

Farmed Cervidae Program October 2021

PROGRAM NUMBERS:

Total Herds:

248

Total Animals in Those Herds:

7,101

Species Breakdown of Animals:

Species	Total Animals	Number of Herds with this Species	
White-Tailed Deer	3,713	164	
Elk	3,039	84	
Red Deer	137	8	
Reindeer	86	10	
Fallow Deer	72	9	
Sika Deer	24	4	
Muntjac	19	5	
Pere David's Deer	5	1	
Moose	3	1	
Caribou	2	2	
White-Lipped Deer	1	1	

CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE TESTING (SFY2022 QUARTER 1, JUL. 1 - SEPT. 30)

Number tested for CWD: 225

• Not Detected: 225

• All samples were successfully tested.

COMPLIANCE (SFY 2022 QUARTER 1, JUL. 1 - SEPT. 30)

Activity	Notice of Violation and Correction Order	Notice of Civil Penalty	Fines Assessed	Fines Collected	Fines Referred to MDOR
Animal Identification	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
CWD Testing	1	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Escapes (Running at Large)	1	1	\$100	\$100	\$0
Fees	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fencing/Enclosure	8	1	\$500	\$500	\$0
Inspection Violations (Non-Fence)	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Inventory	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Movement	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Records	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other - Redundant Gate	2	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL:	12	2	\$600	\$600	\$0

CWD SAMPLE COLLECTOR AUTHORIZATION

The Board authorized three new CWD sample collectors during the first quarter of SFY 2022.

CWD INVESTIGATIONS

CWD investigations are conducted in Minnesota when CWD is identified in a Minnesota herd and when the Board is notified by staff from other state's animal health agencies that animals infected with CWD came from a Minnesota herd or, if animals from a herd found infected with CWD had moved to Minnesota prior to the infection being detected. Animals that resided in a herd at the same time an animal found CWD positive was in the herd are considered CWD exposed if that exposure occurred within the previous five years. CWD exposed animals must be traced and quarantined if they are still alive.

The Board received notification from Wisconsin animal health officials in mid-August of this year when a CWD infected animal was found in a large white-tailed deer breeding herd in Wisconsin. Wisconsin officials notified Minnesota's State Veterinarian that five white-tailed deer moved out of this herd to Minnesota in 2016 and 2017. These animals were considered CWD exposed as they had resided in the Wisconsin herd at the same time as the animal that tested positive in August 2021.

Board staff were able to locate these animals the same day the notification was received from Wisconsin. Three of the five animals went to one farm in Sherburne County. As one of the animals was still alive, the herd was quarantined. Two of these animals were killed in early 2021 and tested for CWD with no CWD detected. The third animal was alive and recently put down with CWD test results pending. Two of the five animals had moved

to two herds in Minnesota before being moved to another Wisconsin herd in 2019. One of these animals was killed in early 2021 and tested for CWD with no CWD detected. The other animal was alive and the quarantine on this animal and its herd will be released by Wisconsin officials if the animal is still alive and healthy, as it has met the five year limit of the quarantine since its last exposure to the CWD positive animal.

See the bullets below for the number of out-state CWD investigations conducted by the Board each of the last four years. All animals have been accounted for in these investigations and no CWD was detected in the CWD exposed animals in these investigations.

CALENDAR YEAR, NUMBER OF OUT-STATE CWD INVESTIGATIONS:

- 2021: 2
- 2020: 2
- 2019:1
- 2018:4
- 2017:1

ESCAPES

In the first quarter of SFY22, there have been three escape events where five animals have escaped, 3 white-tailed deer and 2 elk. Two elk and one white-tailed deer were returned to their enclosures, one white-tailed deer was killed and tested for CWD with no CWD detected. The fifth animal, a white-tailed doe, remains missing.

STATUS OF RULEMAKING

The Board's farmed cervid rulemaking efforts are on hold until further notice.