

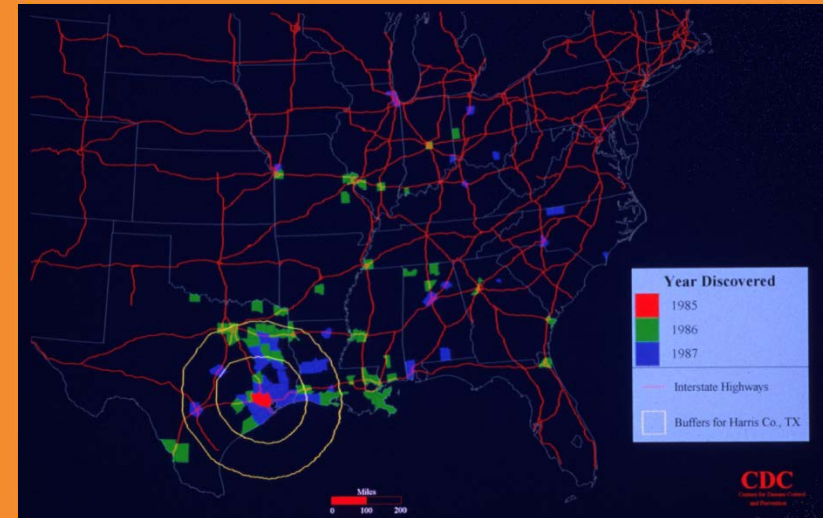


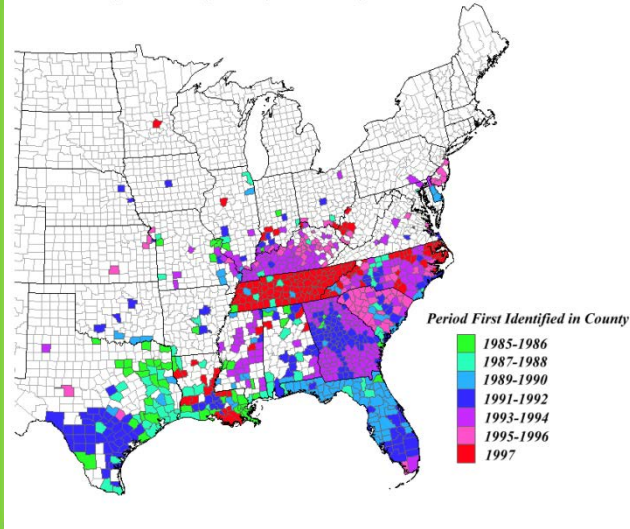
Tires and Mosquito-Borne Diseases



The Asian tiger mosquito arrived at the Port of Houston in 1985 on imported tires.

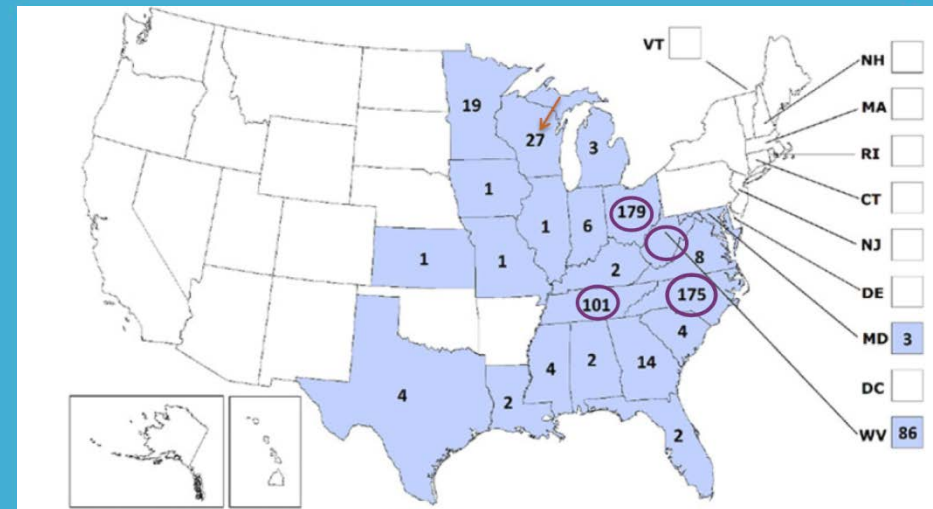
After its arrival in Houston, the Asian tiger mosquito spread to other states on tires moving through interstate highways.



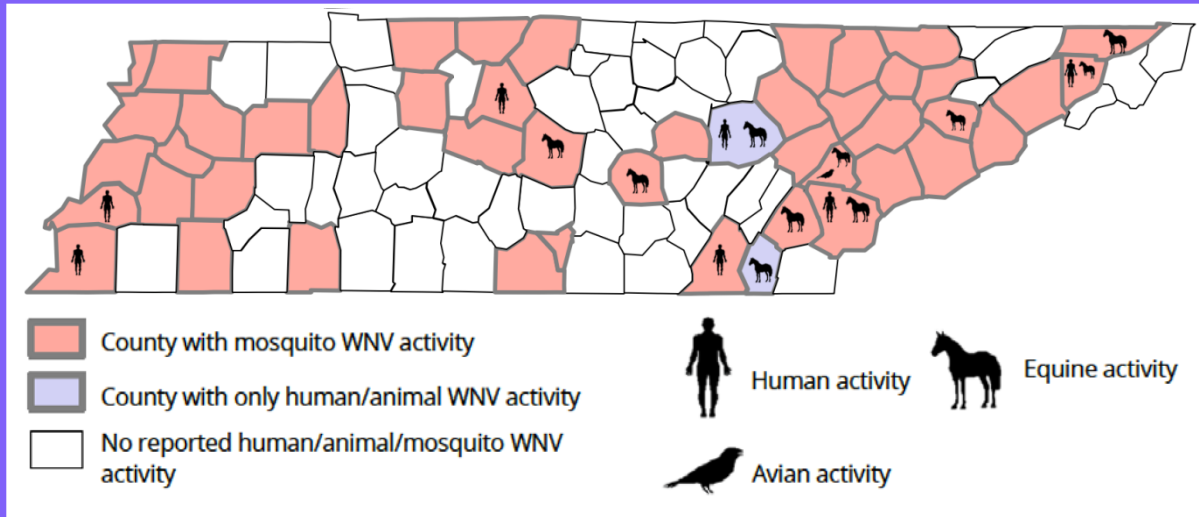


The Asian tiger mosquito has spread throughout the southeastern US and has established itself in all counties of Tennessee since 1997.

In 1997, Tennessee saw its first large outbreak of La Crosse encephalitis. This affects mainly children and is an important cause of pediatric encephalitis in our state. Cases have occurred every year since 1997.



Source: ArboNET, Arboviral Diseases Branch, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention



Tires provide good habitats for many other species of mosquitoes including those that transmit West Nile virus, which is found throughout our state.