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President's Message by Jim Byrne



Bulls a' bulging, leaves are starting to fall and October is just a week away. By now most of us, if not all, have selected the breed sires for next year's calf crop. Field crops are ripe and harvest is underway as the year starts to wind down.

This year has again brought changes to the industry. In the upcoming U.S. Animal Health Association (USAHA) meeting, our industry has full committee status for the first time ever. And the MN Board of Animal Health has changed personnel with the retirement of Dr. Paul Anderson and the appointment of Assistant Director Dr. Linda Glaser to fill his position.

One thing that hasn't changed is our battle with the DNR and CWD. As hunting season opens up, the southeast portion of the state will be under mandatory surveillance of wild deer harvested by hunters in those areas. If a positive is found we will again have the finger of blame pointed at the cervid farm industry. The association has responded to letters in the Post Bulletin, Outdoor News and the Star Tribune this past summer and we expect to do more if another positive is found. The DNR has already been making contacts with legislators at the Capitol concerning CWD. This action is possibly as a forerunner to legislation they would like introduce into law this next session. We will be organizing a meet and greet day at the Capitol once session is underway so that we can educate new legislators about our industry and firm up support from existing legislators.

I want you to know that the board members and the executive secretary that you have serving you, are exceptional people. Each one has put in so much time and effort this year. I want to express my thanks to each one.

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*MORE DETAILS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE
DECEMBER NEWSLETTER!*

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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 Responds to Negative Press

Recent negative comments in the Star Tribune which were reprinted by Outdoor News and the Rochester Post Bulletin center around a problem deer herd in southeastern Minnesota. The following Letter to the Editor piece was published in Outdoor News, Rochester Post Bulletin and Agri News in mid-September.

While there is much more to say, word counts for letters to the editor are very limited, so this letter was very concise.

MnEBA has begun discussions with the Board of Animal Health as well as key legislators in preparation for the upcoming 2018 session as we await the results of the legislative audit of BAH oversight of the farmed cervid industry. However, a final report is not anticipated until late winter.

Dear Editor,

CWD in Minnesota is something that all interested stakeholders wish to prevent. Unfortunately, CWD has been detected in our neighboring states of Iowa and Wisconsin. Introduction of CWD could be through natural deer herd movement or even from importation of deer carcasses from those states. We are also concerned about wild deer passing on CWD to farmed deer.

We are supportive of the proactive actions by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to continue testing during the upcoming deer season in Southern Minnesota and in two distinctive areas in central and northern Minnesota. These actions will help us identify CWD in the wild deer population if it exists.

It is important to remember that rules and regulations put into place and supported by the Minnesota Elk Breeders Association worked as they were intended to. Testing and record keeping allow the Board of Animal Health (BAH) and the DNR to track and identify movement of farmed cervids. There are cervid farms in 77 of 87 counties in Minnesota who are required by statute to test for CWD on 100% of all animals who expire. In the past 3 years alone, Minnesota cervid farmers have tested nearly 15% of the entire farmed cervid population each year. Given the amount of mortality testing on these farms, it is a good indication that CWD does not exist in the industry.

The Minnesota Elk Breeders Association agrees that the health of the cervid population is crucial to the state of Minnesota. The industry has proven this by proposing rules and regulations, such as testing and recording keeping, which helps ensure the vitality of the cervid population.

We look forward to working with the DNR and the BAH to ensure this goal.

Jim Byrne, President
Minnesota Elk Breeders Association

North Dakota Update

Submitted by Dwight Grosz

On July 16th the North Dakota Elk Growers had their annual picnic at the Dwight and Roberta Grosz ranch held in conjunction with Oliver Country Farm Bureau. About fifty people attended. The social started at 5:00 PM. Elk Prime Rib was served at 6:00 PM.

Guest speakers were North Dakota Governor Doug Burgum and Lt. Governor Brent Sanford. Governor Burgum is an avid hunter and fun stories were exchanged. He was very interested in the raising of elk and as a businessman he asked many questions about marketing and sales.

Oliver County ND was in an exceptional drought area back in July and there was much discussion between farmers/ranchers and the Governor's Office about relief efforts, prairie fires etc. Lots of good discussion. Before the Governor arrived we did a little (PAC) political action committee fundraising. Our elk grower views very much mirror Farm Bureau policies.

North Dakota Governor Doug Burgum's facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/pg/GovernorDougBurgum/posts/>



Pictured from Left to Right:

ND Farm Bureau President Daryl Lies, ND Elk Growers President Emery Duben, ND Elk Growers Treasurer Brenda Guthmiller, ND Lt. Governor Brent Sanford, ND Governor Doug Burgum, ND Elk Growers past President Dwight Grosz, ND Elk Growers Past President Chad Lawler



Minnesota Board of Animal Health News Release

For Immediate Release: September 29, 2017

Contact: Eric Crider – erin.crider@state.mn.us

Wright County white-tail deer herd tests negative for Chronic Wasting Disease

St. Paul, Minn. - The Minnesota Board of Animal Health has lifted a quarantine in place since May 15, 2017, following the depopulation and testing of a CWD exposed Wright County white-tailed deer herd. CWD was not detected in any of the 30 white-tailed deer samples collected. The herd was initially placed under quarantine because the Board traced animal movements from this herd to one of the CWD positive herds found in an investigation earlier this year.

