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President's Message by Kaye Zearth

Fall Greetings, everyone.

Yesterday was one of those perfect Fall days; low humidity, no bugs, light breeze, sunshine, bulls bugling, calves enjoying the day, cows happy, spikers mischevious, ducks flying south, humans on the farm busy!!!! Here's to a nice LONG Indian Summer, we all deserve it. Those members who crop farm, in addition to livestock farm, are surely hoping for good harvesting conditions for the beans and corn.

Thank you to all who took time out of busy schedules to volunteer at the MnEBA booth at the State Fair. It's a very much appreciated commitment on your part. Thanks to the Evensons and the Huegs for setting up and taking down the booth. Couldn't do it without you. Dollar profit was higher than the past several years. The meat is a real draw, the the new dog chews were a nice addition. There always seems to be a lot of interest in velvet production and consumption.

GOT CALENDARS????? Hope so, by now. You know, there is a chance at a \$500 cash prize if you sell just 10 calendars between now and December 15. We thank you in advance for helping with this fund-raising project. The dollars raised are put to good use

with promotions, scholarship, newsletters, annual meeting, booths at trade shows and the State Fair, etc, etc, etc. The funds also help with any expense we might incur during the State legislative session, by being able to have a lobbyist work tirelessly on our behalf at the Capitol.

Now is a good time to remind the members of what a great friend of the industry we have with the MN Board of Animal Health. The people in that office are of the highest integrity and common sense of any office I know about. They are fair-minded and willing to help the producers in our state whenever there is a question or problem. It is, then, our obligation to be aware of, and abide by, rules and regulations that affect us as an industry and each of us as producers. They are there to help us and support us. Could not say this if another state agency were to be in control of our industry.

It's not too early to plan a trip to the north suburbs of Mpls/St Paul in January 2012, for the annual MnEBA membership meeting and seminars. If there is a topic you would like to have addressed at the seminars, the

committee would love to hear from you. You can contact either Brenda or me with suggestions. Thanks, in advance!!!

The only drawback to this time of year, in my humble opinion, is that the next season has the dreaded "S" word in it (it isn't Spring)!!!

Experience is what you get when you don't get what you want.

Happy, successful Fall, everyone.
Kaye

Thank You

Thank you to all members who helped in the MnEBA booth during the NAEB Convention.

Volunteers included Pat & Rita Prodzinski, Morrie & Daphne Evenson, Dan & Deb Parsons, Cliff & Helena Mulder and Jim & Eileen Byrne. Thank you also to Lance Hartkopf for setting up and taking down of the booth.

Everyone's help was very much appreciated!

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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.

MnEBA Gun Raffle Calendar Sales Great Selling Incentives!!!

The 2012 MnEBA Gun Raffle calendars are now available! Just over 400 of the 750 calendars have already been distributed meaning 350 calendars still need to go into circulation!

There are several great reasons to sell calendars this year. Not only are there still 26 guns available, there are also 4 additional prize drawing days! Also, the person who sells the most calendars will receive a FREE one year membership to MnEBA! But perhaps the best reason of all to sell calendars and sell them early is that for every 10 calendars a member sells by December 15th, their name goes into a drawing for \$500 cash! What better incentive to get moving on calendar sales than cold, hard cash?

Calendars will be available for sale from now until sold out or until the January 7, 2012 drawing date at the MnEBA Annual Conference.

Remember, The General Store (where gun certificates are redeemed), will allow the winner to trade the value of their winning gun for other store merchandise. This could be another gun or other hunting, fishing or camping gear, even clothing. They have a very wide assortment of items to please anyone who is lucky enough to be a winner! The feedback from past winners has been extremely positive. They love the flexibility in keeping or swapping out their prizes.

Contact any board member or the MnEBA Office at (320) 543-2686 or info@mneba.org to order your calendars today!

2012 MnEBA Annual Conference An Important Meeting

The 2012 MnEBA Annual Conference will be held on January 6-7, 2012 at the Crowne Plaza in Brooklyn Center, MN. The location is easy to get to as the hotel can be seen as you're traveling on I694. This location was chosen for it's central location and ease of travel for most members.

While producers have been enjoying the benefits of the higher meat prices and better velvet prices, feed costs have skyrocketed. Also, there are major changes coming down from USDA in regards to federal CWD surveillance financial support. You will want to attend this meeting so you can be well informed in planning for 2012.

Have you been thinking about getting involved with organizing the conference but have just never taken the time to contact anyone? Now is the time to submit your requests for seminar topics and speakers or offer other ideas or assistance with the convention. Please contact Kaye Zearth at (320) 834-4064 or oakpoint@gctel.com, or Brenda Hartkopf at (320) 543-3664 or info@mneba.org.

Fun Times at the MnEBA Summer Picnic

On July 30th, Jim and Eileen Byrne hosted the MnEBA Summer Picnic in Pine Island, MN. The day, sunny and beautiful, the perfect day for a picnic! The Byrnes' have large shade trees in their front yard which created the perfect place to visit and catch up with fellow breeders! And the food, fabulous!!! Many thanks to Jim & Eileen Byrne and Dan & Audrey Mueller for providing the delicious elk barbeques! Ted & Sheila Mehrkens also played a big part in helping the Byrnes' prepare to host the picnic. Thank you to all!!!

Attendees were able to see a couple different prototypes of alternative double fencing which Jim had been designing and creating over the past several months. It was very interesting see the double fencing ideas in person and see the entire visual effect.

Thank you again to the Byrne family for hosting this year's picnic. It was a wonderful day and enjoyed by all who attended!



UPPER LEFT: Bill & Karen Knutson chatting with Brenda & Kaitlin Hartkopf

UPPER RIGHT: From left - Morrie Evenson, Rita Prodzinski, Daphne Evenson, Eileen Byrne, Dan Chase, Dan Mueller, Martin Zacharias and John Johnson enjoy some time relaxing after lunch. Also hanging out with group, one of the Byrne family dogs, "Ike"

LOWER RIGHT: More attendees enjoying time together under the nice shade on Eileen's beautiful new patio!



Membership Meeting Minutes

July 30, 2011 Summer Membership Meeting

The membership of the Minnesota Elk Breeders Association held their summer membership meeting on July 30, 2011 at the farm of Jim & Eileen Byrne. Vice President Mark Lucas called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Mark asked for additions or corrections to the January 8, 2011 secretary report as presented. Don Kaplan moved to accept the report, Morrie Evenson seconded, motion carried.

