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President's Message by Mark Lucas



Good Day All,

What a beautiful span of weather we're having--- finally. If the longer term predictions are correct, we should have Indian Summer through the first week of October at least. This spell of warm weather was badly needed by our slow maturing crops this year. I may even get another cutting of hay yet.

First order of business is to thank Jim and Eileen Byrne for once again hosting the MnEBA summer picnic at their Pine Island farm. We had a wonderful day of food, friends and conversation. There was a definite spark in the attitudes of fellow elk producers as we sat around and discussed animal and velvet prices. The optimism around the elk industry was evident. If you missed it, be sure to attend next summer's picnic, it is always enjoyable.

The state fair booth was a big success this year! The list of those to thank for this is long. Part of the success is each year we have had some upgrades to the elk booth to make it more eye appealing and interesting to the public. Much of that is thanks to our State Fair Committee Chairs, Morrie and Daphne Evenson, Paul Hueg and Greg Lubinski. They arrange the booth and make sure it is set up and supplied. Then there is finding members to fill each shift for the 12 days of the fair. It seems there are always one or two shifts that they have difficulty filling requiring Daphne to spend hours pounding the phone to find workers. Their dedication to the project is greatly appreciated. The Evensons' are passing the State Fair torch so to speak to two families that have also been heavily involved with working the booth, the Lubinski and Hueg families. I understand that Greg and Paul's love of corn dogs was the driving motivation behind the decision to take on the new State Fair positions. Regardless, we are glad to have them as the new chairs.

You should all have your 2015 MnEBA Gun Raffle calendars in hand by now. If you need additional calendars or don't have any yet, please give Brenda a call at the office. We rely heavily on the sale of these to fund our association for the year. If we all do our part we can sell out this year. What's the old saying Grammy used to say, "Many hands make light work." Remember, they make great gifts for those you want to give a little thank you to around the holidays like the feed truck driver, Schwan's man and the brother-in-law who helps with velveting.

We are lucky to have the NAEBA meeting here in Minnesota this winter in conjunction with our MnEBA Winter Meeting. See the details inside and plan to attend. Let's show the rest of the nation why Minnesota is #1 when it comes to elk production.

Have a safe harvest season,
Mark Lucas, MnEBA President

MnEBA News is a bimonthly publication of the Minnesota Elk Breeders Association. It is mailed out on the first day of February, April, June, August, October, and December. Deadline for information, articles, and advertisements is the 15th of the preceding month.

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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 & MNDFA to Create Educational Calendar Sponsors Are Needed!

MnEBA is always looking for new ways to be proactive and make a difference in the industry. This is why when MnEBA heard about the Kansas Cervid Breeders Association creating an educational calendar to hand out to state legislators to help teach them more about the farmed cervid industry, MnEBA was very interested!

MnEBA then approached the Minnesota Deer Farmers Association to see if they were interested in teaming up on the project and they also thought it was a great idea!

Every member of the House of Representatives as well as the Governor are up for re-election this year. Our goal is to have this educational calendar ready when the session begins in mid-January and take a day to hand out the calendars and meet and greet legislators.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

Each organization is looking for 6 sponsors. Each calendar month will feature a different farm plus a cervid fact such as, "Minnesota leads the nation in number of elk raised behind fence." Each sponsor will provide a picture of an elk or deer for the calendar and will have their name, farm name, address, phone number, email and web site listed as well.

Sponsorships are being offered for \$100 each. MnEBA is needing six sponsors to help complete this project.

If you would be willing to sponsor a month to help fund this educational endeavor, please contact the MnEBA Office ASAP. Deadline for sponsorship is October 31st or whenever the last sponsorship is filled.



LIKE MnEBA on Facebook!

Do you have a Facebook account? MnEBA will be starting up its own Facebook page shortly and needs your help!

When you see MnEBA's Facebook page come up, please take the time to LIKE the page and SHARE items of interest with your friends and family.

Your pictures are needed as well! Pictures are the single-most popular item to draw readers to a post. If you have pictures you'd be willing to share to help MnEBA keep up with fresh new content, please send them to the MnEBA office. If you have some now to share, great! Future pictures as you take them will be welcome too!

Help is also needed to add new posts to the site. If you're interested, please contact the MnEBA Office.

