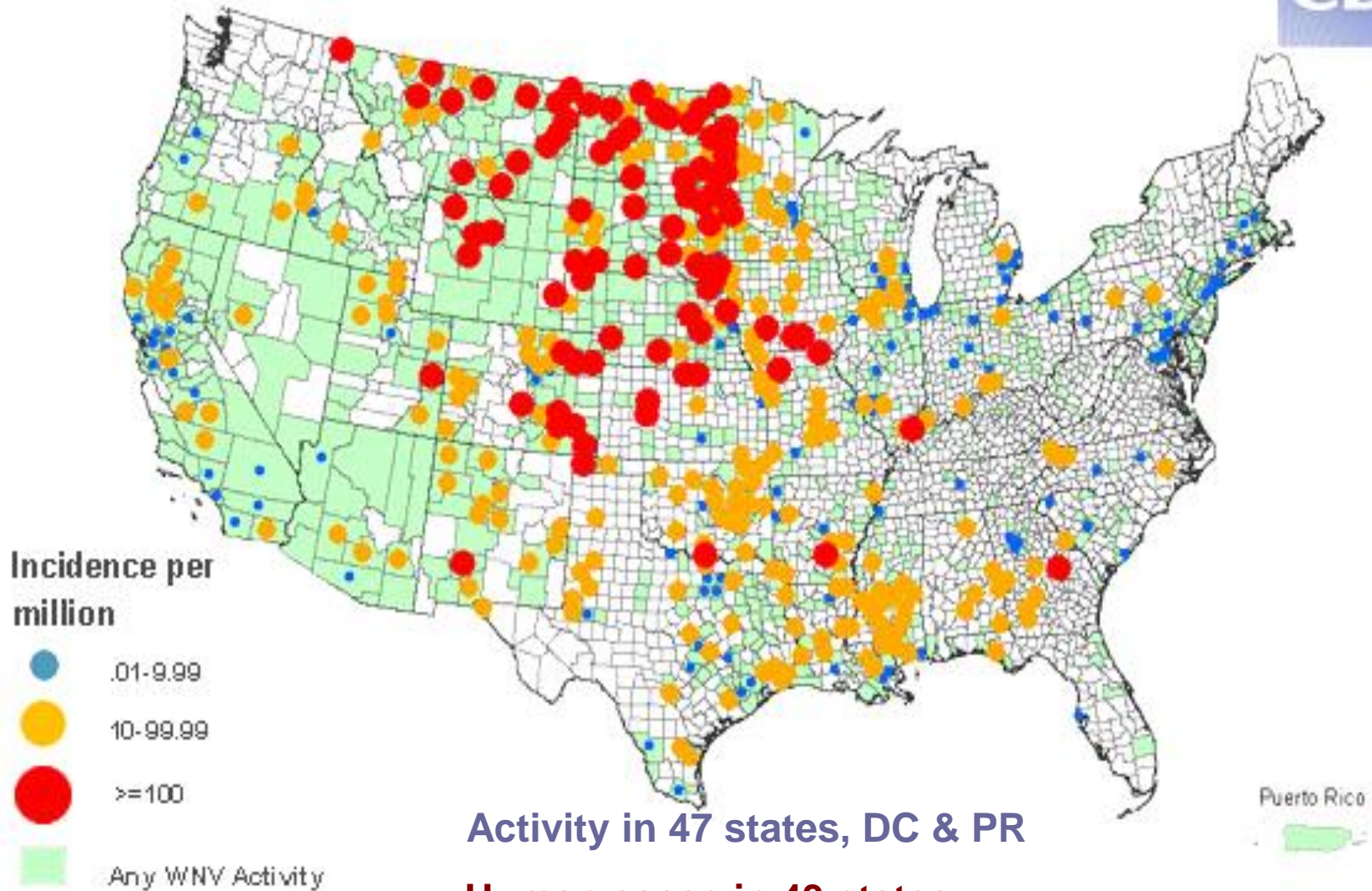
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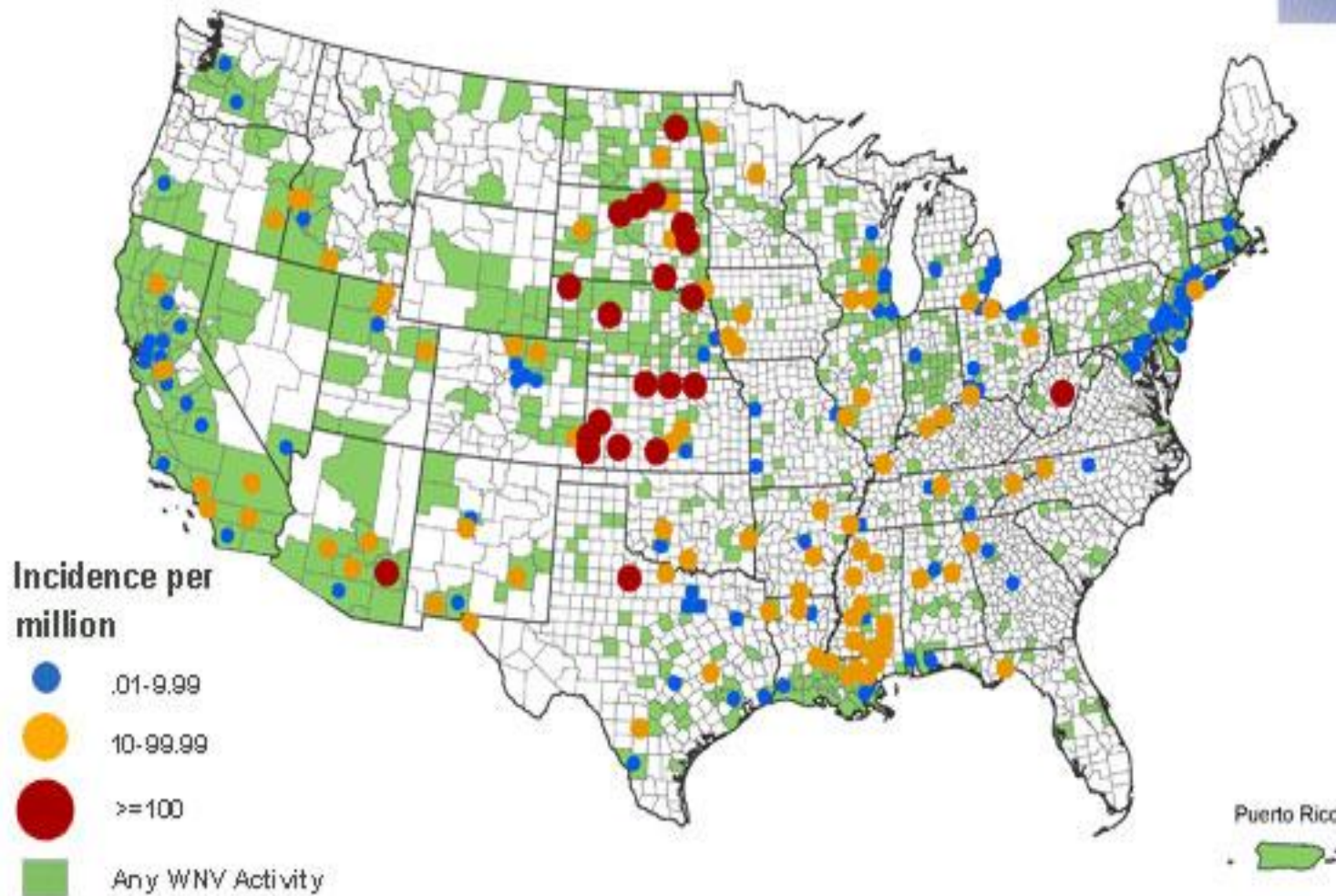