The owner chose to test the entire herd after the U.S. Department of Agriculture offered indemnity for the animals. This agreement led to the lifting of the quarantine because all deer on the property were euthanized for CWD testing, and the results didn't detect the disease. This concludes the Board's CWD investigation into this property.

"The Wright County herd was never considered infected and testing the remainder of this herd confirms no CWD infection was incubating in the animals," said Board Assistant Director, Dr. Linda Glaser. "We originally placed it under quarantine for a five year period to monitor the herd for any signs of CWD as a surveillance and precautionary effort."

One farmed cervid herd remains quarantined in Minnesota as part of an ongoing CWD investigation in Crow Wing County. This herd recently submitted 14 animals for testing and CWD was not detected in any of the animals. The owner is working with Board and USDA officials to submit additional animals for sampling in the coming weeks. The Board will release a summary of those testing results when harvesting is completed at the property.

CWD is a disease of deer and elk caused by an abnormally shaped protein, a prion, which can damage brain and nerve tissue. There is no danger to other animal species. The disease is most likely transmitted when infected deer and elk shed prions in saliva, feces, urine, and other fluids or tissues. The disease is always fatal, and there are no known treatments or vaccines. CWD is not known to affect humans, and consuming infected meat is not advised.



Chronic Wasting Disease Management Mandatory Testing in Four Areas Scheduled this Fall

The discovery of deer infected with CWD that were raised in captivity on farms in Crow Wing and Meeker counties means that wild deer harvested from permit areas surrounding those farms will be tested for CWD this fall during the first two days of the firearms deer season.

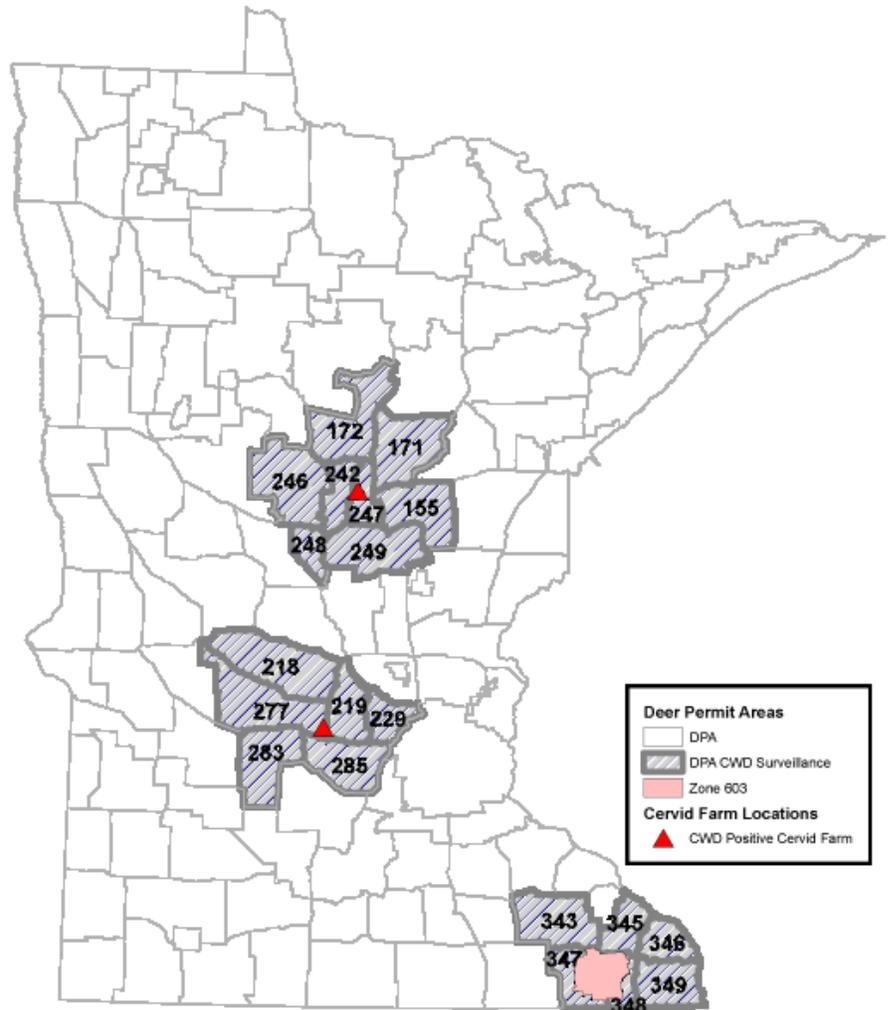
Wild deer in these areas are not known to have CWD. Testing should determine if any are infected.

Testing also will be done in permit areas surrounding the disease management zone in southeastern Minnesota.

Deer harvested in southeastern Minnesota within that disease management zone – deer permit area 603 – will continue to be tested and carcass movement restricted.