The treasurer's report was reviewed. The July 28, 2011 checkbook balance was \$21,830.06. Jim Byrne moved to accept the treasurer's report, Daphne Evenson seconded, motion carried. It was asked if MN Grown survived this past legislative session and Brenda reported they had.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Health: No report was available, however, it was announced that the MN Farmed Cervidae Advisory committee will be getting together soon; tentative meeting date is August 30th.

Government Relations: Jim Byrne reported that of the 13 farms affected in the CWD circle, MnEBA has three members directly affected. January 21st was the initial quarantine day for cervid farmers located in the "circle". It was eventually determined that affected producers would be given 180 days to complete an acceptable double fence to lift their quarantine, otherwise, an extended quarantine would be enacted. He noted there are no exceptions to the 180 days given to complete the task of double fencing. Anyone wanting to move animals out of a quarantined herd to slaughter needs to obtain a CWD permit number from the Board of Animal Health. Jim reported that the Board of Animal Health has been extremely supportive which is very much appreciated by all producers involved.

As far as the State legislature is concerned, Jim reported that once no more CWD positives were found, a lot of the pressure to "do something" legislatively, lessened. In the end, no bill was proposed. MnEBA's lobbyist, Tony Kwilas, did another outstanding job representing MnEBA at the

State Capitol and alerting MnEBA to what was being discussed amongst legislators.

Fundraising: Brenda Hartkopf reported that the 2012 MnEBA Gun Raffle Calendars were back from the printer and ready for distribution. Besides the usual 26 guns, this year four bonus prizes were added for more opportunities to win. Moon phases were added to the calendar, however hunting seasons for 2012 were not because 2012 opening dates were not available at the time the calendar was printed. Brenda also reported that there is a \$500 bonus available! For every 10 calendars any one person sells, their name goes into a drawing for a \$500 cash bonus. Anyone who sponsored a month in the calendar also has their name go in once. The deadline to be eligible for this special bonus drawing is December 15th.

Promotions: Brenda Hartkopf reported that MnEBA is participating in two new projects this summer. The Hartkopf family was asked and will be participating in the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's sponsored "Farmers Feed Us" campaign. This campaign stresses the importance of the family in farming as well as how farmers care for their animals. The second project is participation in the Minnesota Cooks contest which takes place at the upcoming Minnesota State Fair. Charles Francis will be representing the elk industry along with the chef he works with from the Arrowwood Resort in Alexandria. MnEBA will not be participating in Smokefest this year, but hopes to participate again another year.

Brenda also reported that Paul & Lynn Hueg set up the MnEBA booth at the NADeFA Convention in Nashville, Tennessee last March. This was the first known time MnEBA had a presence at that event in the form of a booth.

State Fair: Daphne Evenson reported that there are three spots still open for the upcoming MN State Fair. They are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. Also, while there is one person working the morning of Labor Day, more help would be appreciated for that time slot as well. She thanked all who have already signed up!

MnEBA will be selling something new this year, elk antler dog chews, in addition to the meat products normally sold. Those who worked the Fair last year had numerous requests for dog chews so it is hoped that this will be a popular product.

NAEBA: Bill Knutson reported that NAEBA is cash flowing well and that moving the office to Eric & Kim Mohlman's home has saved NAEBA much money in the way of overhead expenses. It was noted that the NAEBA Convention takes place August 4-6 and highlights were discussed. Also discussed was the continued work on the purity test and that progress was being made in getting this service up and running.

Members brought up the topic of a highly political article printed in the most recent NAEBA Newsletter and expressed that many people were offended by the inclusion of this article.

OLD BUSINESS

It was announced that Ike Pohlman, son of Perry & Sandy Olson, was once again chosen as the winner of this year's MnEBA Scholarship. He was one of three very strong applicants and was chosen by an independent group of reviewers with no ties to the elk industry.

NEW BUSINESS

Brenda reported that as of last week, 132 of a possible 582 Economic Impact Study surveys had been completed and returned to the consultant. Results of the survey are currently being tabulated and the report is being written. The consultant will continue to add data as it comes in so anyone who had not yet

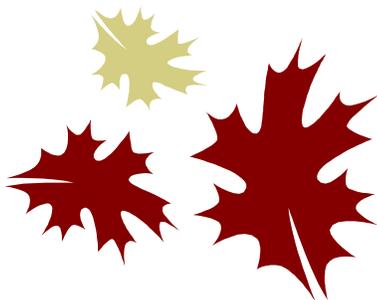
returned their survey was highly encouraged to do so as soon as possible.

Brenda reported that MnEBA is working to organize the 5th Annual MnEBA Charitable Elk Hunt. Tony Beckel has agreed to host and guide the hunt once again. MnEBA is working with Ron Welle and Midwest Outdoors Unlimited to find a Minnesota veteran with which to award this year's opportunity. MnEBA is still seeking a bull for this special hunt.

It was announced that the 2012 MnEBA Annual Conference will be held at the Crowne Plaza in Brooklyn Center, MN on January 6-7. This is a more central location for most members.

Jim Byrne moved to adjourn the meeting, Dan Parsons seconded, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Hartkopf, Executive Secretary



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Dear Chronic Wasting Disease Program Participants:

As fiscal year (FY) 2012 approaches, I would like to alert chronic wasting disease (CWD) program participants regarding potential changes to the CWD program. Although we do not know what the final FY 2012 budget we receive from Congress will be, the CWD budget will likely be reduced by \$13.9 million, leaving the program with no more than \$1.925 million in funding.

If the budget is adopted as expected, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) funding for certain program activities would be discontinued. These activities include indemnity, cooperative agreements with State wildlife agencies for wild cervid surveillance, and funding for CWD research projects conducted at the APHIS National Wildlife Research Center.

Additionally, the last day for APHIS funding for CWD testing of farmed cervids would be December 31, 2011. After that day, APHIS-approved laboratories and the National Veterinary Services Laboratories (NVSL) would be using established user fees, and producers would be charged directly for routine CWD testing. NVSL will continue to conduct confirmatory testing on any presumptive CWD positive samples from farmed and wild cervids. We encourage cervid producers to submit CWD samples prior to December 31 while we believe APHIS funding will be available.

On behalf of APHIS Veterinary Services, I thank you for your interest and participation in the CWD program. We look forward to working with you and value your partnership.

Sincerely,

John R. Clifford
Deputy Administrator



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2012 USDA Fiscal Budget Expected to Drastically Reduce Federal Funding for CWD

As shown on the previous page, the proposed 2012 federal budget will likely decrease funding for CWD from the previous level of \$13.9 million in FY2011, to \$1.925 million for FY2012. What does this mean for farmed cervidae producers? A lot, as stated in the recent letter from USDA.

