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President's Message by Jim Byrne

The State Fair has come and gone once more. Spending a couple of days being able to share with people what a great experience it is to have elk is truly experiencing the thrill of just getting started all over again. The memories of excitement and the wonderment brought back with each explanation of why and how we started. Being part of the fair experience is an opportunity no one should miss out on. If you didn't invest some of your time, you missed something very special. I again want to express our gratitude to those who manned the booth

and to Daphne and Morrie Evenson for all the hard work in coordinating the recruitment and schedules. Thank you everyone.

I also need to express gratitude to each member for the support you give the Board. Your words of encouragement and counsel are so very much appreciated. We once again as an industry have taken to the lime light with the media's focus on the mandated disposal of the Tower Enterprise herd in Olmsted County. Without your continued compliance

with the health monitoring program, we would not be experiencing the supportive coverage the media has given us so far. Even though we won't know the testing results for awhile, the interviews I have had with the press have been at the very least neutral to sympathetic for our industry. Knowing that we support compliance fully and are willing to do whatever it takes to address health issues in our herds has gained us additional support for our industry.

Enjoy the new season, stay safe and enjoy the life you have been given.

Congratulations MnEBA!

**This year's recipient of
the NAEBA
"Association of the Year"
award recently awarded
at the 2009 NAEBA
Convention.**



Accepting on behalf of MnEBA include board members Mark Hendrickson, Pat Prodzinski & Brian Wagner.

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Mission Statement

The Minnesota Elk Breeders Association represents a unified voice that strengthens the Elk farming industry in Minnesota by creating awareness about Elk production and promotion and consumption of Elk products.

USDA exterminating Pine Island elk herd

By Laura Gossman Horihan ~ Post-Bulletin, Rochester, MN

PB Online, Monday, September 21, 2009, PINE ISLAND, MN -- Rifle shooters from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's wildlife service division began killing elk exposed to chronic wasting disease at an elk farm near Pine Island on Friday.

A female elk tested positive for chronic wasting disease last January. Such testing can't be done on live animals, so the entire herd is being destroyed.

Minnesota Board of Animal Health program director Paul Anderson said Monday that USDA staff will shoot the roughly 700 elk over the next 10 to 11 days.

Tower Investments Inc. purchased the 1,300-acre farm from brothers John and Karl Hoehne. The 2,300-acre stretch of land near Pine Island is part of a plan to develop a bioscience research and manufacturing center called the Elk Run Biobusiness Park.

Elk Run project manager Geoff Griffin told the Star Tribune the current situation won't affect the development. The rifle shooters have been going out to the farm at night, when the animals are calm, to shoot the elk, which are kept in a large fenced-in area.

Anderson said 30 to 70 animals will be shot each day.

The staff will also be collecting samples from the elk, which will be sent to the USDA's National Veterinary Services Laboratory in Ames, Iowa.

Chronic wasting disease is a fatal brain and nervous-system disease sometimes found in members of the deer and elk family in parts of North America. The disease is caused by an abnormally shaped protein called a prion, which can damage nerve tissue. Infected animals show progressive loss of body weight with accompanying behavioral changes, eventually leaving them in an emaciated, staggering state before death.

Two farm elk herds were destroyed in Minnesota in 2002, and one farmed whitetail deer herd was destroyed in 2006. The USDA paid those owners for their losses.

The elk carcasses will be held in a refrigerated trailer until the test results come back. Anderson said it typically takes five days for results.

Animals that test negative for the disease will go through a rendering process.

"The meat and bone meal will be buried in a permitted landfill," Anderson said.

Animals that test positive will be sent to the University of Minnesota Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory and will go through an alkaline digestion process.

"At the end of the process, there will be nothing left of the animal," Anderson said.

He said the euthanization process should go smoothly, as long as there aren't any spectators in the area.

"We hope people will just let us do our work and stay away," Anderson said.

3rd Annual MnEBA Charitable Elk Hunt

Minnesota Elk Breeders Association, October 6, 2009

– Through the generosity of the Lake Superior Chapter of SCI, Access Point Technologies, and Tony's Trophy Elk Hunt Ranch, MnEBA is excited to once again sponsor a once-in-a-lifetime elk hunt for a very deserving individual. This is the second year in a row the MnEBA Charitable Elk Hunt will be awarded to a veteran with Minnesota ties.

Sergeant First Class Tim Merkens, resides in Norman county in northern Minnesota. Tim has faithfully served his country for more than 20 years by first serving in the Navy for four years, then later in the Army for 16 years where he worked as a track vehicle mechanic.