Fall 2017 CWD testing

- **North Central:** Deer permit areas 155, 171, 172, 242, 246, 247, 248 and 249.
- **Central:** Deer permit areas 218, 219, 229, 277, 283 and 285.
- **Southeast:** Deer permit areas 343, 345, 346, 347, 348 and 349.
- **Disease Management Zone:** Deer permit area 603, which is surrounded by the southeast testing zone.



CWD information can change rapidly. Please check back regularly for important updates at www.dnr.state.mn.us.

CHEMNOBULL



- Over 600" and over 50" wide unofficial on his head in 2017
- 597 3/8" official at 5, winning NAEBA's 5-Year-Old Non-Typical Class, 620" with his 66" actual spread unofficial
- Only (2) 2-year old-sons in 2017



571C

- 2-Year-Old Chernobull son
- Cut 20.16 lbs. official placing 4th in NAEBA's 2017 2-Year-Old Velvet Class



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- 2-Year-Old Chernobull son
- Over 400" unofficial in 2017

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From Deer Industry New Zealand Step Change in Venison Prices?

September 14, 2017 - The success of venison exporters in developing a market for processing grade NZ venison in North America has had the effect of raising the value of the whole deer carcass, says Deer Industry NZ chief executive Dan Coup.

“What they have done is to move this quality product from the traditional European game meat market, where it was a reasonably easily substituted ingredient, into North America where it is recognized as a specialty meat, for use in gourmet burgers and ready-to-eat protein bars,” he says.

“Another growing source of demand from North America is for venison offals and trim for the ultra-premium pet food market which is providing a significant premium compared to what has been available in the past.

“It is still too early to say whether this will result in a step change in prices, but a similar market shift with lamb flaps a decade ago appears to be permanent. Exporters developed a higher value market for the flaps for use in hot pot cuisine in China. Previously they had been sold at disposal prices to a range of small markets.”

Currently the average published schedule price to farmers for a prime venison carcass is \$9.67 a kilogram. This marginally exceeds the last price peak of \$9.65 on 25 October 2008.

At that peak in 2008, the Euro was approximately 25 percent (E46c vs E60c) stronger, relative to the Kiwi dollar, than it is today. The US dollar was 20 percent stronger (\$US59c vs \$US72c). This means that export prices for NZ venison are substantially higher in Euros and US dollars than they probably have ever been.

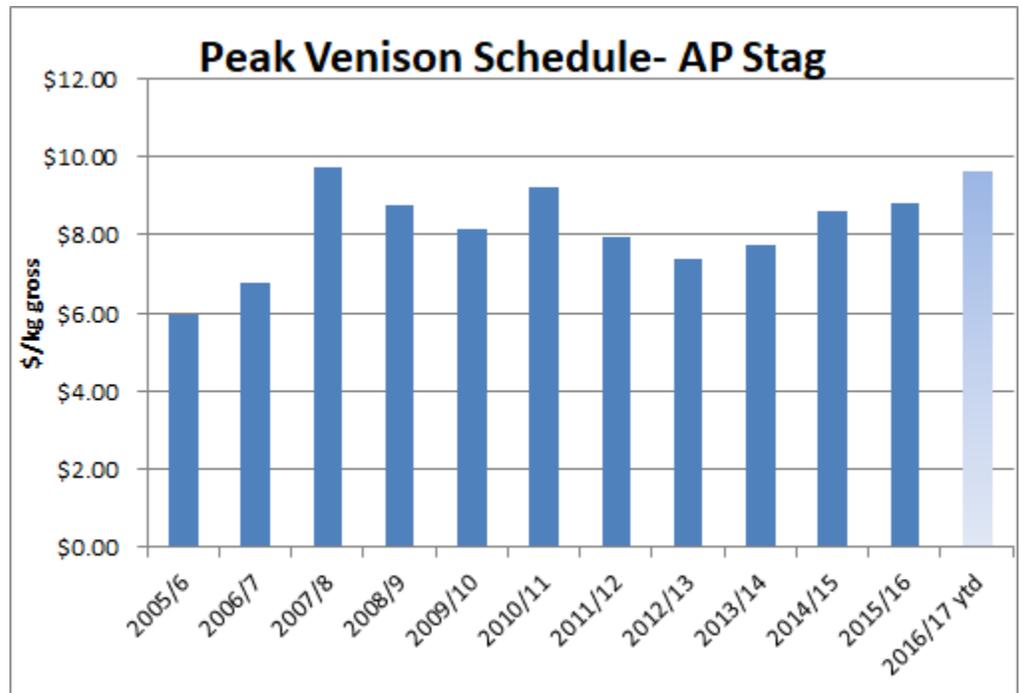
Coup says that when venison schedule prices have approached the \$10 mark in the past, they have usually eased back the following season, as occurred in 2009 when the spring peak fell to about \$8.75. This was the result of a variety of factors, including the onset of the global financial crisis and its effect on the Euro. At the time the vast majority of our venison was being exported to continental Europe.

“The market dynamics are quite different this time around,” he says. “Overall, supply is down by nearly 40 percent compared to 2009 and a much smaller proportion of it is being sold into the European game trade.

“Sure, the shortage of venison animals means there is a procurement premium being paid by exporters in their prices to farmers. But that’s only part of the reason for higher prices.