What is being done about it? Dr. Anderson and Dr. Zebarth have drafted two resolutions, seen below, which they will be bringing forth to the Committee on Captive Wildlife and Alternative Livestock on which they both serve at the upcoming USAHA meeting in Buffalo, New York the first week of October. The original draft versions could change slightly, but this is the idea. It is not known at this time what effect these resolutions will have.

This Just In!

Dr. Anderson has reported that Dr. Hartmann has agreed that in the absence of federal funding for CWD testing surveillance, the MN Board of Animal Health (BAH) will pick up the cost for producer CWD testing in Minnesota beginning January 1, 2012 for that calendar year. It is their intent that this funding would continue into the future, but that is not being promised at this point. Another important thing to note is that the BAH would only pay for tests run at the University of Minnesota Veterinary Diagnostic lab, not Ames, Brookings or any other lab. The BAH will pay for these tests out of the fees we all pay on a yearly basis.

This being said, it is still the intent to push for the following resolutions to be presented and hopefully passed at the USAHA meeting to have USDA continue to pay for the producer tests as they do now. In any event, it looks like Minnesota producers will be covered at least another year.

Source: Committee on Captive Wildlife and Alternative Livestock

Subject Matter: Funding for CWD Testing

Dates: Buffalo, NY, October 2, 2011

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The national eradication and control program for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in farmed cervidae requires that all farmed cervidae greater than 12 months of age that die or are slaughtered must be tested for CWD. Farmed cervidae producers across the nation have complied with testing requirements, in large part because laboratory costs for CWD testing have traditionally been paid with USDA funds.

The CWD testing protocol that is recommended for farmed cervidae is the immunohistochemistry (IHC) test using formalin fixed samples of brain stem and retropharyngeal lymph node from each animal. It is the most sensitive and specific test there is for detecting CWD. The test is expensive and costs at least \$25.00 per slide to perform at USDA approved laboratories. There is an urgency to maintain USDA funding to cover the costs of CWD testing for farmed cervidae. If USDA funding for CWD tests ends and farmed cervidae producers are forced to cover the cost of such tests, there is a real possibility that producer compliance with CWD testing requirements will stop. Without producer cooperation, the national CWD control program for farmed cervidae could collapse.

RESOLUTION:

The United States Animal Health Association urges USDA Veterinary Services to continue to provide funding to cover the laboratory costs of testing farmed cervidae for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) by immunohistochemistry at all approved laboratories.

Source: Committee on Captive Wildlife and Alternative Livestock

Subject Matter: Finalize CWD rules 9 CFR 55 and 81

Dates: Buffalo, NY, October 2, 2011

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Implementation of rules for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) that define the CWD herd certification program (9 CFR 55 Subpart B) and requirements for interstate movement of farmed cervidae (9 CFR 81) has been delayed since 2006. There is an urgency to finalize these rules to ensure that CWD certification programs are uniformly administered in all states and that all farmed cervidae that move from state to state meet the same requirements. These rules are critically important to the survival of the farmed cervidae industry. These rules are needed to preserve the ability of producers to move farmed cervidae and their products interstate and internationally without unnecessary restrictions.

RESOLUTION:

The United States Animal Health Association urges USDA Veterinary Services to finalize rules for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) herd certification programs (9 CFR 55 Subpart B) and interstate movement of farmed cervidae (9 CFR 81).

MnEBA Officer Blog by Pat Prodzinski, MnEBA Secretary/Treasurer

Wow, it sure has been a busy summer! We had a very successful Picnic at the Byrnes' farm, thank you Jim and Eileen for hosting this fun and educational event. Then off to the NAEBA Convention in Waterloo, back from there to the State Fair to work in the MnEBA booth. I believe that we had a very successful booth this year, we had many people stop by to ask questions, buy meat snacks and just visit. It was a great time.

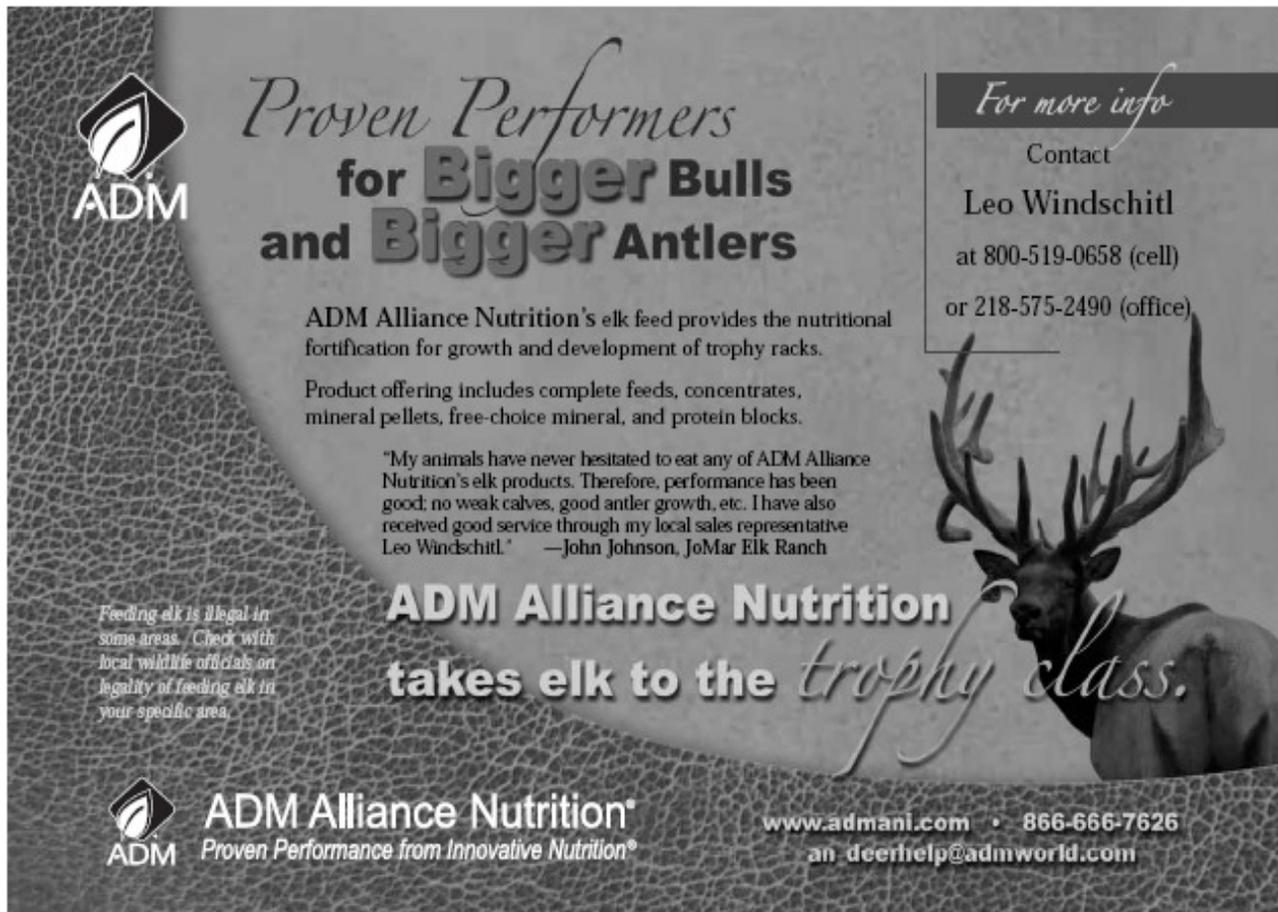
Special thanks to Lance and Brenda Hartkopf and their family for representing the Elk Industry in the Farmers Feed Us program at the fair. Also, thanks to Charles & Kim Francis and their chef, Shane Wichtendahl for showcasing elk meat at the MN Cooks program also at the MN State Fair. It was good to have the elk industry being represented all around the fairgrounds!