Life during the Army was not easy for Sergeant Merkens as he suffered three strokes while in service. He still deals with the long term effects of the strokes and experiences difficulty in speaking as well as fine motor skills. Being in the Army for these many years also took its toll on him physically in other ways. He has a very bad knee and other physical limitations.

However, these set-backs have not diminished his passion for his country. He is still very active with his local

veterans groups in offering his assistance to other servicemen and veterans in many ways. Sergeant Merkens is truly an amazing and very giving individual.

Everyone involved with this project just want veterans such as Sergeant Merkens to know that they are deeply respected and appreciated. The Lake Superior Chapter of SCI is very active in offering a number of terminal youth hunts on a yearly basis and are working to expand their projects to this country's war veterans. President Dale Bruder explains, "Veterans so richly deserve anything we can do for them. We (SCI) are working to do more projects with veterans."

Everyone involved with this project just want veterans such as Sergeant Merkens to know that they are deeply respected and appreciated.

Steve Berhow of Access Point Technologies (APT) in Rogers, MN echoes these same thoughts. "Personally, I have been involved in hunting since I was a kid. I know it is a great experience for anyone who can be involved in hunting." Steve has owned a few elk over the years and boards them on a local Minnesota farm. Although he himself has not

served in the military, his father and several family members have. "I am thankful to get involved with the Minnesota Elk Breeders Association in helping a veteran get an opportunity to hunt for a Bull Elk in Minnesota," he says. "We live in a country where none of us should forget the sacrifices that veterans have made for us and our country. So to help one veteran get a chance to hunt an elk in Minnesota is a pleasure and an honor."

Tony Beckel of Tony's Trophy Elk Hunt Ranch has been an active participant in MnEBA Charitable Elk Hunts for the past three years by offering not only a beautiful 900 acre hunting facility for the hunt, but also his guide services for this once-in-a-lifetime three day elk hunt. Tony's father is a WWII war veteran. Tony is pleased to "honor veterans for their years of service to this country" and has been instrumental in putting this project together.

We wish Tim the best of luck in his upcoming hunt and offer our thanks, support and gratitude for his service to our servicemen and our country. Many thanks again to all who have made this special project possible!

MnEBA Raffle Winner Experiences a Great Time at Sportsman's Lodge!

To our fellow Minnesota elk breeders,

August 11-14, we redeemed our prize at Sportsman's Lodge and Lake of the Woods. It was a wonderful experience and our first time there. We took our 12 year old grandson, BJ, because he is a super kid and fantastic fisherman.



Pictured from L to R: Captain Flip, BJ & Paul

The first day charter was with Captain Darryl. Everyone had a great time and limited out on walleyes and a few sauger. All six fisherman had a fun time and we made new friends from UP Michigan and Rhinelander, WI.

Day two charter was with Captain Flip and we truly enjoyed him and the history behind Lake of the Woods people and the fishing. We also limited out on walleyes and some sauger. We made another friend on that charter, Tom from Coon Rapids, who chose not to be in the picture.

The evening of the second charter, the kitchen fried our fish and served them to us. Delicious as we could want.

Our cabin was very nice and overlooked the Rainy River with a lovely view. The fishing people and the staff were enjoyable and helpful. All in all the trip was great and we intend to go to the Sportsman's Lodge again in the future. Thanks for arranging the trip.

Sincerely,
Paul & Dorothy Eley




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AGRICULTURE DEPUTY SECRETARY MERRIGAN ANNOUNCES \$8.6 MILLION IN PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS TO HELP SMALL AND UNDERSERVED PRODUCERS

Producers Can Learn New Risk Management Strategies Through 'Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food' Initiative

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17, 2009 – Agriculture Deputy Secretary Kathleen Merrigan today announced that the Risk Management Agency (RMA) has awarded \$8.6 million in partnership agreements to provide producers with opportunities to learn more about managing risk in their businesses, which provides an important educational opportunity for limited-resource and underserved farmers and ranchers. This announcement comes as part of the 'Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food' initiative, a USDA-wide collaboration that will connect people more closely with the farmers who supply their food.

"The partnerships we are announcing today will provide opportunities for underserved, small and limited-resource producers to become better risk managers," said Merrigan. "For these small farmers in particular, risk management often means understanding direct marketing and for this they need legal, financial, and food safety tools and information appropriate for the scale of their operation and the markets that they serve."

