

The Cerro Gordo County Department of Public Health is contracting with a local veterinarian to conduct blood samples on a flock of chickens. The flock consists of eight chickens. Blood is drawn from the chickens to detect the presence of West Nile Virus and/or other mosquito-carrying diseases in the bird population. Samples are sent to the University of Iowa Hygienic Laboratory for analysis. Bird blood samples are used to provide early indication of encephalitis and West Nile Virus activity in the mosquito population. It offers public health agencies a tool to measure the level of viral activity in the mosquito population. Cerro Gordo County's results are listed below:

Date	Number of chickens positive with West Nile Virus
May 21,2008	0
June 4, 2008	0
July 1, 2008	0
July 9, 2008	0
July 16,2008	0
July 23, 2008	0
July 30, 2008	0
Aug 6, 2008	0
Aug 13, 2008	0
Aug 20, 2008	0
Aug 27, 2008	0
Sept 3, 2008	0
Sept 10, 2008	0