Board Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting Minutes – August 13, 2014

The MnEBA Board of Directors held a phone conference on August 13, 2014. Mark Lucas, Jim Byrne, Brian Wagner, Wade Schimmelpfennig, Richard Zajac and Brenda Hartkopf were present. Lucas began the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Board discussed preparations for the upcoming MN State Fair and set the prices for this year's products to be sold in the booth. Also discussed how to get the word out about the new MnEBA web site. Decision was made to have business cards made up to hand out, driving people to the MnEBA web site. Hartkopf to have cards made.

Discussed plans for the upcoming MnEBA Charitable Elk Hunt. Wagner announced that a bull had been secured. Dennis Engebretson and Brian Wagner will split the cost to donate the bull. Between Tony and Dennis, they will get the bull to the hunt facility in Baudette. Hunt applications are due by September 1st and the hunt is expected to take place the end of September.

Continued discussion from last meeting about potentially creating an educational calendar to hand out to legislators at the State Capital for the 2015 legislative session. The entire House is up for re-election making this a good year to work on proactive education of the cervid industry at the State Capital. Hartkopf suggested teaming up with the Minnesota Deer Farmers Association (MNDFA) on this project. Board was supportive of the project and asked Hartkopf to pursue the idea with MNDFA.

Discussed working with Minnesota Grown/Minnesota Department of Agriculture to develop a press release promoting the new MnEBA web site, the rise in velvet prices and the shortage of elk products in every market along with the need for more animals to be raised. Board was supportive of moving forward with creation of a press release with this content.

Discussed proceeding with plans for the MnEBA membership drive. Now that the web site is complete, will finish up with the new MnEBA Facebook page and Constant Contact and send a membership drive letter out to potential new members.

Discussed seminar and fundraising ideas for the upcoming 2015 annual conference and NAEBA's January Jamboree which will be held the day before. Board made several recommendations for speakers and fundraising items to purchase.

Board made the final decision to drop the MnEBA booth at the MN Deer Classic and try the St. Paul Birds, Bucks, Bait and Boat Expo at Warner Coliseum on the MN State Fairgrounds the weekend of February 27-March 1, 2015. Hartkopf to submit registration for the event.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Hartkopf, Executive Secretary

MnEBA Receives Association of the Year Award at the recent NAEBA Convention!

Congratulations to MnEBA on being awarded the Association of the Year at the recent NAEBA Convention! There to accept the award were the following MnEBA members.

Pictured in the front from L to R: Jim Byrne, Eileen Byrne, Daphne Evenson, Rita Prodzinski and Brenda Hartkopf. Back row: Pat Prodzinski, Brian Wagner, Morrie Evenson, Perry Olson, Wade Schimmelpfennig, Kraig Wurst, Mark Luedtke, Lance Hartkopf and Scott Salonek.



NAEBA 2014 International Antler Competition



The 2014 International Antler Competition once again saw great jumps in entries! Velvet antler sets were up to 38 sets in 2014 versus only 22 sets in 2013. In the hard antler category, there were 52 sets entered from 17 different producers, up from 43 sets in 2013. Several categories had 7-9 entries making those categories very competitive! The Top 3 winners in each category are listed below. For a complete set of results, contact the NAEBA office at 320-543-3665 or info@naelk.org.

The 2015 NAEBA Convention & International Antler Competition will be held in one of the country's top vacation destinations, the Wisconsin Dells at Ho-Chunk Casino. Please note, a photo with visible ID is now required to accompany all antler entries. If you have a hard antler bull you are considering bringing to next year's competition, make sure to take pictures of the bull before he casts or you cut him! For velvet entries, make sure to take pictures next summer!