Many of the partnerships that RMA is offering can help farmers diversify production and marketing practices, or to provide planning tools to help farmers obtain the insurance and credit that are often critical to their ability to stay in business or to diversify their existing business.

Federal Crop Insurance and Risk Management Education programs together provide a safety net to ensure that farmers and ranchers will survive the perils of nature and the marketplace and continue in business, thus ensuring the food supply. RMA administers these projects as well as the federal crop insurance program, with funding and authority from the Federal Crop Insurance Act.

The new partnership agreements announced today include:

Crop Insurance Education in Targeted States: \$4,470,075 is being awarded to deliver crop insurance education and information to agricultural producers in 16 states designated as historically underserved with respect to crop insurance. These targeted states include: Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Utah, Vermont, West Virginia, and Wyoming.

Commodity Partnerships for Small Agricultural Risk Management Education Sessions: \$697,875 is being awarded to fund 70 commodity partnership agreements across the country, delivering training to U.S. agricultural producers in managing production, marketing, and financial risk. The program gives priority to educating producers of crops currently not insured under Federal crop insurance, specialty crops, and underserved commodities, including livestock and forage.

Community Outreach and Assistance Partnerships: Up to \$3.4 million is being awarded for collaborative outreach and assistance programs for limited resource, socially disadvantaged and other traditionally under-served farmers and ranchers, who produce priority commodities.

Complete listings of the agreements can be found on the RMA Web site at: www.rma.usda.gov/aboutrma/agreements .

MnEBA has been awarded \$5,500 through this program through a group application with Minnesota Grown to help cover 2010 Annual Convention and Newsletter expenses!

North American Elk Breeders Association NEWS & UPDATES



NAEBA Office Has New Address - effective immediately

September 18, 2009 – When NAEBA was left looking for a new location for its office last January, there wasn't many volunteers or for that matter options. That is until Julie Getschmann stepped up and offered to give it a try. After being in Kansas City for most of NAEBA's existence, the daunting task of moving the office was undertaken, and what a task it would turn into. The state the office was left in when we started didn't lend itself to being a very organized situation, approximately two weeks was spent going through almost twenty years worth of member records and registration files. After much shredding and burning of old records, we were finally ready for the actual move. This move would have been trying enough if we had a preexisting office staff in place organizing the move, but such wasn't our luck. I don't think that anyone that wasn't there and didn't actually participate in the process can truly understand what a task this was. Julie made the best of a difficult situation and started the process for NAEBA in Minnesota.

Once the ball got rolling again, the Board had the task of getting member services up and running. With the help of American Hereford Association's registry services, NAEBA's elk registry and member services began to be offered again. Much of the protocol for providing member services needed to be updated to come in line with Hereford's system requirements. These changes included revamping and eventually eliminating NAEBA's server system which had become extremely outdated and unreliable. The task of creating new documentation for these services from rule books to application forms has also been completed. Special attention was paid to bring NAEBA's rules for animal registration in line with the standards that other breed registries are using on both a national and international level.

When NAEBA moved its office to Minnesota, it did so as a six month trial basis to ensure compatibility both ways in the relationship between NAEBA and Julie. One of the bigger concerns the Board has had not only since the move but going back for several years, is to have an office that has people with a working knowledge of the elk industry both as a producer but also with the member services NAEBA is providing. In an effort to provide the highest level of member support possible, the NAEBA Board of Directors made the difficult but unanimous decision to move our office from Minnesota to Nebraska. The NAEBA office will now be staffed by Eric and Kim Mohlman. Eric and Kim have been raising elk since 1993 and NAEBA members since 1995. Eric served two terms on NAEBA's Board of Directors and was President through some of the difficult times NAEBA faced last year. The knowledge of the industry they bring with them will not only benefit NAEBA but also the membership.

I can assure all members that this decision was carefully contemplated and the decision didn't come easily. This time around, the move has been carefully planned and Julie has been organizing and working with Eric and Kim to ensure member services will not be affected in any way.

I would like to thank Julie Getschmann for all the hard work she has done the last six months, without her energy and enthusiasm NAEBA's situation could have been very different. My hope is that we continue to see and work with Julie in common areas our elk and her deer industry share. May her future be bright and blessed and all her whitetail bucks be 200 inches.

Regards,
NAEBA President Brian Wagner

Life is ever changing and it is our choice what we do with it.

Six months ago, when NAEBA came to me with a quest for help with their office, I was more than happy to complete what I could to make this an easier transition for the NAEBA members.