“The growth in year-round demand for chilled cuts and the step change in the value of processing grade venison are likely to have a lasting positive influence on the value of a venison carcass.”

Sources: www.interest.co.nz and www.directfx.co.nz/currencychart.html





2017 NAEBA International Antler Competition

The 2017 International Antler Competition was held in Minnesota this year which brought out a few more Minnesota entries than usual! This event was a great opportunity to view up close and personal, antler from bulls from all over North America which you hear about online and see in publications!

If you didn't get a chance to attend this year, you have another opportunity close to home. Next year's NAEBA Convention & International Antler Competition will be held in Fargo, North Dakota on August 2-4, 2018. Even if you haven't competed in

awhile, it's a great opportunity to get some official scores on your bulls, especially when breeding stock buyers come calling! If you are thinking of taking antler sets to the competition next year, make sure to take pictures of them with their visible ear tag while the antler is still on their head. Entries are not accepted without a picture.

The Top 3 winners in each category of the 2017 competition are listed below. For a complete set of results, contact the NAEBA office at 320-543-3665 or info@naelk.org.

Category	Bull's Name	CWI/SCI	Bull's Sire / Dam's Sire	Owner
Velvet 2 Year Old				
1st	EMF 554C	85.36 CWI	50 Cal / Amber Yoda	Eric & Kim Mohlman
2nd	EMF 579C	83.98 CWI	Levi / Styx	Eric & Kim Mohlman
3rd	EMF 505C	83.39 CWI	EUN Tequila / Twister	Eric & Kim Mohlman
Breeders Three Two Year Old				
1st	EMF 502C	85.88 CWI	Styx / Python P3	Eric & Kim Mohlman
	EMF 509C	76.05 CWI	Styx / EUN Tequila	Eric & Kim Mohlman
AVERAGE CWI 77.28	EMF 514C	69.90 CWI	Styx / SHR King 26	Eric & Kim Mohlman
2nd	EMF 553C	68.62 CWI	50 Cal / Styx	Eric & Kim Mohlman
	EMF 558C	66.27 CWI	50 Cal / EMF Zeus	Eric & Kim Mohlman
AVERAGE CWI 69.47	EMF 547C	73.53 CWI	50 Cal / EUN Tequila	Eric & Kim Mohlman
3rd	EMF 506C	68.18 CWI	Styx / SHR King 26	Eric & Kim Mohlman
	EMF 507C	68.01 CWI	Styx / EUN Tequila	Eric & Kim Mohlman
AVERAGE CWI 67.64	EMF 523C	66.73 CWI	Styx / KEF Cracker Jack	Eric & Kim Mohlman
Velvet 3 Year Old				
1st	EMF 414B	99.25 CWI	Styx / EUN Tequila	Eric & Kim Mohlman
2nd	SPR 440B	90.53 CWI	The Bounty King / SPR 641S	Lance & Brenda Hartkopf
3rd	SPR 408B	86.90 CWI	SPR 166Y / SPR 641S	Lance & Brenda Hartkopf
Breeders Three Three Year Old				
1st	EMF 408B	79.92 CWI	Zeus / Styx	Eric & Kim Mohlman
	EMF 453B	90.17 CWI	Zeus / Styx	Eric & Kim Mohlman
AVERAGE CWI 85.55	EMF 462B	86.55 CWI	Zeus / Styx	Eric & Kim Mohlman
2nd	EMF 448B	85.41 CWI	Zeus / EMF Typhoon	Eric & Kim Mohlman
	EMF 456B	82.21 CWI	Zeus / Styx	Eric & Kim Mohlman
AVERAGE CWI 85.24	EMF 465B	88.10 CWI	Zeus / Styx	Eric & Kim Mohlman
Velvet 4 Year Old				
1st	EMF Fury	106.76 CWI	EUN Tequila / Yodaman 142S	David Flory / Eric & Kim Mohlman
Velvet 5 Year Old				
1st	EMF Patriot	137.49 CWI	Styx / Undenyabull	David Flory / Eric & Kim Mohlman
Hard Antler Non-Typical Spiker				
1st	MEC Sparticus	258 2/8 SCI	Rolo 797	Perry Olson
2nd	MEC Spyder	221 1/8 SCI	MEC 1284 / Python P3	Perry Olson
3rd	EMF 568C	166 6/8 SCI	Styx / EUN Tequila	Eric & Kim Mohlman