Now the bulls are shedding their velvet and starting to bugle (my favorite time of the year) so we will be looking for harvest ranch's to move some bulls out to and put our breeding groups together.

It looks like our next opportunity to get our membership together is the January meeting in Brooklyn Center. I am hoping to see everyone there.

I hope everyone has a great Fall. According to the DNR, this is supposed to be one of the most colorful Falls that we have had in awhile so hopefully you can find the time to get out and enjoy your farm and animals.

See you all in January.
Pat



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NAEBA 21st Annual Convention Wrap-Up



Thank you to everyone who attended NAEBA's 21st Annual Conference and International Antler Competition at the Ramada and 5 Sullivan Brothers Convention Center in Waterloo, Iowa last August! "Now is the Time" was the theme of this year's convention which included lots of great learning opportunities, elk talk and fun!

Here are some highlights from the convention!

- Great Iowa support!!! The Iowa Elk Breeders Association sponsored one of the best "create your own" ice cream sundae bars ever on Friday afternoon! NAEBA also received a significant monetary grant by the Waterloo Hotel-Motel Tax Fund to help enhance this year's convention.
- This year's fundraisers were very successful and will give NAEBA the funds needed to continue their good work of overseeing elk industry matters on the national level. There were many sponsors and donors who stepped up to support NAEBA and still others who were active bidders and purchasers. NAEBA greatly appreciates all who attended and took part in this year's convention!
- Wears Auctioneering, a local auction service in the Cedar Rapids area, conducted this year's live auctions. Brent Wears and his son Colton did an outstanding job of organizing both the Friday night fun auction and Saturday night's semen auction. Also, the raffle games were particularly popular and fun!
- One of the best parts of the entire convention was watching how NAEBA members teamed up to support the Ty Lundberg benefit. Ty is the newborn infant son of NAEBA board member Josh Lundberg and his wife Jackie, who was diagnosed with cancer just a few weeks after birth. Over the course of just two days, many generous members donated, bid, and/or purchased items raising the incredible amount of \$12,500 to help the Lundberg family deal with Ty's health issues. It was very heart-warming to see the overwhelming support they received during such a difficult time in their lives.
- Great seminars!!! Interest in this year's seminars was once again very strong. Topics ranged from the antler market to meat, antler judging, government topics, AI and semen collection. The speakers were super and there was a lot of positive feedback on the information they provided.
- The stand-up comedy of Roger Radley took attendees back to the happenings of their childhoods and provided lots of laughs. Tom Remington, author of the Black Bear Blog and other internet web sites gave Saturday's key note address stressing the importance of breeders educating our legislators and the public about our industry and how we care for our animals; not letting wildlife agencies and the Humane Society of the United States do the job of educating for us. It was a good reminder to us all!
- The Hospitality Room was once again the center of late evening activities hosted by Joel & Cheri Espe on Thursday and Friday nights and Kim Kafka and Dr. Ray Favero on Saturday night. They provided great food and beverages and at times, lively entertainment!!

A huge thank you to all who were attendees, volunteers, vendors, speakers, sponsors, donors, buyers and exhibitors. It was everyone coming together that made this event a great success! Thank you to the annual conference committee, antler competition committee, NAEBA board of directors, and NAEBA staff for planning another memorable event! It will be fun to see what NAEBA can cook up for fun and excitement next year in Minnesota!

NAEBA 2011 International Antler Competition



There were 21 sets of velvet antler and 33 sets of hard antler for a total of 54 entries in the 2011 International Antler Competition. The Top 3 winners in each category are listed below. For a complete list of all who participated, see www.wapiti.net and click on Competitions.

The 2012 NAEBA Convention & International Antler Competition will be coming to the Northland Inn in Brooklyn Center, Minnesota in 2012! Be thinking about what bulls you might want to enter into competition and let's make next year's event the best ever!!!