The NAEBA Board has made another big push forward. The NAEBA office is moving to Nebraska. A win, win for the Association. I will value what I have learned working for NAEBA, the new friendships made, the chance to be part of this great industry and I sure hope to see your smiling faces in the future at upcoming cervid functions.

*Take Care,
Julie Getschmann*

NAEBA Office Address and Registration Promotion Fees

September 18, 2009 – See below the new contact information for all of your NAEBA needs. Keep this letter handy for future references.

New NAEBA Office Administrator & Location:

This address is the new main NAEBA office address and contact information. Eric & Kim Mohlman will be accepting all ear tag orders, advertising, web site administration and day to day answers to your Elk industry questions.

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The American Beef Records Association (ABRA) in Kansas City, Missouri is still providing data recording and customer service for our association: *Animal registrations *Animal inventory updates *DNA or blood type requests *Membership applications. Below is their contact information:

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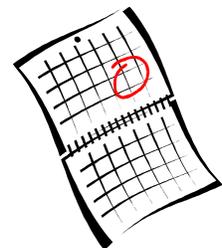
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31-48 months of age	(\$30 until December 31, 2009)	50.00
48 and older months of age	(\$30 until December 31, 2009)	75.00
Transfer		20.00
Transfer, Late (over 90 days)	(\$20 until December 31, 2009)	30.00
Transfer, Late (over 120 days)	(\$20 until December 31, 2009)	50.00

MnEBA Gun Raffle Calendar Sales Continue...

Sales of MnEBA Gun Raffle Calendars are progressing nicely, there are currently 525 calendars out in circulation. However, that means there are another 225 calendars which need to get into the hands of members and/or hunting and fishing businesses. With the hunting season upon us and the new year not far behind, please continue your efforts to sell gun raffle calendars. Let's sell out before the raffle drawing date of January 9, 2010!!!



You can request your calendars from the MnEBA Office or any board member, each of whom have a good supply as well. Calendars are \$40 each and include a full 12-month 2010 calendar complete with pictures of Minnesota elk, along with a gun give-away every other Wednesday throughout the year. Only 750 calendars have been printed and there are 26 guns available to win!

An added bonus is that the person who sells the most calendars will receive a FREE one-year MnEBA membership! Order your calendars today!!!



NAEBA International Antler Competition Results

Category	Bull's Name	CWI/SCI	Bull's Sire	Owner
Velvet 2 Year Old				
1 st	SCF 302T	83.01 CWI	Udenyabull	Bill & Karen Knutson
2 nd	SCF 713T	82.73 CWI	Amber Yoda	Bill & Karen Knutson
3 rd	SCF 107T	82.46 CWI	King	Bill & Karen Knutson
Velvet Antler 2 Year Old Breeders Three				
1 st	LLE 723	82.71 CWI	GEF Braetak	Mark & Lisa Luedtke
	LLE 714	79.03 CWI		
AVERAGE 79.28 CWI	LLE 719	76.01 CWI		
2 nd	SCF 517T	75.77 CWI	SCF 304M Rush	Bill & Karen Knutson
	SCF 521T	75.76 CWI		
AVERAGE 77.27 CWI	SCF 514T	80.28 CWI		
3 rd	EMF-7-01	70.82 CWI	Max III Too	Eric & Kim Mohlman
	EMF-7-11	76.36 CWI		
AVERAGE 74.54 CWI	EMF-7-15	76.46 CWI		
Velvet 3 Year Old				
1 st	SCF 307S Escalade	105.07 CWI	Udenyabull	Bill & Karen Knutson
Velvet 4 Year Old				
1 st	Smooth Move	91.75 CWI	Bounty King	Josh & Jackie Lundberg
Spike Antler				
1 st	H.I.E. Maximum Cash	169 3/8 SCI		Gerald & Brian Lawler
2-Year-Old Non Typical				
1 st	Frisia Diadem	353 6/8 SCI		John & Patricia Kooistra
2-Year-Old Typical Breeders Three				
1 st	Hombre	300 5/8 SCI		Joel & Cheri Espe
	Tristen	284 2/8 SCI		
AVERAGE 286 1/8 SCI	Jesse James	274 4/8 SCI		
3-Year-Old Non Typical				
1 st	Twister	427 6/8 SCI		Eric & Kim Mohlman
2 nd	EMF Orange 5-09	377 3/8 SCI		Eric & Kim Mohlman
3-Year-Old Typical				
1 st	Frisia Dynasty	401 1/8 SCI		John & Patricia Kooistra
2 nd	A E Superior	389 0/8 SCI		John & Patricia Kooistra
3 rd	Amigo	353 7/8 SCI		Eric & Kim Mohlman
5-Year-Old Non Typical				
1 st	King's Ransom	573 5/8 SCI		Michael Coleman
2 nd	Oak Creek Jack	477 7/8 SCI		Don & Jane Berg
6-Year-Old Non Typical				
1 st	Silver Creek Bud	513 2/8 SCI		Gary & Cindy Schnitzler
2 nd	Cassius	505 2/8 SCI		Don Olson
3 rd	Silver Creek Commanche	500 4/8 SCI		Gary & Cindy Schnitzler
4 th	SCF Rush 304M	479 2/8 SCI		Bill & Karen Knutson
6-Year-Old Typical				
1 st	RSE Superstar	469 3/8 SCI		Eric Robinson
2 nd	X-Ray	448 4/8 SCI		Kim Kafka/Ted Rea/Ray Favero
Mature Non Typical				
1 st	King Jr.	479 0/8 SCI		Brian Wagner
2 nd	Oak Creek Gunner	450 5/8 SCI		Don & Jane Berg
Mature Typical				
1 st	Oak Creek Frisco	490 5/8 SCI		Don & Jane Berg
2 nd	JKP Apache 061	473 0/8 SCI		Andy Azcarraga
3 rd	Idaho Impact	449 3/8 SCI		Kim Kafka/Ted Rea/Ray Favero
4 th	CVER 111K Boss	437 6/8 SCI		Rick Jensen
5 th	CVER 757 Gene	427 3/8 SCI		Rick Jensen