Two Year Old Typical				
1 st	Garmadon	328 1/8 SCI	X-Ray / Levi ASEU 501	Barry & Steve Chernuka
2 nd	Frisia Governor	310 2/8 SCI		John & Patricia Kooistra
3 rd	Frisia Gregory	307 7/8 SCI		John & Patricia Kooistra
Two Year Old Non-Typical				
1 st	Surefire AWCW 2B	416 2/8 SCI		Rick & Diane Stelter
2 nd	Havoc	413 6/8 SCI	Styx / EUN Tequila	Eric & Kim Mohlman
3 rd	Frisia Dan	410 SCI	Styx / Legend	John & Patricia Kooistra
Three Year Old Typical				
1 st	Frisia Dwayne	412 SCI	Frisia Dynasty / SHR King 26	John & Patricia Kooistra
2 nd	LLE Tealk	384 5/8 SCI	Frisia Dynasty / LLE Cleaner	Mark & Lisa Luedtke
3 rd	ASEU 1305	377 2/8 SCI	Levi	Ben & Connie Seutter
Three Year Old Non-Typical				
1 st	EMF Hysteria	544 7/8 SCI	EUN Tequila / Python P3	Eric & Kim Mohlman
2 nd	EMF Fury	522 SCI	EUN Tequila / Yoda Man 142S	David Flory / Eric & Kim Mohlman
3 rd	Caliber	503 6/8 SCI		Barry & Steve Chernuka
Three Year Old Non-Typical Breeders Three Hard Antler				
1 st	134A	410 5/8 SCI	KEF Mighty Fine / KEF CrackerJack	Chuck & Marsha Canady
	137A	382 1/8 SCI	KEF Mighty Fine / KEF CrackerJack	Chuck & Marsha Canady
AVERAGE SCI 374 6/8	Nuckie	331 4/8 SCI	KEF Mighty Fine	Chuck & Marsha Canady
Four Year Old Typical				
1 st	ASEU 1225	423 1/8 SCI		Ben & Connie Seutter
2 nd	Frisia Spencer	410 7/8 SCI	SHR King 26 / Amber Elk Rascal	John & Patricia Kooistra
3 rd	Frisia Hector	410 5/8 SCI		John & Patricia Kooistra
Four Year Old Non-Typical				
1 st	EMF Stryker	561 5/8 SCI	Styx / Cassius	Eric & Kim Mohlman
2 nd	Frisia Super Boy	506 6/8 SCI	Frisia Dynasty / Amber Yoda	John & Patricia Kooistra
3 rd	AWCW 104Z	503 3/8 SCI		Rick & Diane Stelter
Four Year Old Non-Typical Breeders Three Hard Antler				
1 st	Buckey	480 4/8 SCI	KEF Mighty Fine / Orr Lake Samurai	Chuck & Marsha Canady
	Houdini	405 4/8 SCI	KEF Mighty Fine / SHR Impressive	Chuck & Marsha Canady
AVERAGE SCI 427 3/8	Scraper	396 2/8 SCI	KEF Mighty Fine / KEF CrackerJack	Chuck & Marsha Canady
Five Year Old Typical				
1 st	Klyde	430 2/8 SCI	Frisia Dynasty	MR Bugle LLC
2 nd	1126	413 SCI		Willow Creek Elk
3 rd	MEC 128Y	399 6/8 SCI	GEF 317 / GEF Scorch	Minnesota Elk Company
Five Year Old Non-Typical				
1 st	Avenger	595 1/8 SCI	Levi	Ben & Connie Seutter
2 nd	ASEU 1146	483 SCI	Chief ASEU 837	Ben & Connie Seutter
3 rd	EMF Midas	463 2/8 SCI	Styx / Amber Yoda	Eric & Kim Mohlman
Six Year Old Typical				
1 st	Eclipse	477 6/8 SCI		Pat & Tanis Downey
Six Year Old Non-Typical				
1 st	Ransom Raider	510 4/8 SCI	King's Ransom / CBF Geronimo	Bill Mayes
2 nd	Chernobull	499 4/8 SCI	EUN Tequila / SHR King 26	Eric & Kim Mohlman
3 rd	LLE Zoomer	486 7/8 SCI	JKP Apache 061X / Bull Run Winger	Mark & Lisa Luedtke
Mature Non-Typical				
1 st	Levi	539 2/8 SCI	Cobra	Ben & Connie Seutter
2 nd	Splendor's Blend	526 3/8 SCI	SPR Casey	Lance & Brenda Hartkopf
3 rd	FJJ 83W	499 7/8 SCI		Jay Pronschinske



The Minnesota Elk Breeders Association is one of many organizations and individuals who contribute to the national Public Relations Campaign organized by the American Cervid Alliance. The ACA has had articles published in regional Minnesota newspapers over the past year. This highly successful campaign is into its fourth year!

Oh Deer - Here's What You Need to Know About Chronic Wasting Disease

By Don Davis

With the return of football and the passage of Labor Day, many hunters are sharpening up their skills in anticipation of a trip to the woods for deer season. However, if the past few years are any indication, the news will likely carry plenty of scary stories about Chronic Wasting Disease, a deer ailment that has been detected in 24 states.

As a wildlife disease specialist with more than 40 years of experience, fall hunting season is a good opportunity to clear up some common misconceptions and unfounded rumors about CWD that I see nearly every day in the news and on the Internet.

Much of the concern about CWD is rooted in fear. One fear is how it might affect deer and hunting opportunities. From a scientific point of view, the evidence so far is that the effect is biologically insignificant. CWD has a long incubation period. It could be years before it has an effect on a deer. Deer will often die of something else first, such as predation, starvation, or hunting. Researchers at the University of Wisconsin found "no evidence that CWD was substantially increasing mortality rates" when they studied the issue.

Another fear is that people will become scared of hunting. For several reasons, this fear is overblown. First, CWD does not affect people. It affects deer, elk, and moose, but there are no documented cases in people. This isn't unusual; there are lots of things that affect cats, dogs, horses, and wildlife that don't affect us, and vice versa.