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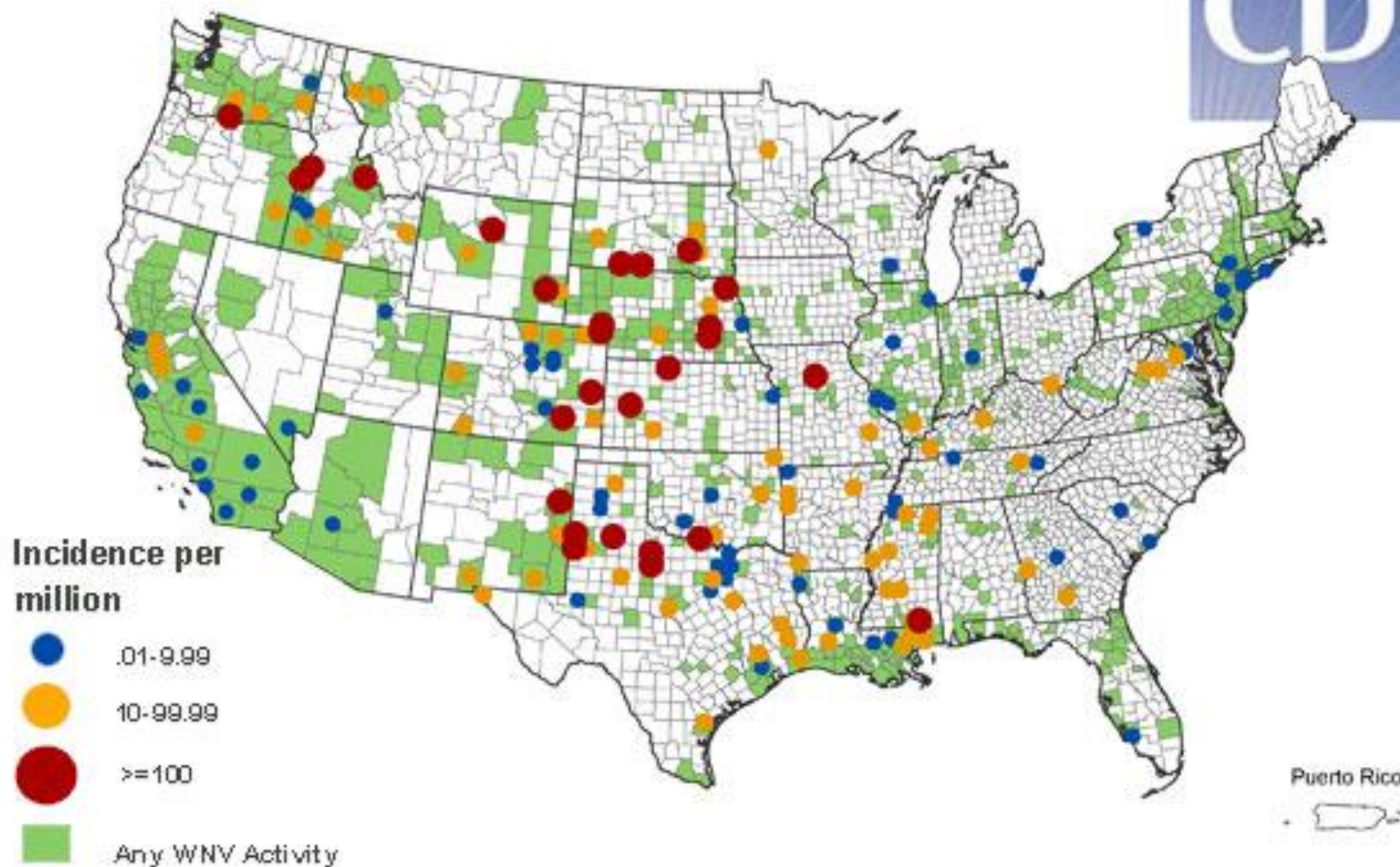
Activity in 47 states, DC & PR