MnEBA Kitchen

It's a two recipe bonus for this issue! Fire up your grills as we enjoy the last few weeks of autumn before winter sets in and grill up a few salsa burgers. Or warm your family up with a delicious twist on elk roast, Italian Elk. Both recipes were submitted by our neighbors to the east, Joel & Cheri Espe of Hawk's Hill Elk Ranch in Monticello, WI. Their son Jesse, developed the salsa burger recipe himself, thus the name, JT's Salsa Burgers. ENJOY!!!

Italian Elk

6 pounds elk roast	1 tsp. anise seed (this is what makes it good)
1 can beef consomme'	1½ tsp. ground pepper
1 pkg. onion soup mix	3 large onions, sliced
1½ tsp. oregano	3 green peppers, sliced
1 tsp. garlic	3-4 hot salad peppers (optional)



Place all items in crockpot. Cook overnight on low, slice thin or cook until it falls apart. If needed, you can cool to remove excess fat and reheat ~ this makes it even leaner. Serve on hard crust buns with extra salad peppers.

J.T.'s Salsa Burgers

2 pounds elk burger	1 habanero pepper
1 medium tomato	1 tsp. fresh cilantro
1 jalapeno pepper	

Chop cilantro, jalapeno, habanero and tomato into small pieces. Mix into burger and press into patties. Grilling is great, but pan frying in a small amount of olive oil works as well. Cook as normal, four to five minutes per side. Top with Pepper Jack cheese.



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Vet Corner by Glen Zearth, DVM

Timely Tips

Calves – We are now at the time in which calves should be wormed, two times, three weeks apart. Calves should also be vaccinated with a 7 or 8 way clostridium. Also consider vaccinating for Lepto, which is becoming more and more common. Vaccinations should also occur twice, 3 weeks apart. If calves haven't yet been weaned, make sure to wean right after rut or by November 1st. Once weaned, offer them good quality hay and grain.

Corn Silage – We are seeing more and more people feed corn silage. This is a good feed, I feed it myself. But, elk who are fed corn silage do run the risk of developing Listeriosis which causes elk to stagger and appear to lose coordination. If Listeriosis is detected early, it can be treated with antibiotics successfully. Consult your local veterinarian if you suspect a problem.

Cut Your Hard Antler Bulls – I am seeing a lot of injuries, to both animals and humans, by bulls which are still in hard antler. The longer antlers are kept on, the more risk for injuries and other complications.