The World Health Organization notes that humans have lived alongside sheep for years, and yet

scrapie--CWD for sheep--has never crossed the species barrier to infect humans. The same is true of similar prion diseases in mink and cats.

A study released this summer cast doubt on this, as researchers were able to infect a handful of monkeys with CWD. While the research, which has not been peer-reviewed, made for scary headlines, a look at the methodology shows a number of flaws, such as the fact that some of the transmission methods used to infect do not occur in nature. Unless something more substantive emerges, let's stick with the WHO's observation.

Second, CWD has been around for decades. It was first detected in the wild 30 years ago in Colorado. Not only is the deer population still strong in the Centennial State, but so is the hunting culture.

Now we get to the \$64,000 question: Can anything be done about the disease? Some states like Missouri and Minnesota have seen calls for state authorities to put draconian restrictions on deer farming or private hunting ranches in light of CWD being detected on a handful of these facilities.

However, this isn't logical. Farms are closely regulated by state and federal authorities to monitor for CWD. If CWD is detected on a private deer farm or hunting preserve, it's possibly a "canary in the coal mine" situation where the disease spread to the local, free-roaming wildlife and then onto the farm or vice versa. CWD is already in the wild and is being spread by free-ranging deer that don't have many limitations on where they can go. Even if you banned all private deer farms tomorrow, CWD would continue spreading.

Researchers are investigating some partial solutions. Some are working on a vaccine. Others are working on an accurate live-animal test (right now, the only official USDA CWD test is post-mortem). If these efforts are successful, they may help in controlled areas, such as hunting ranches or research facilities. But it's unrealistic to expect states to try to vaccinate millions of deer in the wild.

Where does that leave us? CWD is in nearly half of states and likely has spread to more, undetected. Like any other wildlife diseases in animals we hunt for food, it's something that will exist. But there's no evidence that humans are susceptible to CWD. In other words, we'd be better off worrying about deer-car collisions.

Don Davis is a retired associate professor at the Texas A&M University College of Veterinary Medicine.

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Board Blog by Greg Lubinski, MnEBA Director



Hello everyone. First of all I would like to thank all of the members that took the time to help at the State Fair. The weather was perfect and everyone did a great job!

The elk meat products and dog chews sold very well. We see that people are looking for suppliers that sell meat, dog chews and velvet pills more than ever.

Paul Hueg did a great job setting up the booth as always! New codes required us to rewire the lights in the booth at the last minute, but we still had a good time setting it up. Attendance records were broken daily this year with a count of just shy of 2 million people in attendance – WOW!

State Senator Mike Goggin District 21 visited Lubinski Elk Acres recently. He is pro-farming 100%. Kraig Wurst, Roxy and I discussed with the Senator some of the concerns about our elk industry. I encourage all members to meet and talk with their state senators and representatives. We can show them how our elk operations work and they can get to know us as individuals and our organization.

Breeding season is upon us! The bulls are bugling and herding their cows. It gets kind of noisy this time of year on the farm.... what a sweet sound. I'm hoping that all is well with you and your families. Have a safe and successful harvesting season.



Kraig Wurst, Senator Goggin and Greg recently touring Lubinski Elk Acres.

MnEBA Kitchen

This hearty soup is easy to start in the morning and finish in the evening after a hard day's work!!

Crock Pot Elk Cheeseburger Soup

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| 4 small potatoes, peeled and diced | 1 lb. elk burger |
| 1 small onion, chopped | 3 Tbsp. butter |
| 1 cup shredded carrots | ¼ cup flour |
| ½ cup celery, diced | ½ tsp. salt |
| 1 tsp. dried parsley | ¼ tsp. pepper |
| 1 tsp. dried basil | 2 cups milk |
| 3 cups chicken broth | 1 (16 oz.) pkg. Velveeta cubed or 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese |



Place potatoes, onions, carrots, celery, dried parsley and basil in a large crock pot. Pour chicken broth over vegetables. Cover with lid. Cook on low heat 6 to 8 hours OR high heat 4 to 5 hours or until potatoes are tender.

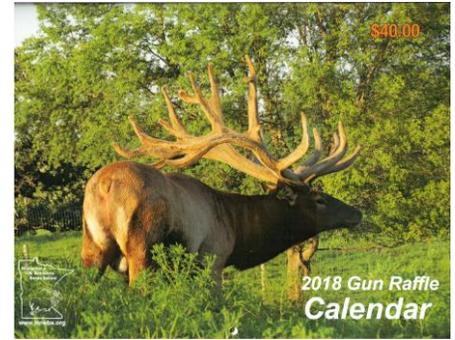
About 45 minutes before serving, cook and crumble ground elk in a large skillet over medium heat. Pour cooked elk meat into crock pot. Add butter to pan. When butter is melted, whisk in flour and cook about 1 minute. Whisk in the milk, salt and pepper. Pour mixture into the crock pot and stir to combine everything.

Add the cheese to the crock pot and stir again. Cover with lid and cook another 30 minutes or until cheese is melted. Serve and enjoy!