Top Three Winners in Each Category

Category	Bull's Name	CWI/SCI	Bull's Sire / Dam's Sire	Owner
Velvet 2 Year Old				
1 st	EMF Patriot	92.05 CWI	Styx / A36627	Eric & Kim Mohlman
2 nd	147 White	80.78 CWI	Styx / Sultan	Rodney & Everett Miller
3 rd	EMF 204Z	79.75 CWI	Styx / A38470	Eric & Kim Mohlman
Breeders Three Two Year Old				
1 st	EMF 226Z	85.08 CWI	EMF Zeus / EMF 944W	Eric & Kim Mohlman
	EMF 225Z	78.54 CWI	EMF Zeus / EMF013X	
	EMF 224Z	82.38 CWI	EMF Zeus / EMF 937W	
AVERAGE		82.00 CWI		
2 nd	EMF 211Z	83.37 CWI	Styx / 957W	Eric & Kim Mohlman
	EMF 207Z	71.36 CWI	Styx / 711T	
	EMF 206Z	81.01 CWI	Styx / 702T	
AVERAGE		78.58 CWI		
Velvet 3 Year Old				
1 st	ASEU 1184	104.26 CWI	Laramie / Python	Ben & Connie Seutter
2 nd	LLE Thor	101.90 CWI	LLE Cleaner / GEF Braetak	Mark & Lisa Luedtke
3 rd	Mojito	96.01 CWI	Tequila / A30773	Eric & Kim Mohlman
Breeders Three Three Year Old				
1 st	LLE 116	90.16 CWI	LLE 719 / Amber Yoda	Mark & Lisa Luedtke
	LLE 129	92.51 CWI	LLE 719 / LLE Cleaner	
	LLE 127	76.25 CWI	LLE 719 / SHR King 26	
AVERAGE		86.31 CWI		
2 nd	PVER Blue 158	77.68 CWI	Big Easy	Andy & Julie Azcarraga
	PVER Blue 160	80.70 CWI	Big Easy	
	PVER Blue 167	72.40 CWI	Big Easy	
AVERAGE		76.93 CWI		
Velvet 4 Year Old				
1 st	Gabby's Cowboy	125.41 CWI	Duramax / King	Greg & Floy Kenyon
2 nd	Patriot	117.69 CWI	Starvin Marvin / Scorpion	Ben & Connie Seutter
3 rd	EMF 006X	106.42 CWI	Twister / A36626	Eric & Kim Mohlman
Velvet 6 Year Old				
1 st	Cesaer	151.74 CWI	Python / Maverick	Ben & Connie Seutter
2 nd	MEC 822	117.72 CWI	Scorch / Gunnar	Perry & Sandy Olson
Velvet Mature				
1 st	Billabong	176.54 CWI	Python / Scorpion	Russell & Joanne Gwozdz
2 nd	NY Tom 16S	137.33 CWI	WWA Enforcer / WWA Jethro II	Tom & Gloria Peryea

Remember to be taking **pictures** of your competition bulls!!!

Hard Antler Spiker				
1 st	Chaos	287 6/8 SCI	Styx / A37745	Eric & Kim Mohlman
2 nd	EMF 202Z	209 4/8 SCI	Styx / A38475	Eric & Kim Mohlman
3 rd	Frisia Super Boy	182 7/8 SCI	Frisia Dynasty / Amber Yoda	John Kooistra
Two Year Old Typical				
1 st	LLE 107	306 2/8 SCI	PVER Max Fargo / SHR King 26	Mark & Lisa Luedtke
Two Year Old Non-Typical				
1 st	LLE Thor	386 7/8 SCI	LLE Cleaner / GEF Braetak	Mark & Lisa Luedtke
2 nd	Frisia June	362 SCI	Frisia Integrity / A.E. Superior	John Kooistra
3 rd	CFI Rio Grande	302 SCI	King Kong / RBJ Homer	Ken, Cindy & Travis Lowe
Two Year Old Hard Antler Breeders Three				
1 st	LLE 116	303 3/8 SCI	LLE 719 / Amber Yoda	Mark & Lisa Luedtke
	LLE 129	291 4/8 SCI	LLE 719 / LLE Cleaner	
	LLE 131	341 2/8 SCI	LLE 719 / Winkle	
AVERAGE		312 SCI		
2 nd	Frisia Model 120Y	299 1/8 SCI	Frisia Integrity / Platinum	John Kooistra
	Frisia Doctor	279 7/8 SCI	Frisia Integrity / Proud Diamond	
	Frisia Marvin	277 6/8 SCI	Frisia Integrity / Amber Elk Rascal	
AVERAGE		285 5/8 SCI		
Three Year Old Typical				
1 st	Frisia Leo	379 5/8 SCI	Legend / SHR King 26	John Kooistra
2 nd	LLE Zoomer	360 2/8 SCI	JKP Apache 061K / Winger	Mark & Lisa Luedtke
Three Year Old Non-Typical				
1 st	Frisia Julius II	394 5/8 SCI	A.E. Superior / Awesome	John Kooistra
2 nd	LLE 14	372 7/8 SCI	LLE 716 / GEF Braetak	Mark & Lisa Luedtke
Four Year Old Typical				
1 st	PVER Y1913	411 1/8 SCI	PVER Max Fargo 1J	Andy & Julie Azcarraga
2 nd	Abe	398 2/8 SCI	Levi / Scorpion	Ben & Connie Seutter
3 rd	PVER 047W	397 7/9 SCI		Andy & Julie Azcarraga
Four Year Old Non-Typical				
1 st	Lincoln	427 6/8 SCI	Levi / AWIN20K	Ben & Connie Seutter
2 nd	PVER Y1915	423 2/8 SCI	PVER Max Fargo 1J	Andy & Julie Azcarraga
3 rd	PVER RD944	409 1/8 SCI	JKP Apache 061K	Andy & Julie Azcarraga
Five Year Old Typical				
1 st	812U	448 5/8 SCI	JKP Apache 061K / XXL Phantom	Wade Schimmelpfennig
2 nd	Frisia Big Boy	440 5/8 SCI	A.E. Superior / Amber Elk Rascal	John Kooistra
Five Year Old Non-Typical				
1 st	Cardinal	505 7/8 SCI	Python / King	Ben & Connie Seutter
2 nd	Splendor's Blend	503 2/8 SCI	SPR Casey / SPR 252N	Lance & Brenda Hartkopf
3 rd	Marshall 15U	493 1/8 SCI	Udenya-Bull	Barry & Christine Harrison
Six Year Old Non-Typical				
1 st	Billabong	497 3/8 SCI	Python / Scorpion	Russell & Joanne Gwozdz
2 nd	EUN 727T	467 6/8 SCI		Andy & Julie Azcarraga
3 rd	Sir Splendor	459 2/8 SCI		Andy & Julie Azcarraga
Mature Typical				
1 st	Silver Creek Bud	482 7/8 SCI	Smokey / Black Jack	Gary & Cindy Schnitzler
2 nd	Hombre 325S	434 SCI	Drifter / Clearstone Bounty	Joel & Cheri Espe
Mature Non-Typical				
1 st	PVER Big Easy	551 6/8 SCI	Stalwart	Andy & Julie Azcarraga
2 nd	Levi	528 3/8 SCI	Cobra / Quick Silver	Ben & Connie Seutter
3 rd	PVER GR625	460 7/8 SCI	JKP Apache 061K	Andy & Julie Azcarraga