Human cases in 43 states

# Final 2008: WNV Human ND Incidence in the US

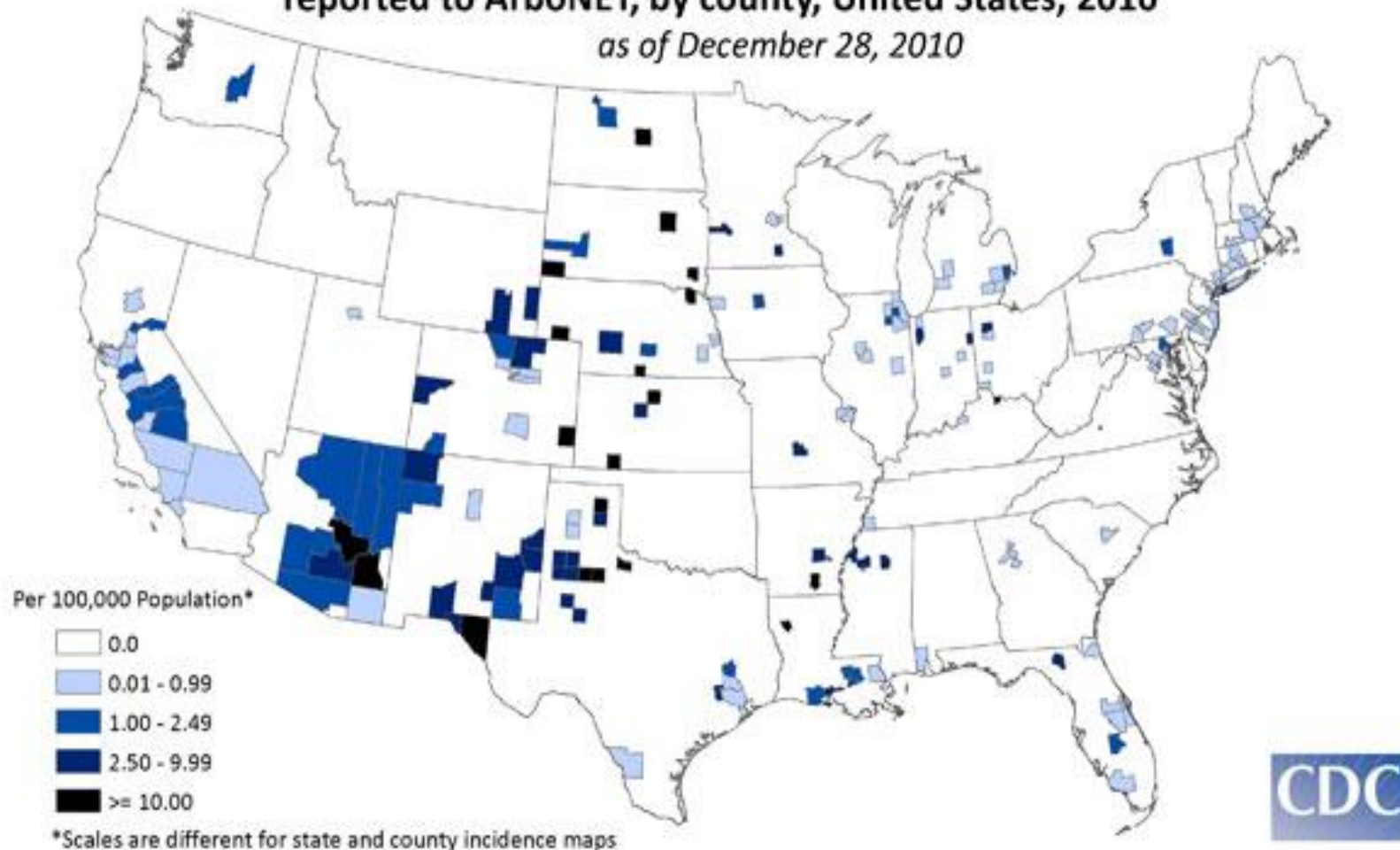


# Final 2009: WNV Human ND Incidence in the US



# Final 2010: WNV Human ND Incidence in the US

West Nile virus (WNV) neuroinvasive disease incidence reported to ArboNET, by county, United States, 2010  
as of December 28, 2010



# WNV Blood Screening in the U.S.

- From 2003 to 2010 resulted in:
  - Interdiction of >3,000 WNV NAT-reactive units
  - Prevention of 3,000 to 9,000 potential WNV transmissions by transfusion

## Transmission by Transfusion

Year	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
NAT-Reactive Units	>1,000	224	417	441	511	235	222	~200
TT Confirmed* (n=32)	6 ‡	1 ‡	0	2 ‡	0	2	0	1°
TT Inconclusive+ (n= 26)	6	1	0	0	0	3	0	0

\*All seronegative for WNV; + Lack of f/up, sample, recipient loss

‡ Negative in MP-NAT and positive on ID-NAT (low viremia)

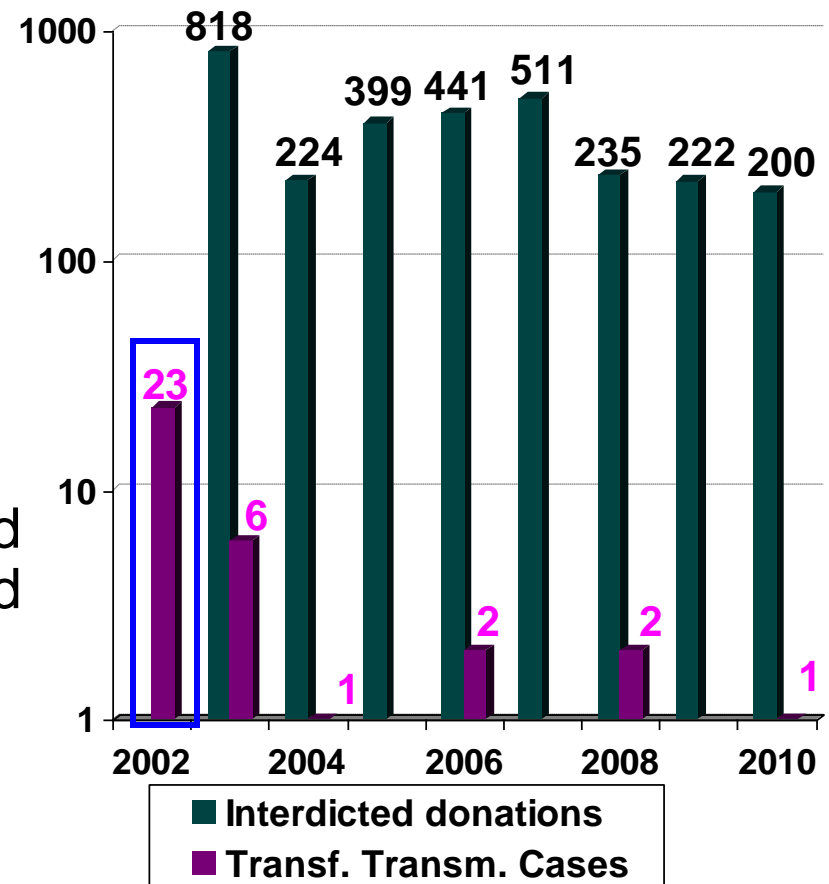
° first case of transmission by transfusion of granulocytes