On a final note, the American Association of Small Ruminant Practitioners (AASRP), a group of veterinarians who deal with sheep, goats, deer, elk, llamas and alpacas, have been very concerned about proposed federal legislation banning the use of certain antibiotics in animal production. This group, which is about 1,000 members strong, has sent letters to the FDA opposing this ban. The good news is that the ban has been temporarily postponed. An example of the proposed banned antibiotics include Naxcel[®] which is currently approved for use in food producing animals with no withdrawal period. Naxcel[®] is an example of the Cephalexin group of antibiotics.

The MN Farm Bureau also spearheaded an effort to write a letter to Minnesota federal legislators and gain the support of fellow animal associations in opposition to this proposed ban on certain antibiotics. MnEBA was included in the list of associations in support of opposing this ban. See next page for the letter which was sent.

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September 9, 2009

The Honorable Amy Klobuchar
302 Senate Hart Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Senator Klobuchar,

The undersigned organizations are writing to express concern and opposition to S. 619, the Preservation of Antibiotics for Medical Treatment Act, which, if passed, would restrict access to and use of antibiotics traditionally used in livestock and poultry production.

The proposed bill would remove important antibiotics and classes of antibiotics from the market, handicapping veterinarians and livestock and poultry producers in their efforts to maintain animal health and protect our nation's food supply.

Livestock producers and related industries hold the health and care of their animals as their highest priority. They are careful with their use of antibiotics and administer them judiciously and according to label instructions, primarily to treat, prevent and control disease in flocks and herds. These products are critically important to the health and welfare of the animals and to the safety of the food produced.

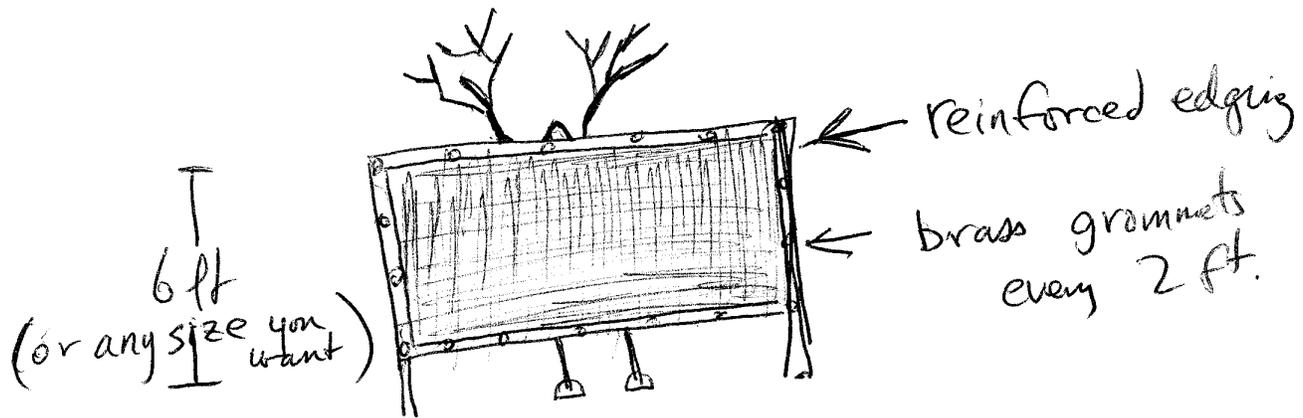
Farmers and ranchers need assurance that they will be able to continue to provide their animals with the best possible care and have access to all approved technologies. The medicines in question have been approved as safe and effective by the Food and Drug Administration. Additionally, responsible use programs, which are specific to feed, livestock and poultry organizations, have been developed to ensure that livestock producers have access to precise, scientific based, guidelines and assistance on the safe and proper use of antibiotic use.

Our family farmers and ranchers work hard to provide the best possible care for their animals and safe, high quality food for the world all while providing for their families and communities. Livestock producers throughout the state are facing historically low prices and high input costs and, in turn, are suffering economic hardships. However, as stated above, animal care remains their highest priority. We ask you not to remove veterinarians and farmers and ranchers' ability to use their professional judgment in administering approved animal care products to maintain the health of their animals. We respectfully urge you to oppose S. 619.

Thank you for your consideration of this issue important to the livestock industry in Minnesota.

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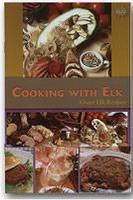
MnEBA Promotional Materials

The following items are available for promotional purposes. To see the full line of MnEBA promotional offerings, check out www.mneba.org and click on the "Promo Materials" button.

You can order online and pay by credit card or print off an order form and mail it to the MnEBA office along with a personal check. Contact info@mneba.org or call the MnEBA office at (320) 543-2686 with further questions.

