



Board of Animal Health Cervid Update

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Farmed Cervidae Herds in MN

Herds Registered with BAH

89 Non-WTD Herds

- 68 elk herds
- 9 reindeer
- 4 fallow
- 1 red deer
- 1 sika
- 1 muntjac
- 5 mixed species herds

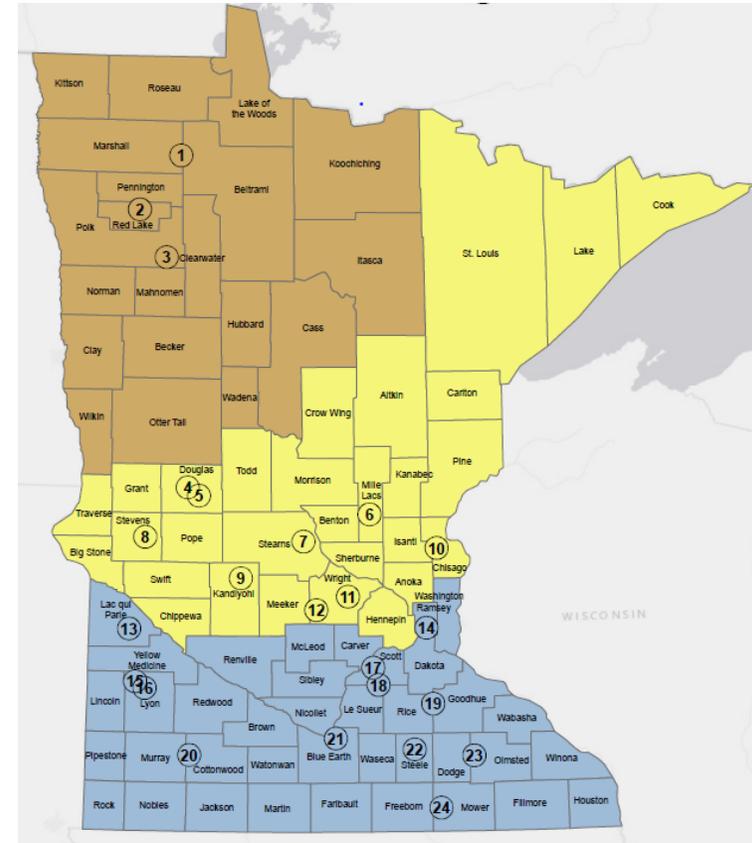
Total of 3,110 cervids

16 WTD mixed species herds



Current BAH Farmed Cervidae Program Staff

- Heather Damico, DVM
Farmed Cervidae Program Director
- Addie Evans
Farmed Cervidae Program Lead
- 20 total BAH and USDA field personnel
conduct annual cervid inspections
- Office and Admin Specialist Intermediate
(OASI) position is open



Locations of BAH Field Staff

Inspection & CWD Status Update

56 Inspections completed in 2023

- 49 non-WTD herds
- 7 WTD mix herds

51 Remaining Inspections for 2023

- 42 non-WTD herds
- 9 WTD mix herds
- *These numbers are normal. Farmers like to do their inspections later in the year and it is easier for field inspectors to complete*
- 145 individual animals tested to date
- Currently no CWD positive farmed cervids in MN
- Last CWD positive in a farmed cervid herd was found October 2022 in Winona County
 - WTD herd was depopulated 10/18/22



Program Updates

- Cooperative agreement with USDA for research project extended to Sept. 29, 2024
 - Genomically Estimated Breeding Value
- Producer portal will be phased in after January 1, 2024
 - Allow farmers better process to submit their data online
- Registration renewals are due Dec 31, 2023
- BAH & DNR jointly maintain the Minnesota Herd Certification Program with USDA
- WTD program transferred to DNR
 - Interagency Agreement signed with DNR
- Increased workload due to more movements, especially exports
- Need for more certified CWD samplers
- One escaped Elk 10/11/23



Questions?

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