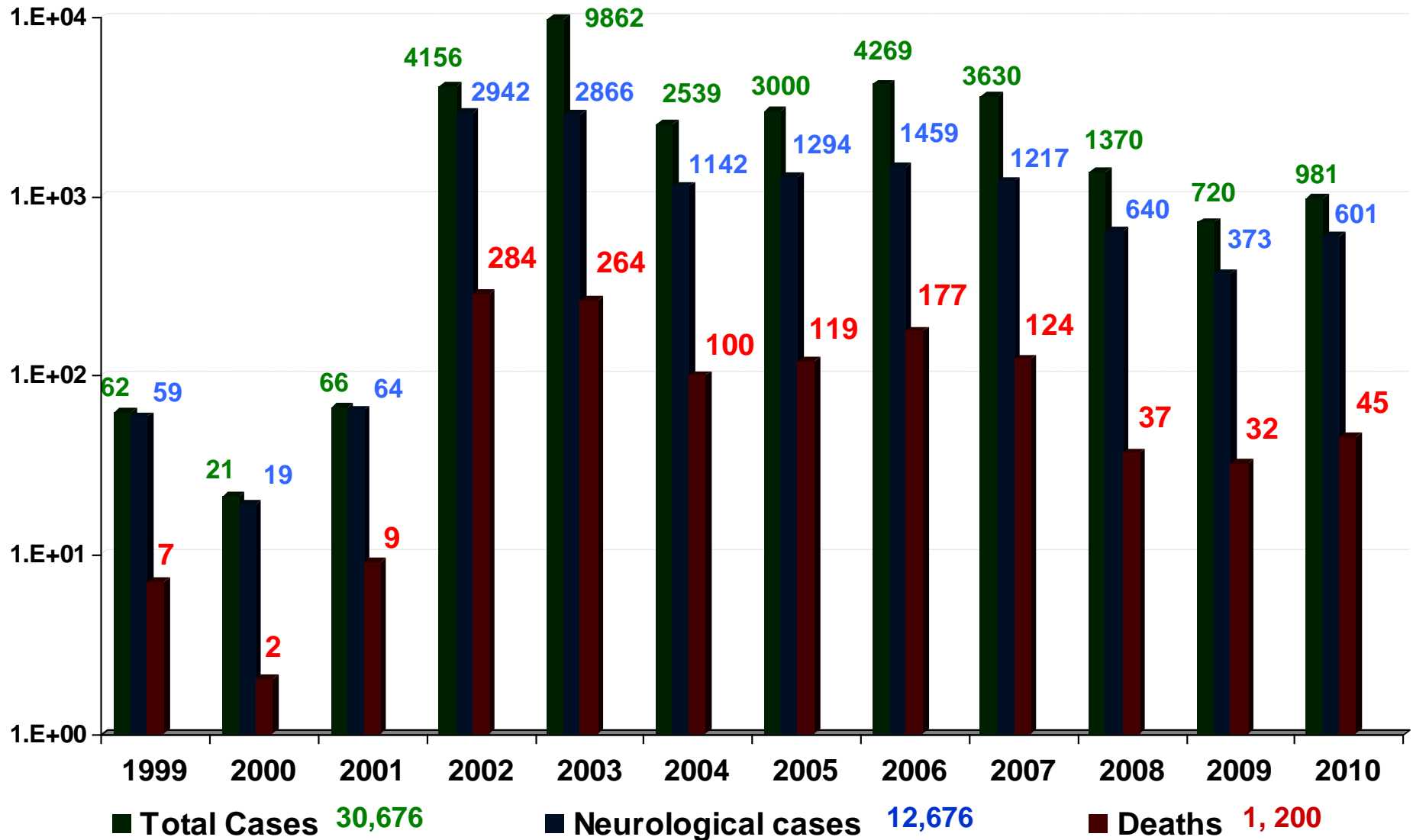
# WNV and Blood Safety Summary

- Identification of risk of WNV to blood safety – August 2002
- FDA OBRR/CBER calls for test development – November 2002
- Collaboration among various sectors: government, academia, industry and blood establishments resulted in interdiction of donations with confirmed or suspected WNV infections
- Nationwide implementation of blood screening for WNV under expedited approvals of INDs by FDA June 2003
- Approval of 2 NAT for blood screening