MEAT PROMOTIONS

Elk Meat Poster 11" x 17" laminated poster in full color featuring elk burger and steak. Can personalize free of charge, no minimum order. \$5/each.



"ELK, Meat for a Healthy Life" Brochure 50 ct., \$10/each

3rd Edition "Cooking With Elk" Cookbook

1-9 copies, \$2.00/each; 10-99 copies, \$1.50/each; 100+ copies, \$1.00/each (*pictured*)

Table Tents feature a juicy elk burger, a MUST HAVE for restaurants selling elk burgers. Sold in packs of 20 for \$5.

VELVET PROMOTIONS



Velvet Antler for People Brochures is an updated, general velvet antler brochure. \$12.50/pack of 50 (*pictured*)

Velvet Antler for Pet Brochures is a first of its kind general info brochure about velvet antler & pets. \$12.50/pack of 50

Velvet Antler Brochures is a general velvet antler brochure produced by NAEBA. \$.30 each

GENERAL INFORMATION



Elk Info Brochure with general elk health and market info. FREE to MnEBA members up to 100 copies. \$.50 each to non-members. (*pictured*)

Raise the Legend Book, a general info booklet specifically created for the new breeder or those contemplating raising elk. Up to five copies FREE to MnEBA members!

Elk, America's Greatest Animal – Minnesota Elk DVD (NEWLY REVISED!) A DVD promoting all elk markets, with special emphasis on promoting Minnesota grown elk.

Great tool for speaking to civic groups and classrooms. \$5 each.

HOME DÉCOR

Price includes shipping & handling.



Elk Trashcan (*pictured*) \$25 each

Elk Rug (Small) \$27.50 each

Elk Rug (Large) \$40 each

Now Available!

Committee Reports

2009 MN State Fair Booth

Not only did the Minnesota State Fair reach a new attendance record of 1,790,497 people, but MnEBA also reached a new record in meat sales topping \$8,100 in total sales! This new sales record created the "good" problem of running out of product at various times during the Fair. The committee is working to alleviate that problem, hopefully next year the booth can stay better stocked! Thank you to the Elk Marketing Council for working with MnEBA to provide delicious elk products to sell to fairgoers. Many fairgoers are now making it a tradition to make sure to come to the MnEBA booth to pick up their elk meat!



There were nearly 40 members, who along with several friends, helped to keep the booth in full operation all the days of the Fair. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU for taking time out of your busy days to come to the Fair and volunteer at the booth! Volunteers included: Morrie & Daphne Evenson, Neal & Julene Haugen, Kaye Zebarth, Charles Francis, Linda Dynan, Janet Thorkelson, Jon-Richard-Kris Aase, Don & Joyce Kaplan, Jerry & Joan Beier, Mark & Michelle Lucas, Dennis & Ann Goebel, Jim Peterson, Sally Bergman, Dan Groothuis, Paul & Barbara Hartkopf, Fred Neubert (& grandkids), Jim Byrne, Martin Zacharias, Dennis Wernsing, Duane & Damon Melquist, Norman & Wade Schimmelpennig, Darrell Turek family, Pat Prodzinski family, Lance Hartkopf family, Larry Gerdes, Greg Lubinski, and Paul & Lynn Hueg.

A huge thanks to Morrie & Daphne Evenson who did another outstanding job of organizing the schedule and setting up the booth, this is no easy task!!! Thank you to Paul & Lynn Hueg for taking down the booth and returning the trailer to Howard Lake. Thanks again to all who helped out in any way!!!

2010 MnEBA Annual Conference



Ian Thorliefson, key speaker for the 2010 MnEBA Annual Conference will talk about "The Velvet Antler Market – Past, Present and Future" and "Managing Elk for Improved Antler Production".

Mark your calendars for the 2010 Annual Conference which will be held on January 8-9 at the Willmar Convention Center in Willmar, MN. Be ready for another full day of learning and fun!

MnEBA is excited to announce that Ian Thorliefson, co-author of the "Elk Farming Handbook" and a substantial number of articles pertaining to the elk industry, will be the key speaker for the conference. Ian will cover two topics for the day, "The Velvet Antler Market – Past, Present and Future" and "Managing Elk for Improved Antler Production".

Other topics are in the process of being decided. If you have a request, ideas for fundraising, or any other suggestions, please contact Kaye Zebarth at 320-834-4064, or Brenda Hartkopf at 320-543-2686 with your ideas!