2018 MnEBA Gun Raffle Calendar

Great incentives to sell and chances to win!

Have you had people ask about the 2018 MnEBA Gun Raffle Calendar yet? The office has received more calls than ever before from people looking to purchase MnEBA gun raffle calendars. There are 510 calendars in the hands of members to sell so far – with 240 still available for anyone who can sell more! As fall farming tasks give way to winter and the new year is just around the corner, it's the perfect time to order your calendars and begin sales! The goal is to sell out for the 3rd year in a row!



Once again this year, members are eligible for great incentives when selling the new 2018 MnEBA Gun Raffle Calendar! A free MnEBA membership for selling 30 or more calendars and returning stubs and money before December 31st is being offered once again this year. Also back by popular demand, for every 10 calendars sold with stubs and money being returned before December 31st, your name goes into a drawing to win a Henry Golden Boy .22 LR. The more calendars you sell, the more chances to win!

Thanks again to all MnEBA members who stepped up to sponsor a month in the 2018 MnEBA Gun Raffle Calendar. This year's sponsors include: Jim & Eileen Byrne, Jerry & Linda Campbell, Dennis & Jacky Engebretson, Lance & Brenda Hartkopf, Greg & Roxy Lubinski, Mark & Lisa Luedtke, Perry & Sandy Olson, Wade Schimmelpfennig & Heike Lewandowski, Brian Wagner, Leo Windschitl, Kraig & Jenny Wurst and Klint & Lora Wylie.

Calendars are available by contacting a board member, or the MnEBA Office at 320-543-2686 or info@mneba.org.

In Memory

This past August, MnEBA lost a long-time member, past president and one of the most enthusiastic elk producers you will ever meet. Fred always left you smiling with a funny observation or comment at the end of every conversation. We will miss his quick wit and excitement for the industry.



Fred Neubert, age 75, of Sauk Centre, passed away from heart failure on Saturday, August 12, 2017 surrounded by his loving family at the St. Cloud Hospital in St. Cloud, Minnesota.

A funeral service was held at 11 a.m. Thursday, August 17 at Faith Baptist Church in Sauk Centre with Pastor Joe DiVietro officiating. Military honors were held by Sauk Centre United Veterans Honor Guard at the church following the service. Interment followed in Greenwood Cemetery.

Fred Neubert was born July 16, 1942 in Faribault, Minnesota to Frederick and Wanda (Mohler) Neubert. He graduated from Faribault High School and then went to Minnesota State University in Mankato to earn his Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Technology. Fred served in the U.S. Army Reserve during the Vietnam War. He went on to teaching in

Anchorage, Alaska and then Owatonna, Minnesota, where he also farmed for years. Fred and his wife, Eleanor purchased the Dairy Queen in Sauk Centre in 1975. After selling the business he had an elk farm.

Fred was a member of Faith Baptist Church in Sauk Centre. He was known as faithful to his Savior Jesus Christ and passionate about sharing the gospel. He was a great friend, fisherman, farmer, and fun family man.

Survivors include his wife, Eleanor (Schlobohm) of Sauk Centre; three sons, Timothy (Krista) Neubert, Aaron (Jessica) Neubert, and Matthew (Tiffany) Neubert; two daughters, Nancy (Jim) Luteran and Tanya (Scott) Imdieke; 25 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Fred was preceded in death by his parents; and son-in-law, Philip Cruz.

Vet Corner by Dr. Glen Zebarth

Updated protocols for CWD testing – VERY IMPORTANT UPDATE!

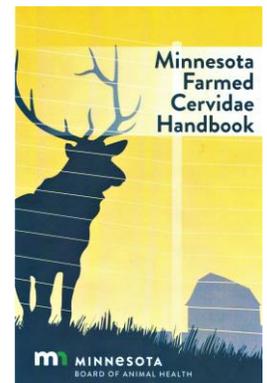
There are some new procedures for farmed cervid producers submitting samples to the University of Minnesota Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory for chronic wasting disease testing:

1. If you complete and submit the updated submission form, you don't need to submit another form to report the death of the animal. The updated CWD submission form provides us with those details and we receive it when the CWD test results are completed. (*Find form at <https://www.bah.state.mn.us/media/CWD-sample-submission-form.pdf>*)
2. You need to send in all identification tags for the animal along with tissue attached to the tags from the ear. The tags should be bagged separately from the formalin fixed tissue and kept chilled or frozen when submitting samples to the lab.
3. All farmed cervid herds with a Level 6 Certified status must now submit both obex and lymph node samples for testing. It is a good idea to always submit both samples as they increase successful testing.
4. Test results of "Location, Unsuitable or Unacceptable" are not successful CWD test results and do not count toward your herd surveillance. Please check with your area animal health contact to review sample collection procedures to improve your rate of collecting samples that will give you successful test results.
5. Please call the Board at 651-296-2942 if you have any questions about this information.

NEW! Minnesota Farmed Cervidae Handbook

The Board recently published a new Farmed Cervidae Handbook to help producers and the public understand the rules and regulations of the program. It comes in a clean and simple layout with a glossary and plain language throughout. Producers and veterinary professionals are encouraged to request copies of the brochure or download and share it via the Minnesota Board of Animal Health web site at www.bah.state.mn.us.