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The 2015 NAEBA Convention & International Antler Competition will take place on July 30-August 1 at Ho-Chunk Casino in the Wisconsin Dells!

Come Join Us for a Weekend Getaway of Learning, Networking & Fun!

2015 NAEBA January Jamboree &

2015 MnEBA Annual Conference

Sheraton Minneapolis West, Minnetonka, MN ~ January 9-10, 2015

Tentative Schedule of Events

Friday January 9 – January Jamboree

9:00-10:00 am	NAEBA Board Meeting
10:00 am- Noon	Elk Research Council Board of Trustees Meeting
Noon -1:00 pm	Registration
1:00- 2:00 pm	SEMINAR - Promoting North American Elk Velvet in China and Around the World <i>by Ian Thorleifson</i>
2:00- 2:30 pm	SEMINAR - American Cervid Alliance Update <i>by Charly Seale, Eric Mohlman, Travis Lowe</i>
2:30- 3:00 pm	SEMINAR - Canadian Cervid Alliance Update <i>by Ian Thorleifson</i>
3:00-4:00 pm	Break & Roundtable Discussion
4:00- 5:00 pm	SEMINAR - Elk Management Calendar - Giving Elk Proper Year Round Care in Vaccinations, Worming, Nutrition and More <i>by Dr. Glen Zebarth</i>
5:00-6:00 pm	Cash Bar Opens - Social Hour
6:00- 7:00 pm	Dinner
7:00- 8:30 pm	Benefit Semen & Fundraising Auction
8:30 pm	Hospitality Room

Saturday January 10 – MnEBA Annual Conference

8:00 am	Registration & Morning Coffee
9:00 am	Annual Business Meeting
11:30 am	SEMINAR - A Review of the New MnEBA Web Site
Noon	Lunch
1:00 pm	SEMINAR - USAHA and the Elk Industry <i>by Dr. Paul Anderson</i>
2:00 pm	SEMINAR - Optimizing Breeding Conception in Elk <i>by Dr. Glen Zebarth</i>
3:00 pm	Afternoon Break
3:30 pm	SEMINAR - Managing Elk for Antler Production throughout Their Lifetime <i>by Ian Thorleifson</i>
4:30 pm	SEMINAR - Marketing the Elk Industry through Social Media <i>by Travis Lowe</i>
5:00 pm	Cash Bar Opens - Social Hour
6:00 pm	Evening Banquet
6:45pm	Silent Auction Winners Announced MnEBA Awards
7:00pm	Live Fundraising Auction
8:00 pm	2015 MnEBA Gun Calendar Raffle Drawing
8:30 pm	Hospitality Room