Top Three Winners in Each Category Entered

Category	Bull's Name	CWI/SCI	Bull's Sire / Dam's Sire	Owner
Velvet 2 Year Old				
1st	Styx	98.79 CWI	Tequila / Undenyabull	Eric & Kim Mohlman
2nd	Zeus	88.93 CWI	Tequila / The Bounty King	Eric & Kim Mohlman
3rd	Obi-Wan	85.32 CWI	The Bounty King / EUN Blast	Eric & Kim Mohlman
Velvet Antler Breeders Three 2 Year Old				
1st	Typhoon	79.72 CWI	Twister / EUN Hank	Eric & Kim Mohlman
	Cyclone	74.41 CWI	Twister / Amber Yoda	
Average 77.94 CWI	Squall	79.69 CWI	Twister / Amber Yoda	
2nd	Darth Caedus	75.39 CWI	Amber Yoda / EUN Blast	Eric & Kim Mohlman
	Darth Maul	74.89 CWI	Amber Yoda / Stalwart	
Average 74.39 CWI	Darth Sidious	72.89 CWI	Amber Yoda / Maverick	
Velvet 3 Year Old				
1st	EMF 8-05	98.78 CWI	Y121 Awesome / Max III Too	Eric & Kim Mohlman
Velvet 4 Year Old				
1st	Sorento	113.14 CWI	Undenyabull / King	Bill & Karen Knutson
2nd	EMF 7-11	95.10 CWI	Max III Too / Clearstone Beamer	Eric & Kim Mohlman
Velvet Antler Breeders Three 4 Year Old				
1st	LLE 714	90.02 CWI	GEF Braetak / King	Mark & Lisa Luedtke
	LLE 727	82.77 CWI	GEF Braetak / King	
Average 88.13 CWI	LLE 712	91.61 CWI	GEF Braetak / Ludwig	
Velvet 5 Year Old				
1st	Cadillac	147.04 CWI	Undenyabull / King	Bill & Karen Knutson
2nd	Escalade	131.48 CWI	Undenyabull / King	Bill & Karen Knutson
Velvet Mature				
1st	JKP Stalwart's Big Easy 379	131.75 CWI	Stalwart / King	Andy Azcarraga
Hard Antler Spiker				
1st	Hercules	242 6/8 SCI	Python / Sultan	Eric & Kim Mohlman
2nd	Green 901 Bruce II	224 3/8 SCI	Oak Creek 94J Bruce / King	Don & Jane Berg
3rd	Styx	220 7/8 SCI	Tequila / Undenyabull	Eric & Kim Mohlman
2 Year Old Typical				
1st	Frisia Dominator	315 1/8 SCI	Amber Yoda / King	John & Patricia Kooistra
2 Year Old Non-Typical				
1st	Frisia Big Boy	320 7/8 SCI	A.E. Superior / A.E. Rascal	John & Patricia Kooistra
3 Year Old Non-Typical				
1st	Frisia Integrity	435 5/8 SCI	Awesome / A.E. Rascal	John & Patricia Kooistra
4 Year Old Non-Typical				
1st	315S	515 5/8 SCI	Kings Ransom 240W / Reedson	Michael Coleman
Breeders Three 4 Year Old				
1st	Hombre	413 4/8 SCI	Drifter / Bounty	Joel & Cheri Espe
	Tristen	396 6/8 SCI	Drifter / Eylie	
Average Non-Typical Score 416 5/8 SCI	Jesse James	439 6/8 SCI	Drifter / Bounty	
2nd	Frisia Model	402 0/8 SCI	A.E. Rascal / Undenyabull	John & Patricia Kooistra
	Frisia Dynamic	398 1/8 SCI	A.E. Rascal / King	
Average Non-Typical Score 396 0/8 SCI	Frisia Diamond	388 0/8 SCI	A.E. Rascal / Proud Diamond	
5 Year Old Typical				
1st	Frisia Dynasty	441 1/8 SCI	A.E. Rascal / King	John & Patricia Kooistra
2nd	LLE 502	390 3/8 SCI	GEF Braetak / EUN Hank	Mark & Lisa Luedtke

Category	Bull's Name	CWI/SCI	Bull's Sire / Dam's Sire	Owner
5 Year Old Non-Typical				
1st	Logman	495 4/8 SCI	MEDR Logan / MEDR Lincoln	Scott Salonek
6 Year Old Typical				
1st	LLE Cleaner	401 5/8 SCI	GEF Scorch / Dakota Pride	Mark & Lisa Luedtke
6 Year Old Non-Typical				
1st	Silver Creek 436P	511 2/8 SCI	Platinum / Legacy Starbuck	Gary & Cindy Schnitzler
2nd	401	468 4/8 SCI	Undenyabull / CBF Max II	Brian Wagner
Mature Typical				
1st	General Lee	448 4/8 SCI	76 Green	Rick Jensen
2nd	MNKEF 207M	417 4/8 SCI	King / Major Velvet	Jay Pronschinske
3rd	DAK Joker	399 3/8 SCI	Y705 Geronimo	Don & Jane Berg
Mature Non-Typical				
1st	King's Ransom	565 6/8 SCI	King / Legacy Jackpot	Michael Coleman
2nd	Silver Creek Comanche	528 5/8 SCI	Silver Creek Bud / Rex-All	Gary & Cindy Schnitzler
3rd	Boss Hog	481 5/8 SCI	Mendel / Caesar	Rick Jensen

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5th Annual MnEBA Charitable Elk Hunt



Plans are coming together for the 5th Annual MnEBA Charitable Elk Hunt. Tony Beckel has graciously agreed to once again provide the property and guide services at Tony's Trophy Elk Hunt Ranch in Baudette, MN. Morrie & Daphne Evenson have generously donated a bull as well! Many thanks for your support of this great project!

Ron Welle of Midwest Outdoors Unlimited is assisting in finding a disabled Minnesota veteran to award the hunt. Ron is also working on lodging and finding donations towards including a shoulder mount of the bull.

Help needed! MnEBA could still use the assistance of someone to help load and transport the bull from Spicer to Baudette. The date of the hunt is yet to be determined but is expected to take place in mid-late November. Please contact the MnEBA Office at (320) 543-2686 if you can help!

This project has had a very positive effect on all who have been involved over the years and each hunter has been uniquely special in their own way. It is hoped that this experience will be a memory of a lifetime for a very special individual who has given so much to each one of us.

**Minnesota Board of Animal Health (BAH)
Farmed Cervidae Advisory Committee
August 29, 2011
Meeting Minutes**

The Board of Animal Health (BAH) Advisory Committee on Farmed Cervidae met on August 29, 2011 at the Freeman Office Building in St. Paul, MN.

In Attendance: Paul Anderson, Bethanie Park, Carissa Allen, Carl Denkinger, Mike Stine, Sherry Shaw, Mike Fier, Michelle Carstensen, Dave Pauly, Erik Hildebrad, Mark Lucas, Brenda Hartkopf, Jim Byrne, Don Olson, Julie Getschmann, Mike Getschmann, Steve Dougherty, Denny Niess, Leroy Haffner, Daryl Simon, John Block, Mary Block, Todd Block, Heidi Roering, Mark Johnson, Stacy Holzbauer.

Introductions: Members and visitors introduced themselves and stated their primary goal of the meeting. In addition to the topics on the agenda, attendees expressed interest in discussing the protocol for dealing with the media when deer are reported with neurologic signs.

Welcome and Meeting Goals: Paul Anderson went over the meeting agenda and goals. These included reviewing events in the Minnesota chronic wasting disease (CWD) endemic area. Additional goals include discussing the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) plans for fall hunting and testing in the CWD endemic area, hearing producer perspectives on how the farmed cervidae industry is doing, giving an update on Elk Run in Pine Island, reviewing the draft farmed cervidae rules, discussing the possibility of moving reindeer to exhibitions in CWD endemic areas, and discussing the future of CWD lab testing.