## Results of Blood Screening for WNV

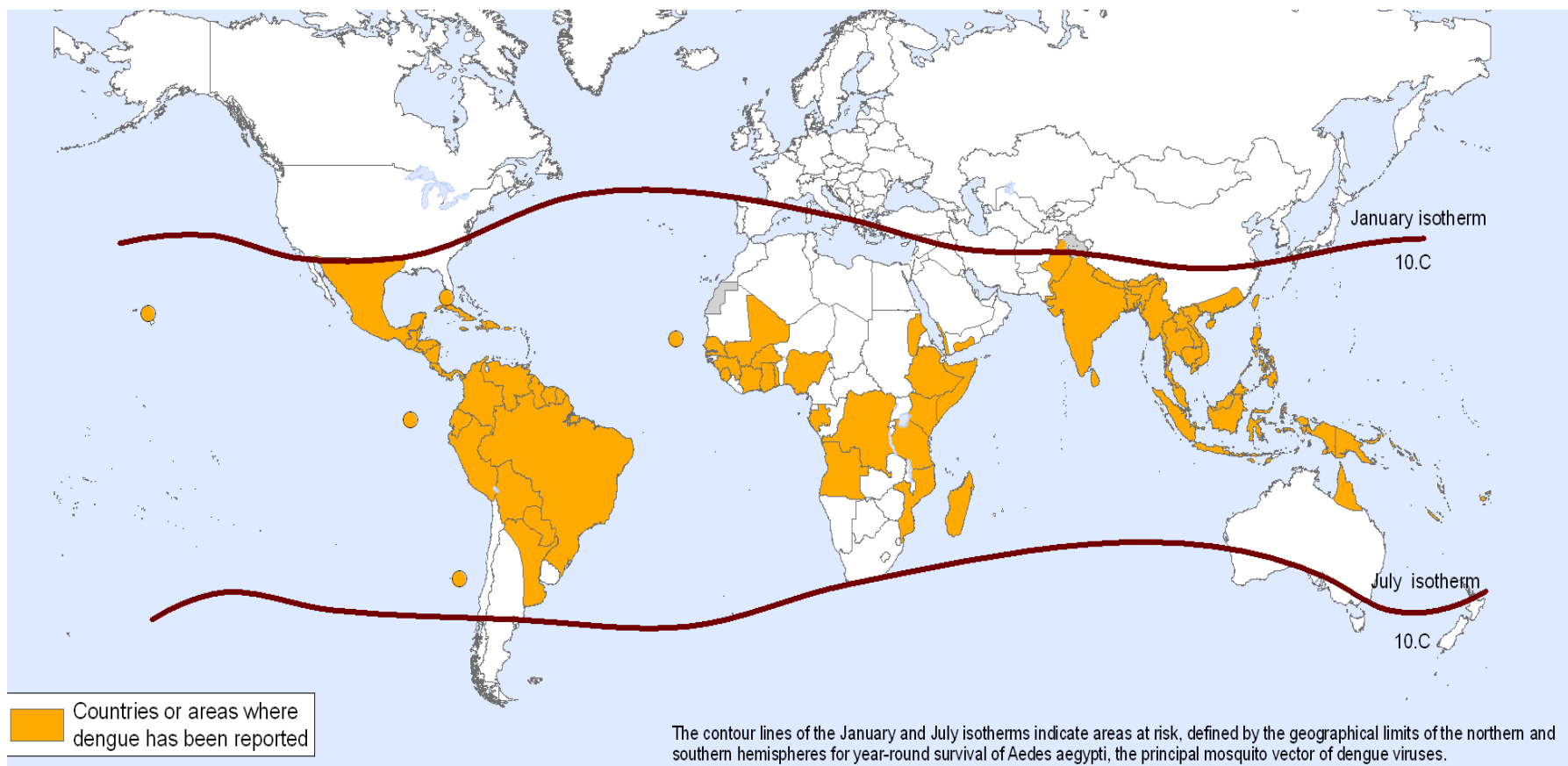


# WNV in the US 1999-2010



Estimated no. of infections: between 1.9M (1:150) and 4.4M (1:350)

# Dengue Virus (DENV) at Risk Areas



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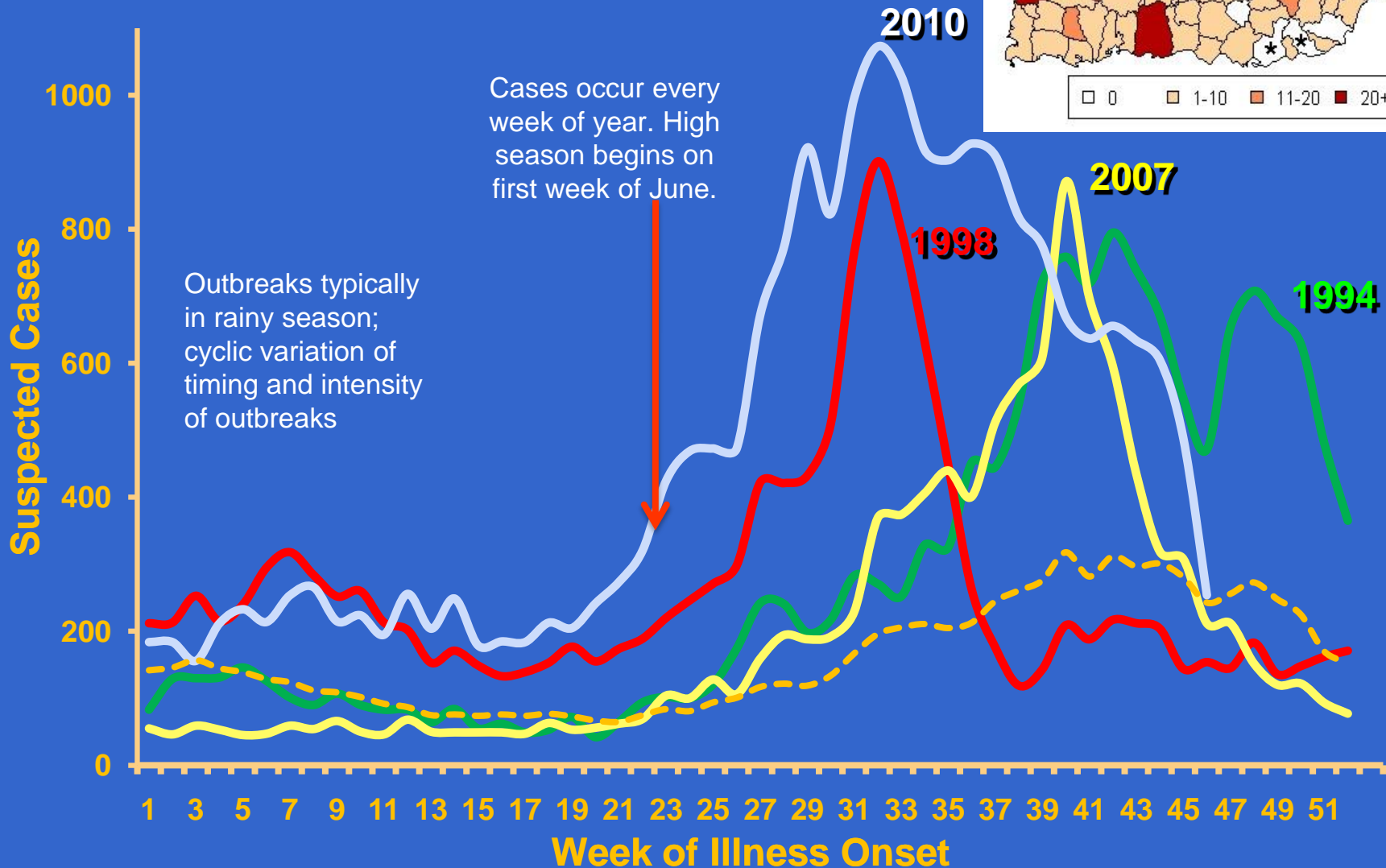
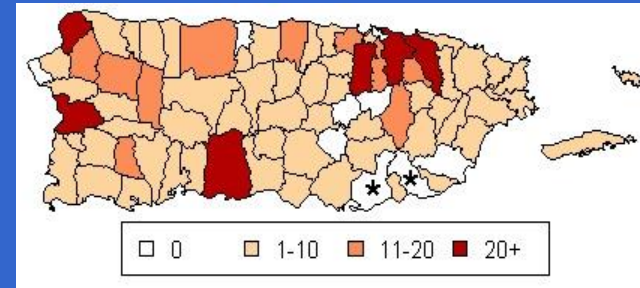
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Most common vector-borne virus, threatens **2.5 billion** people worldwide  
Causes over **50 million** infections and over **24 thousand** deaths yearly