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**NAEBA's 8th Annual January Jamboree & Benefit Semen Auction
&
2015 Minnesota Elk Breeders Association Annual Conference**
January 9-10, 2015 – Sheraton Minneapolis West – Minnetonka, MN

Full Event Registration Application

Name _____ Spouse Name _____
 Ranch/Business Name _____ Telephone # _____
 Address _____ City, State/Zip _____
 Email Address _____

Registration (NAEBA) (Includes evening banquet meal, seminars, and benefit semen auction)

Adult	\$40	X _____	=	\$ _____
Child (12 & Under)	\$15	X _____	=	\$ _____
Afternoon Break Sponsor	\$200	X _____	=	\$ _____
Banquet Sponsor (4 Needed)	\$250	X _____	=	\$ _____
Booth Space*	\$50 for farm/\$100 for business		=	\$ _____

(One fee for one day or both days. Includes a FREE MnEBA registration pass!)

Hospitality Room Sponsor (Contact NAEBA office @ 320-543-3665 for details)

Registration (MnEBA) (Includes continental breakfast, lunch, afternoon break, evening banquet)

Adult (Preregistered)	\$50	X _____	=	\$ _____
(By January 5, 2015)				
Adult (At the Door)	\$60	X _____	=	\$ _____
Child (12 & Under)	\$20	X _____	=	\$ _____
Morning Break Sponsor	\$250 (or write in amount)		=	\$ _____
Afternoon Break Sponsor	\$250 (or write in amount)		=	\$ _____
Table Decorations	\$125 (or write in amount)		=	\$ _____

Total Due _____ \$ _____

**BOOTH SPACE: Booth spaces are AVAILABLE and encouraged! Set up for one or both days is \$50 for a farm booth or \$100 for a business booth. This booth fee includes a FREE registration pass to the MnEBA Annual Conference on Saturday. Please reserve your booth space no later than January 5, 2015.*

Hotel Information: Sheraton Minneapolis West (MSP Int'l Airport is 20 minutes away.)
12201 Ridgedale Drive • Minnetonka, MN 55305

Reservations: 952-593-0000 (Mention Minnesota Elk Breeders to receive reduced room rate of \$99 per night.) Room Block will be released on December 18, 2014

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The Minnesota Elk Breeders Association was one of 25 organizations and individuals who contributed to the national Public Relations Campaign organized by the American Cervid Alliance. Since June, more than twenty published editorials have directly responded to inaccurate articles. The ACA believes the public is finally starting to hear the truth based on sound science. Editorials from the cervid industry have been published in major outlets including, but not limited to, the Casper Star-Tribune, Columbia Daily Tribune, Denver Post, IndyStar, Kansas City Star, Outdoor Guide Magazine, Missouri News Tribune, Springfield News Leader, St. Louis Post-Dispatch and West Virginia Metro News.

Here's just one example of some of the work the American Cervid Alliance is doing through this very successful campaign:

Bugai: Moore Misinterprets Wyoming CWD study

Printed in the Casper Star Tribune

August 17, 2014

Shane Moore's reading of a recent study from the Wyoming Game and Fish Wildlife Division is off the mark ("Shameful deception on chronic wasting disease," Aug. 9). Mr. Moore interprets the study, which finds that feedground elk populations will not be devastated by chronic wasting disease (CWD) over the long term due to genetic adaptations, to mean that elk hunting as we know it will end. This is simply not true.

Mr. Moore either did not carefully read either the research article, did not understand deputy chief of the Wyoming Game and Fish Wildlife Division Scott Edberg's comment that there won't be a devastating effect of CWD on feedground elk populations, or both. The research did not say all elk hunting would be curtailed. It said that a reduction in harvesting female elk would mitigate any effects of CWD over time. It absolutely did not say that CWD "will end elk hunting in Wyoming as we know it."