Please call or email the Board if you have questions about the farmed cervidae regulations in Minnesota. The program email is farmed.cervidae@state.mn.us and the main phone line is 651-296-2942.



Message from Dr. Glaser Regarding Records Requests

Reminder to elk producers exporting animals to other states that require an approved permit with herd records.

Some states that import elk from Minnesota require the Board to verify five years of herd records (ie. movement documents, CWD testing, and additions to the herd) when a Minnesota producer applies for a permit to export elk to that state. Board staff are happy to verify that information and will review our herd database records with what is submitted by the producer in the application. But the Board cannot provide herd records to another state for this purpose as that data is non-public or confidential; those records must come from the producer. Be aware if you add animals to your herd from another herd, the importing state will also want records from that source herd before approving a permit to import any elk from your herd. Be sure to get copies of CWD testing and movement records from a herd when you purchase or acquire animals for your herd.

Aug. 24-Labor Day, Sept. 4, 2017

MINNESOTA STATE FAIR

A new attendance record was set for the 2nd year in a row at the Minnesota State Fair! Great weather almost every day of the fair must have made fairgoers want to eat more and spend more money as MnEBA sold out of just about everything we had to offer – selling 30% worth of more product over 2016!

Paul Hueg and Greg Lubinski put in several days worth of time to put up the booth and have it ready for the first day of the fair. Greg spent a lot of time putting together the schedule, once again calling nearly every MnEBA member to fill up the schedule. One person who worked the fair who hadn't been there for several years was heard to say more than once, that he was happy Greg called him and that he took the time to work the booth. He forgot how fun it was talking to people who are excited about what we do!

Greg helped work many days of the fair, going as far as to take out a hotel room for several nights so he could be there at opening and closing almost every day. Greg also donated 325 lbs. of elk trim to use in the elk sausage and sticks for State Fair sales. Thank you Greg and Roxy for your very generous donation!!!

Special thanks to everyone who helped man the booth this year. This list includes Ray Smothers, Aase family, Perry Olson, Lance & Brenda Hartkopf, Greg & Roxy Lubinski, Bryce & Megan Lubinski, Wade Schimmelpfennig & Heike Lewandowski, Jim Byrne, Ken & Carol Mudek, Mark & Lisa Luedtke, Don Kaplan, Lynn & Kathy Steinbrink, James Kallemeyn, Dave & Dawn Claussen, Ron & Lynnette Schmitz, Charles & Kim Francis, Kraig & Jenny Wurst, Paul & Lynn Hueg, Pat & Rita Prodzinski, Norman Schimmelpfennig, Mark & Michelle Lucas, Martin Zacharias and Darrell & Sheila Turek. A big thank you also to Paul Hueg for picking up the trailer and for taking the booth down and returning it to Howard Lake.



Busy Sunday at the MnEBA State Fair Booth!

Mark your calendars for August 23 – September 3, 2018 for the next Great Minnesota Get-Together! Maybe next year is the year they will break 2 million attendees! There's no better place than the Minnesota State Fair to reach our target audience of potential elk farmers and elk product consumers, all in one place. Make plans to be a part of this great outreach effort next year and enjoy a day at the Fair!

State Fair Elk Meat for Sale

We have 2 boxes of 30 ct. elk jerky, 77 elk snack sticks and 2 packages of 6 oz. Southwest Chili bites left over from the fair.

If you have an interest in purchasing these delicious elk meat snacks, please contact the office. Thanks!

Spring Coulee Velvet Capsules



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Calendar of Events

January 12-13, 2018 – MnEBA Annual Conference, Doubletree by Hilton Mpls. North, Brooklyn Center, MN

March 9-10, 2018 – NAEBA March Mingle/KCBA and MEFA Annual Conference, Overland Park, KS (Kansas City area)

August 2-4, 2018 – NAEBA Annual Convention & International Antler Competition, Holiday Inn, Fargo, ND

Classified Ads

For Sale: (4) elk cows, granddaughters of King bred to son of Ron Hendrickson bull which scored 589". Contact Ray Smothers at 507-340-7119.

Elk Hide Tanning: Elk hide tanning, \$225 hair off or \$15 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.

Wanted: Any and all elk meat animals, trophy bulls, breeding stock or whole herds. Brian Wagner, 612-366-5078

Wanted: Grande Natural pays competitive prices for Elk Hard Antler drops or cutoffs, spikes, buttons, etc. AND we will pay UPS shipping if you cut them down and pack 'em up. Call Rich at 719-580-0661, or email Rich@ElkUSA.com.

Wanted: Grande Natural buys Elk or Whitetail meat animals delivered to Crescent Meats, Cadott, WI or Eickman's, Steward, IL. We will meet or beat the competition on the rail price. Looking for fleshy critters generally 3 years and older on cows, 2 years and older on bulls. Call 719-657-0942 or email Rich@ElkUSA.com.

Advertise Here Free: If you are a MnEBA member, you can advertise here free of charge. If you are not a member but are interested in advertising, the cost is \$25 up to 25 words and \$.45 per word over 25 words. For more information, contact Brenda Hartkopf at (320) 543-2686.

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