# Recent Dengue Epidemics in Puerto Rico



\* Threshold is defined by the 75% variability of the mean. Epidemics are defined by 2 consecutive weeks of above threshold activity.

# Dengue in the Continental US

- The last outbreak in Florida prior to 2009 happened in 1934
  - Locally acquired dengue outbreaks in the U.S. were considered rare
- There have been a few confirmed cases along the Texas-Mexico border in recent years but locally acquired dengue in the U.S. is rare
- The number of U.S. hospitalized cases of dengue infection more than tripled between 2000 and 2007
- CDC reported ~5 percent of Key West residents, or about 1,000 people, were exposed to it in 2009
  - 28 confirmed cases in 2009
- Dengue was placed on the CDC list of "reportable diseases" in January 2010

# Dengue in the Continental US

- DENV in Florida 2010 – 491 confirmed cases
  - 65 cases of locally acquired dengue, 2 in mainland and 63 in Key West (63/193 reported)
  - Onset dates ranged from March 17 to November 30, 2010
  
- DENV in FL 2011 – 6 confirmed cases
  - 2 locally acquired confirmed cases, by Mar 2, in Miami-Dade area
  - 4 cases of dengue with onset in 2011 have been reported in individuals with travel history to a dengue endemic country as of May 7

<http://www.doh.state.fl.us/Environment/medicine/arboviral/Weekly-Summary.html>

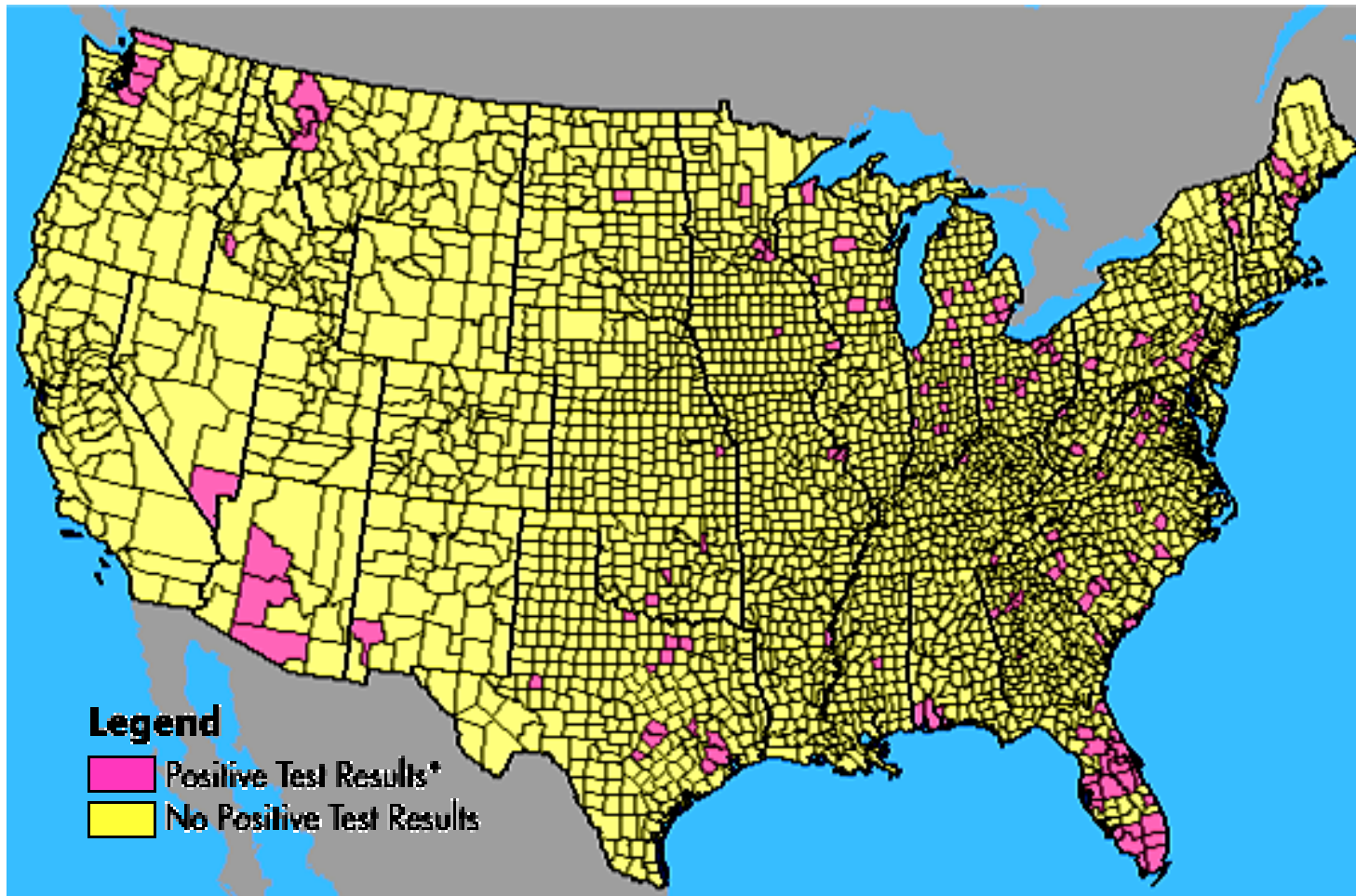
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- **Will dengue fever spread in the U.S.?**
  - Too soon to tell