The whole research article was about the fact that, since CWD has been in Wyoming for about 40 years, the 12-year study on elk indicates that earlier models which predicted devastating effects of CWD on elk and deer were grossly in error. In the past, it was assumed that CWD was a density-dependent disease, we now know that it is not.

In terms of the loss of genetic diversity in the animal populations, Mr. Moore has oversimplified the matter. Yes, in populations there should be some selection against diseases over time, but the selective pressure is variable and rarely complete. CWD is a "chronic" disease, hence its name. It is not an acute disease.

Animals with the genes for susceptibility to CWD may live for several years after infection. During that prolonged incubation period prior to clinical disease, the infected animals can produce offspring. This recruitment of young into the population, even from cows with susceptible genotypes, lowers the selective pressure against the CWD-susceptible genotypes.

With low selective pressure, significant genotypic alterations in a random breeding species take extremely long periods before population effects are manifested. CWD will not decimate feedground populations, and secondly, CWD will not eliminate entire genotypes as Mr. Moore naively and mistakenly states.

As to CWD morphing into other strains, unless the new strains are more pathogenic or have decreased incubation periods, the elk populations will handle them as they have the extant strains.

Regarding CWD's effects on other animals, it's worth noting that researchers at the University of Wisconsin looked at the disease's effects on free-ranging deer and found "no evidence that CWD was substantially increasing mortality rates during the duration of our study." Further, a representative of the Colorado Division of Wildlife Research has stated that "at a population level, it's been difficult to demonstrate any effect [of CWD] over the period of time."

Moore calls the Wyoming Game and Fish Department's management style a shameful deception. Promulgation of erroneous and misleading information due to ignorance of the facts or personal bias might also be considered shameful deception.

More News out of Missouri:

Agriculture and Captive Deer Bill Narrowly Fails in Missouri Veto Session

Missourinet ~ By Mike Lear ~ September 11, 2014

The State House has narrowly failed to override Governor Jay Nixon's veto of a bill that would have put the control of captive deer in Missouri under the Department of Agriculture.

The deer language was added to a bill with multiple agriculture provisions. It would have included captive deer in the definition of "livestock" in state law.

House Republican leadership kept the voting board open more than 20 minutes while it looked for the 109 votes needed for a veto overturn. When the tally hit 109 the instruction was given to close the board, but one lawmaker, Jeff Roorda of Barnhart, switched his vote from a "yay" to a "nay" at the last moment and the bill failed. The legislation is SB 506.

Opinions on the bill divided largely due to the deer language. T.J. McKenna of Festus says the experts told the General Assembly, they didn't want it.

"The Department of Conservation and the Department of Agriculture both testified against this bill," says McKenna. "I don't know why we as a legislature continue to do what the people that take care of things tell us is not the right thing to do."

Buffalo representative Sandy Crawford says there is good reason to change the management of captive deer. "These are deer farmers," Crawford says of those who raise captive deer. "The USDA considers captive deer, agriculture - livestock."

The other main provision of the bill was a subsidy for dairy producers to help them pay for federal insurance. That also drew some criticism from lawmakers like Bill White of Joplin, who didn't think it was necessary.

"The ideal world would be to get government out of our agriculture, get them out of the dairy business, let the free market control our prices, let [producers] make business decisions," says White.

Still, the bill fell only one short of the two-thirds majority needed in the House to overturn Governor Nixon's veto of it.

<http://www.missourinet.com/2014/09/11/agriculture-and-captive-deer-bill-narrowly-fails-in-missouri-veto-session/>

Effort to Override Veto of Captive-deer Reclassification Fails, but Supporters Haven't Given Up

The Kansas City Star ~ By Brent Frazee ~ 09/11/2014

The drama surrounding deer management in Missouri came to an end Thursday in the General Assembly. Maybe.

Hours after the Senate voted to override Gov. Jay Nixon's veto of a bill that would have reclassified captive deer as livestock, not wildlife, the House voted to let the veto stand.

But even then, there was plenty of drama. The final tally was 108-52, one vote short of the two-thirds majority needed to overturn the veto. The decisive vote came in the waning moments of the roll call when Rep. Jeff Roorda, a Democrat from Barnhart, switched his vote and came out in opposition of overriding Nixon's action.

That vote brought pause to a hot-button issue that had simmered for months. After the Department of

Conservation came out with strict proposed guidelines on managing private deer farms - aimed mostly at reducing the potential to spread chronic wasting disease from captive cervids to wild deer - deer farmers accused the agency of trying to put them out of business and pushed for legislation that would transfer management of captive deer from the Department of Conservation to the Department of Agriculture.