CWD Endemic Area Update: Paul Anderson gave an update on the CWD endemic area. There are seven herds still under quarantine and three herds that have been released from quarantine after completing exclusionary fencing. Oxbow Park put up 8 foot double fencing on three sides and 4 foot 6 inch welded wire on the viewing side as per the plan approved by the committee. Ted and Sheila Mehrkens have both elk and whitetail deer. The Mehrkens also did a combination of 4 foot welded wire and 8 foot double fence by utilizing exterior pens for cattle only. Joel and Heather Hauser mostly used solid black plastic fencing with a small section of 4 foot

welded wire. The question was asked if a producer could expand their operations to new pastures in the CWD endemic area. For the most part producers would not be able to expand. If allowed, they would be required to construct exclusionary fencing and complete three years of CWD surveillance before movement restrictions would be released.

DNR Fall Hunting Plans: Michelle Carstensen discussed the DNR's plans for fall hunting in the CWD endemic area. A new management area was created for fall hunting 2011, this CWD management area is number 602 and encompasses approximately 30 square miles. The boundaries of hunt area 602 are highway 60 on the North, US highway 14 on the South, highway 57 on the West, and US highway 63 on the East. Sampling for CWD will be mandatory. People will be able to have deer sampled at one of five stations which will be open every day from 9am to 7pm during the regular 23 day firearm season. Carcasses must remain in area 602 until a negative CWD test is reported. Voluntary CWD testing will be encouraged in the six adjacent zones. The goal is to CWD sample 600 deer in zone 602 and 300 deer in each surrounding zone. The overall goal is to sample 2400 adults for CWD. Fawns will not be tested but will still need to be tagged. During the regular hunting season samples will be submitted daily and the lab turnaround time for results will be three business days.

Dealing with the Media: The recent media report on a "suspect" CWD deer in the wild in Oronoco was discussed. Members asked that officials stick with the facts and not speculate on why deer have neurologic signs until lab results are completed. Even the suggestion from officials that neurologic symptoms could be from CWD does not play well in the media.

Producer Perspectives: Mark Lucas from the Minnesota Elk Breeders Association talked about what is currently happening in the elk industry. He said the market is slower for shooter bulls. The price for velvet and meat is up from last year, but the cost of feed has risen as well. He also said that membership in the Minnesota Elk Breeders Association is up for the first time in many years. The preliminary results of a farmed

cervidae economic producer survey conducted this summer will be coming out in September. Members were pleased that there was a 25% survey response rate from the farmed cervidae industry in Minnesota.

Denny Niess represented the Minnesota Deer Breeders Association and talked about the deer industry. The price is down this year by nearly half for shooter bucks. The number of shooting preserves in Minnesota is limited by the high operating costs. Denny expressed frustration with the lack of consistency from state to state in rules for farmed cervidae producers.

Daryl Simon spoke on behalf on the Reindeer Owners and Breeders Association (ROBA). ROBA has approximately 150 members in the lower 48 states. There are about 1000 reindeer in the US. In the reindeer industry, displays during the holidays, movies, and advertisements are their main source of income.

Elk Run Update: Carl Denkinger from the Board of Animal Health gave an update on the Elk Run premises. Major road construction is underway at the site as of July 4th, 2011. The Department of Transportation and Shafer Construction have shown great cooperation. Many miles of quality new fencing was built. Dirt, well over the two inch minimum, has been scraped from potentially contaminated land and moved behind 8 foot fenced areas with erosion barriers. Equipment was washed after moving dirt from pasture areas. Gates and fencing are being checked almost every work day by Board of Animal staff. Gates have been kept shut and there have been no reports of wild deer intrusions.

Draft Rules: Paul Anderson went over the current draft of the farmed cervidae rules, pointing out significant items. The initial request for comments has been sent out. Interested parties can comment until October 11, 2011. Paul encouraged everyone to submit written comments, both negative and positive. If all goes well, the rules could be in place by the end of this year.

Under new rules, official ear tags will be required. These include USDA metal tags, RFID tags, and premises ID tags. Plastic tags with "MN" and the five digit premises number are considered official ear tags. Other rule changes include (1) Board authority to require a physical herd inventory

upon request, (2) producer requirement to keep records for 10 years, (3) testing animals over 12 months of age that die or are slaughtered for CWD, and (4) reporting deaths and additions. Under new rules, intrastate movement would only be allowed to and from farms that have at least a level 4 CWD status. There are currently only 27 herds in the state that have failed to reach at least level 4. Paul indicated that import requirements will require a minimum of 5 years of CWD surveillance and there will be exemptions for tuberculosis and brucellosis testing when cervidae move direct to slaughter.

Compliance: The group briefly discussed compliance issues. Violations are now being issued for all infractions of fencing and tagging requirements. Failure to submit paperwork also remains a major compliance issue. Herd registration is now canceled 14 days after the renewal date if paperwork is not submitted. The Board currently has several court cases in process due to non-compliance.

Exhibition of Reindeer in CWD Endemic Areas: A recent request was submitted to the Board to take reindeer to Rapid City, South Dakota, for a four hour display and then return them to Minnesota. Rapid City is in a CWD endemic area. The question was posed to the committee to see if a consensus could be reached on a protocol to allow such an activity. The group agreed the current rules could allow animals to be exhibited in a CWD endemic area and to return to Minnesota under the following conditions. The owner must contact the Board for approval and obtain a permit prior to the exhibition. The animals must not be off the trailer for more than 12 hours and cannot have contact with any dirt or grass. No other cervidae can be at the event. Feed, equipment, and bedding must be taken along from the home premises.

CWD Lab Testing: Paul Anderson discussed the future of CWD testing. Because of USDA budget cuts, there is a possibility that USDA funding for lab fees might end and the cost of \$25 or more per animal tested could fall on the producer. Paul encouraged producers to contact Dr. John Clifford, USDA, APHIS and other congressmen and senators to let them know how important it is to maintain funding for CWD testing.

The next committee meeting is tentatively planned for late January 2012.

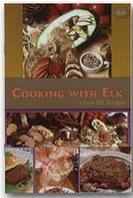
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1/2 tsp. pepper	1 can Cream of Chicken soup
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1 cup grated carrots	



Brown elk burger and season with salt and pepper. Prepare chicken stuffing as directed on box and mix with browned elk burger. Put half in casserole. Mix carrots, green beans, sour cream and chicken soup. Add all of the mixture to the casserole. Put on rest of burger mixture. Top with grated cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes.