# Epidemiology: Where do cases occur in USA?

## Travel-associated cases in USA, 2010 (n=426)



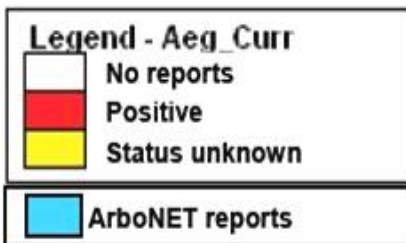
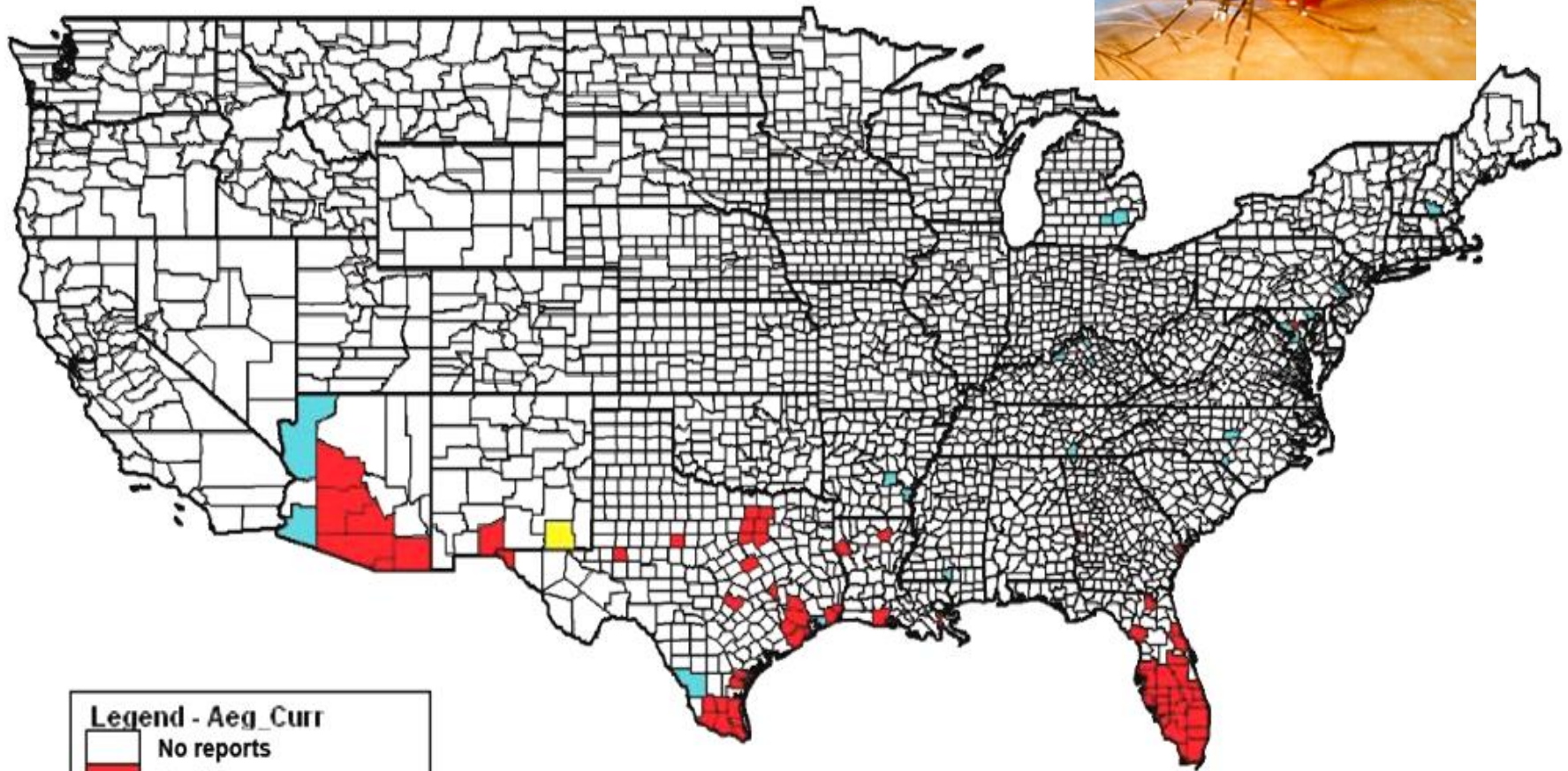
### Lead States

FL	126
NY	116
PN	18
TX	17
OH	16
MN	13
VI	12
WA	12
GE	11
IN	11
SC	11

Source: [http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/USGS\\_frame.html](http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/USGS_frame.html)