An information sheet and registration form will go out with the December newsletter. In the meantime, make plans to attend! The guest hotel is the Comfort Inn. Reservations can be made by calling (320) 231-2601. Make sure to ask for the MnEBA room block for the discounted rate of \$79.99. The Comfort Inn also offers a free continental breakfast!

More Action in North Dakota – from a group calling themselves, “Hunter for Fair Chase”

By Shawn Schafer, Executive Director, North American Deer Farmers Association

August 11, 2009 – It was a hard day for me in North Dakota yesterday. A group once again calling themselves Hunter for Fair Chase, filed a petition with the State to start the process for a ballot vote of the people in the 2010 election. They would like the people of the State to decide if Hunting Ranches should be legal. This is the same process used in Montana in 2000 to shut down their hunting ranch industry.

They need 12,844 signatures to get on the ballot. With many contributions from throughout our industry, the North Dakota Deer Rancher and the North Dakota Elk Growers were able to form a campaign called North Dakota Citizens for Private Property Rights. Our Campaign was successful in keeping them from getting the Signatures required to make the ballot. The Hunter for Fair Chase are hoping that they will be more organized and experienced and successful in collecting the required signatures.

I am going to be honest, we spent every dollar we were able to raise fighting to keep them from getting the signatures needed last year. We are torn now with deciding which way to react. We spent a lot of money, thanks to the support of the industry outside of North Dakota, and just barely kept them from getting the signatures required. If they would have made the ballot, we would have had to raise a lot more money to continue the campaign to prevent them from getting the votes needed to shut us down. I have a bad feeling that they might be correct and they will get the signatures needed. I am leaning towards starting a more grass root PR campaign and using the connections we made last year to try and stay in front of the people without spending extra on advertising until we find out if they are successful, then build off the earlier work and buying the paid advertising and try to keep the vote in our favor.

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We have a little time on our side to decide which way to go. The phone has not stopped ringing, I have done several interviews for the newspapers and evening news and also two radio shows. A friend of our industry, Trent Loos, has also picked up the charge again and is dedicating his show tonight to our cause. As long as we are getting the free exposure, we are still getting our word out, the flip side is that our opposition also is getting free press as well. It would be sweet if we could stop them once again from making it to the ballot, but it will take a little time to get a feel of the people to see how realistic that is.

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Calendar of Events

January 8 - 9, 2010 - MnEBA Annual Conference, Holiday Inn & Convention Center, Willmar, MN

March 12 – 14, 2010 – Minnesota Deer Classic, State Fairgrounds, St. Paul, MN

August 5 – 7, 2010 – NAEBA's 20th Annual Convention and International Antler Competition, Harrah's, Council Bluffs, Iowa

August 26 – September 6, 2010 – Minnesota State Fair, State Fairgrounds, St. Paul, MN

Classified Ads

For Sale: Bred females available this fall and winter. Sired by or bred to The Bounty King. Contact Gerald Lawler at (701) 266-5391 or Brian Lawler at (701) 477-6253.

For Sale: Elk facility, complete with swings, sliders, squeeze and anything else you might need. One squeeze is an Elk-Rite 2200 and the other is a Monty North. Take all or part at prices you can't beat. Ready when you are. Contact Larry Winter at (612) 810-8287 or lgwinter@live.com.

For Sale: (4) shooter bulls (1) 5x5, (1) 6x6, and (2) 7x7's. These are four and five year old bulls. They are not yet scored, but can measure if needed. Contact Ray Smothers at (507) 340-7119.

For Sale: (15) elk cows, most 2-5 years old. Daughters of Jesse, Revolution, Smokin' Ash, Hank, Beamer and Flash. TB and CWD program closed herd. Open for breeding. \$750/offer. Contact Mark Lucas at (952) 215-1313 or markl@fcstone.com.

For Sale: (7) shooter bulls for sale from 330 to 420 SCI. Best offer for all. Ph: (507) 267-4054.

For Sale: (2) Kiwi squeeze chutes and (1) Monte North hydraulic chute. Contact Larry Gerdes at (715) 594-3534 or mjsder@redwing.net.

Elk Hide Tanning: Elk hide tanning, \$325 hair off or \$12.50 per square foot, hair on. We can also make jackets, vests, gloves and more from your hides. Call for free catalog or for more information at (800) USA-FOXX. Check out our web site at www.usafoxx.com or email info@usafoxx.com. USA Foxx & Furs, Duluth, MN.

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