Carver County Family Creates ELK Exhibit at the Minnesota State Fair

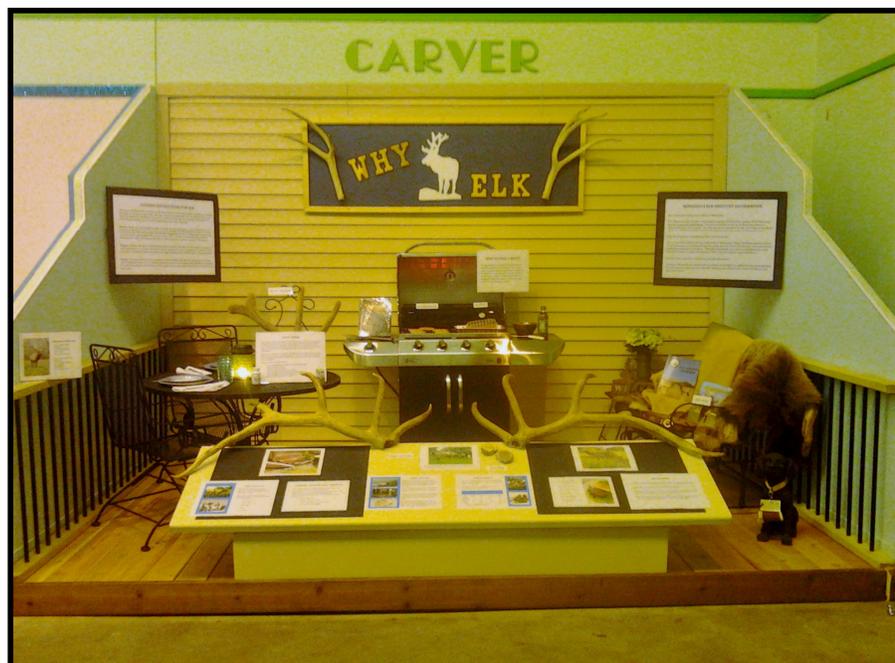
Each year, Minnesota counties have the opportunity to feature educational exhibits in the Agriculture/Horticulture building at the Minnesota State Fair which are designed to educate the public about agriculture in Minnesota. This year, a Carver county family decided to create an exhibit about elk! This family had no ties to elk farming, but they were very eager to learn!

The Kevin Becker family is the 4th generation of Beckers who have been creating these exhibits for Carver county since Kevin's great-grandmother started the tradition in 1939. Kevin and his wife, Donna, have three children, Alec (15), McKayla (13) and Nick (8) who made it their project to teach State Fair attendees about elk. They contacted the MnEBA Office for general information and elk items. Mark Lucas was also instrumental in obtaining additional articles for display. As shown below, the Becker family did an amazing job!

Of all the exhibits, theirs won 3rd place, only one point away from Reserve Champion. They also won a Merit Award for Originality!

Their exhibit had frequent visitors, many of whom took the time to read the informative facts they put forth. The booth was a great showcase of product and educational items.

Congratulations Becker family on a job well done!!!



In The News

Demand for Velvet Deer Antler Skyrockets after NFL bans supplement from players Pro-athletes reveal IGF-1 source of muscle-building

BriefingWire.com ~ 2/16/2011 - The recent story by Yahoo Sports detailing the use by NFL players of the supplement known as IGF-1 (Insulin-like Growth Factor) or Velvet Deer Antler has caused a rush on the all-natural product. Velvet deer antler has been a staple of Chinese medicine for over 2,000 years. According to Dr. Ricardo Lentini, "We've seen a huge spike in demand."



Lentini discovered the supplement when a cousin in Chicago was diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's Disease and given only months to live. In a search for help, Lentini, (who owns a highly respected international private investigation firm) learned about the regenerative properties of IGF, found Dr. Alex Duarte, the world authority and visited New Zealand, home to the purest form of IGF.

Dr. Lentini's cousin was given the supplement and lived years beyond what doctors had predicted.

Lentini brought the supplement to the western world and developed a special liposome spray delivery system, providing maximum absorption. Nutronics Labs is the source of the purest form of IGF-1.

Cincinnati Bengals safety Roy Williams said, "I use the spray all the time. My body felt good. I did feel a difference."

The NFL story got the attention of syndicated sports host, Tony Bruno, interviewing Nutronics Labs associate, Dr. Bruce Fong, resulting in thousands of orders for IGF-1. In a letter to Yahoo sports, Lentini wrote, "I've been following your column on deer antler velvet with great interest. I am the CEO of Nutronics Labs, and was the one that brought deer antler velvet into the United States 15 years ago. I was the first one to market this product and put it into a liposome spray formula. I sell the purest IGF-1 formulation available.

I am appalled that the NFL is taking the stand to ban this wonderful product. It has helped many people throughout the years recover not only from illnesses but also serious injuries including MS patients. These players go out every week and put their lives on the line, sustain injuries for our entertainment and can barely walk by the age of 30. Sure they get paid a lot of money but so do stock brokers and corporate executives who don't have to go through the pain that these players do.

On any given Sunday with all the troubles in the world, thanks to these gladiators, we can take a day and allow ourselves to relax and take our minds off our problems. A proven product comes along to help these iron men treat their injuries and it is banned.

Like the great Mike Ditka said, the NFL does not do enough for their injured and retired players. What good is money when you can't walk anymore?

Deer antler velvet is an all natural product and is steroid free as you can see on our website. When you see a player on TV doing a milk commercial with a milk mustache - he just ingested IGF-1. When he eats a steak - again he just ingested IGF-1. When that same player takes deer antler velvet he ingested the same thing only in a more concentrated form.

The product is made to help, not harm. In over 15 years I have never had a complaint - only praise of this wonderful substance that has been used for over 2,000 years.

The NFL and their doctors should go back to medical school, open their books, and open their minds. If they really wanted to help their players recover from injuries the natural way - deer antler velvet is the way to go (with no side effects). Thank you for your time."

Dr. Ricardo Lentini

(EDITOR'S NOTE: If you're interested in reading more about this topic, just Google search "Velvet Antler NFL" or similar phrase. There has been a lot of online discussion about this topic since the beginning of the year.)

Deer reported by Oronoco landowner tests negative for CWD

MN Department of Natural Resources, St. Paul, MN ~ 08/29/11 - A white-tailed deer, recently discovered in southeastern Minnesota near Oronoco, exhibited some symptoms consistent with Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) but was not infected with the disease.

"We appreciate the public awareness about the disease and its potential effects on the deer population," said Lou Cornicelli, big game program coordinator for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR). "We are relieved this animal did not have CWD."

A landowner observed the adult male deer on his property walking in a tight circle for a long period of time. He reported the deer to the DNR, which euthanized the animal and took it to the University of Minnesota Veterinary Diagnostic Lab for testing.