# Will dengue fever spread in U.S.?

*Distribution of Aedes aegypti*

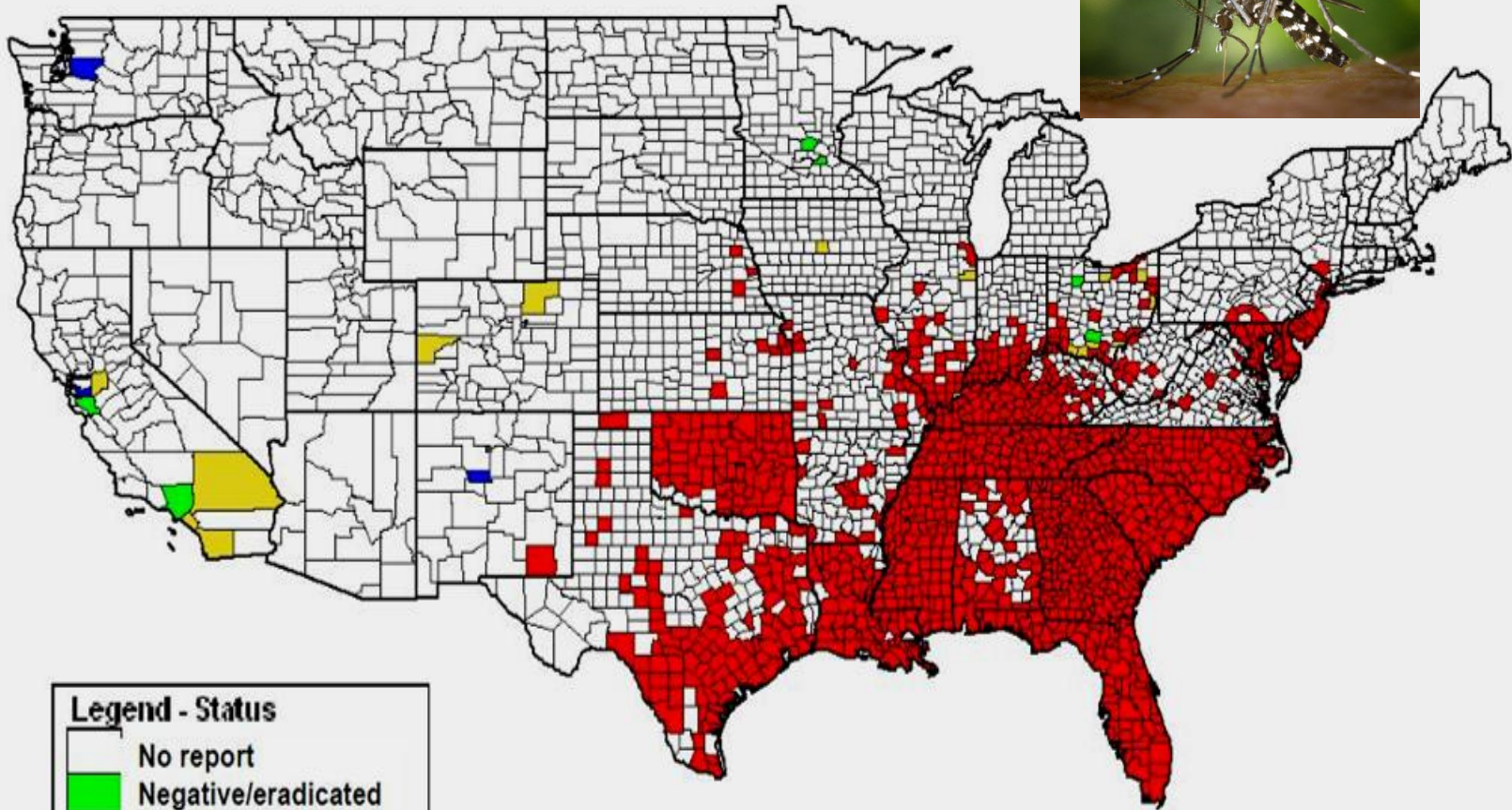


Source: Chester G. Moore, Dept. Microbiology, Immunology & Pathology, Colorado State University



# Will dengue fever spread in U.S.?

*Distribution of Aedes albopictus*



Legend - Status	
White	No report
Green	Negative/eradicated
Red	Positive
Blue	Intercepted
Yellow	Status unknown

**Still too soon to tell!**

# Transfusion-related Transmission

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Transfusion transmitted DENV has been reported after transfusion of Fresh Frozen Plasma, Red Blood Cells and Platelets

- 3 Donations, 5 Recipients

Two donors were outside the U.S. & one in Puerto Rico

Hong Kong, 2002 (*Chuang et al, Hong Kong Med J, 14: 170-7, 2008*)

RBC component infected, recipient developed DF

Singapore, 2008 (*Tambyah et al, N Engl J Med, 359: 1526-7, 2008*)

One donation, 3 recipients: recipient of FFP & RBC developed DHF

Platelet recipient – seroconverted

USA, 2007 (*Stramer et al, Vox Sang, Science Series 2010: 99(S1)3E-S18-02*)

RBC component infected, recipient developed DHF

# The rate of transmissibility by transfusion may be inaccurate due to:

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- 1) The high proportion of asymptomatic infections
- 2) The high incidence during outbreaks
- 3) The unknown duration of viremia
- 4) Lack of a licensed test
- 5) Lack of recognition by clinicians
- 6) Lack of surveillance and reporting

# Potential Screening Methods for DENV:

- Currently, there are no FDA approved or licensed tests for screening
- Can be detected by viral isolation, antigen and nucleic acid tests
- Antibody tests detect past or present infection
- Nucleic Acid Tests
  - RT-PCR and TMA assays are highly sensitive for detecting viral RNA from all 4 serotypes early in infection
- Dengue NS1 antigen ELISA
  - NS1 antigen assay is useful for the detection of the virus early in infection
  - Platelia NS1 assay from BioRad has been used, under FDA approved IND, to screen blood donations in Puerto Rico and Florida
- Immunoglobulin IgM or IgG ELISA
  - May not reflect an active infection but may confirm a past or present infection.