Deer showing signs of possibly having CWD always are tested when discovered, Cornicelli said. This is the first sick deer found and tested in the CWD zone – which stretches from Wanamingo, Zumbrota and Zumbro Falls southward to Kasson, Byron and Rochester – since sharpshooting ended last winter. None of the 1,181 deer tested in the area have tested positive for the disease.

The CWD zone was established earlier this year after an archery hunter harvested a CWD-positive deer in November 2010. Sampling was conducted last winter, and a deer feeding ban was enacted. Efforts to continue to monitor the area for additional cases of CWD and measures to help prevent its potential spread are in place for the fall hunting season.

"White-tailed deer contract a variety of diseases that express neurological symptoms," Cornicelli said. "Further testing is ongoing to determine what affected this animal."

Individuals should continue to notify DNR if they see a deer exhibiting CWD-like symptoms, which can include walking in circles, drooling, staggering, emaciation and a lack of fear toward humans.

More information about CWD, the DNR's fall surveillance plans, and new regulations for the CWD zone in southeastern Minnesota are available online at www.dnr.state.mn.us.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The final diagnosis from the University of Minnesota Veterinary Diagnostic Lab was that this "circling" deer had Listeria.)

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Vet Corner by Glen Zearth, DVM

Thoughts on Fall Production Practices

With Fall approaching, everyone needs to take a check of their inventory of animals. Consider thinking specifically about your animal numbers, feed stocks and routine fall treatments.

Animal Inventories

With the high price for butcher animals and meat, it's an excellent time to cull your herd (know which animals you really want to keep). The probability of the meat price going higher is less than the prices going lower. There are some excellent outlets for virtually every category of animal that you would want to cull via slaughter. If unaware of possible places to sell animals, contact the MnEBA Office.

As far as animals to consider culling, it might be the time to cull bulls who aren't going to do well in the hunt bull market such as narrow bulls, bulls with short tynes or bulls with very poor third points. There is a good chance if you deduct the maintenance feed cost in the winter, you could butcher them now and get more money or as much as you would trying to keep them and grow them out as low value bulls next year. An example being a significant number of the large Canadian producers actually did this last year and culled out velveted bulls in the above categories. Two advantages of this would be, 1) Hopefully raise the floor price on shooter bulls, and, 2) Would be a way to maintain supply in the meat industry without destroying or eliminating the breeding herds or cows.

Feed Inventories

It is more critical than ever this year to have a plan for how you're going to meet the feed needs for your herd. The drought in the southern part of the country is undoubtedly consuming hay from as far north as Minnesota. If you know of any local alternative feeds, work with a nutritionist and utilize them. Examples include by-product feeds, local hay and alternative grains such as barley which is a good replacement for corn and has been running at a lower price than corn. In utilizing alternative feeds, farmers face more of a challenge for feed quality meaning a greater need to work with a nutritionist. Examples of feed quality issues include problems from moldy feed. Some producers have experienced abnormal antler growth from moldy haylage or bialage. I've also seen several cases of sick animals from wet and moldy corn stalk bales.

Fall Treatments

It's a good time to check your parasite control program. Make sure after the hard killing freezes that you have checked fecal samples and wormed for internal parasites appropriately. If you've had external parasite problems such as winter tick or lice, you need to use insecticide treatment such as a pour-on. An example of this would be Amatrax, trademark of Tactic™ used twice, 30 days apart. This treatment used in the Fall works well to control winter tick and lice.

For copper status evaluation, be checking some liver analysis levels from slaughter animals. I still see copper deficiencies as a major problem contributor. Liver analysis should report back at 30ppm or greater with 10-20ppm being low and <10ppm being a critical, major problem. We need to be feeding elk 220mg per head per day of copper such as copper sulfate. Here again, be sure to work with a nutritionist or veterinarian because there is such a thing as copper toxicity, although rare in elk.

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Minnesota State Fair Wrap Up

It was another great Minnesota State Fair for MnEBA! More dollars were generated from meat sales than ever before! However, the number of meat products sold was down from last year. MnEBA had to raise the prices on meat products because of an overall increase in the wholesale price of the meat and increased commission fees by the State Fair.

MnEBA worked with Wapiti Labs Inc. to also offer two sizes of elk antler dog chews to fairgoers. Wapiti Labs Inc. also offered their assistance during several days of the event which really helped volunteers learn about the product and helped keep up with the many visitors to the booth. Even fairgoers who didn't own dogs were intrigued by the products. Ultimately, 44 dog chews were sold. We learned a lot about what fairgoers were looking for and will take that information into consideration for next year.

Thank you, thank you, thank you to the many volunteers and friends who stepped up to work at the booth.

Everyone did an outstanding job of keeping track of the products on the table and money collected. There was very little in the way of product lost.

This year, the Hueg family teamed up with Morrie & Daphne Evenson and friends to help set up the booth. This was a huge help and they did an outstanding job! There were also many other volunteer booth workers including Glen & Kaye Zearth and friends, Wapiti Labs staff, Aase family, Ike Pohlman, Perry Olson, Hartkopf family, Don & Joyce Kaplan, Neubert family, Ken Arnzen, Damon & Duane Melquist, Dennis & Ann Goebel, Mark & Michelle Lucas, Norman Schimmelpfennig, Jerry & Joan Beier and friends, Dan & Deb Parsons, Jim Byrne, Dennis Wernsing, Martin Zacharias, Sally Bergman, Prodzinski family, Turek family, and Greg & Roxie Lubinski. It's always amazing to see the amount of volunteerism in the small group of members which makes up MnEBA. It says a lot about the great support members of this organization give to the industry!

Lastly, many thanks to the Hueg family for taking down the booth and to Paul Hueg for bringing the trailer back to Howard Lake. Paul put on a lot of miles in getting the trailer to and from St. Paul and spent a lot of time setting up and taking it back down. Many thanks for all your efforts!

Minnesota Farmed Cervidae Economic Impact Study Update

The author of the study is continuing to compile information received from the economic impact surveys which were sent out to all Minnesota farmed cervidae owners this past June. A total of 166 studies were turned in for a final return rate of 28.5%. While this number may not sound impressive to us, it is quite a bit better than the national average. Thank you to all producers who took the time to complete and send back their surveys. This information will be useful in many ways, maybe even more than we know!

A rough draft for review is expected out at any time. Both MnEBA and the Minnesota Deer Breeders continue to collaborate on this project and input will be gathered from both associations. The goal is for the final report to be completed and made available by the 2012 MnEBA Annual Conference.

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