The bill picked up traction and was approved by both the House and Senate. But Nixon vetoed the bills in July, stating that deer are wildlife and should be managed by the Department of Conservation.

Supporters of Nixon's veto celebrated Thursday. "This is a huge, historic win for the conservation community of Missouri," said Brandon Butler, executive director of the

Conservation Federation of Missouri. "This fight was about so much more than deer.

"Hopefully, it will wake up the masses of Missouri citizen conservationists and they will begin engaging in efforts to protect our natural resources that come under attack way too often. "This year it was deer. What is next?"

But the battle might not be over. Sam Jones, president of the Missouri Whitetail Breeders and Hunting Ranch Association, told The Star that his group is considering legal action.

"We don't feel this is over," he said. "We're looking into taking this to the courts."

<http://www.kansascity.com/sports/outdoors/article2066348.html>

In The News

Father, Son Team Mark Success in Elk Business

C.M. Swanson • Moose Lake Star Gazette, Moose Lake, MN

It was the majesty of the bull elk that caused Craig and Klint Wylie to create Wolf Creek Elk Ranch in Sturgeon Lake, and the opportunity of a growing business that kept them there.

"The way we got started was, I came home from high school one day and my dad said, 'What do you think about an elk ranch?'" said Klint.

Father and son began to think about the idea in earnest. After researching buffalo, deer and elk, the Wylies decided to build the elk business.

"I wanted to raise something native, not imported. Buffalo are hard on people. During the time I was looking into which kind of business I wanted, two people were killed by buffalo, one in South Dakota and one in Minnesota," said Craig.

Research also revealed that elk had four markets: breeding, meat, ranching (selling animals to game preserves) and velvet antler. When the Wylies started the business in 2000, there were about 280 elk

ranches in Minnesota hosting over 12,000 elk. Minnesota had more elk behind fence than any other state in the United States.

Taking on the new business involved a huge career change for Craig.

"I spent about 40 years in the trucking business, and I had my own logistics company," said Craig, "but this is a lot more fun!"

Once the decision had been made, Craig acted immediately ... almost too quickly considering he bought the first of the herd before he had land to raise them on.

"I had already bought 29 bred cows," said Craig. "I had no place to ship them so I was kind of panicked. Kathy, my wife, and I came up to look at this place on a Thursday and bought it on Saturday.

"We knew nothing about fencing but were blessed with great neighbors. The Larsons, our neighbors across the street, helped us take down all the barbed wire that was here. I contracted with a guy to put fencing on 15

acres. Then I took delivery of the 29 cows."

Craig and Klint adapted a "learn-and-adapt-as-you-grow" attitude that has been the foundation for the success of Wolf Creek Elk Ranch. Of the four markets in elk, the

Wylies focused on velvet antler and its many and varied uses in health care. A line of supplements was developed for pets. Antlers calcify in the fall to grow hard and shed and are manufactured into unique dog chews.

Subsequently, Wapiti Labs, Inc., a company based in North Branch was created. The focus of Wapiti Labs is sales of pet supplements to distributors, retail pet stores and consumers.

Personal testimonies from grateful customers are a source of encouragement and pride for all Wapiti Labs, Wolf Creek associates and the Wylies. One of the first stories remains a favorite.

"The vet we had gave our supplements to a local lady who had an overweight yellow lab that she brought in to be put down because she couldn't carry it outside," said Craig. "The vet recommended that she try the supplements. It's good for joints and arthritis. The lady called back in three days and said the dog was chasing the mailman again."

Thousands of testimonials continue piling up from across the country.

Wolf Creek continued to develop supplements from dried velvet antler, and eventually, added natural herbs for humans and pets.

"We have researched and asked countless people and found no known side effects with our product," said Craig.



Craig Wylie stands behind Lora and Klint Wylie who are seated with Georgianna, their 3-year-old daughter. Oakley, the couple's 18-month-old daughter was not available for the photo.

Photo by C.M. Swanson

"We just went to the National Animal Supplement Council Convention in Tampa a couple months ago," said Craig. "There I found out we have the only joint compound that has naturally occurring glucosamine (used to ease joint pain caused by arthritis and hip dysplasia) and chondroitin (a popular supplement for osteoarthritis) in it for pain relief."

Two trips to China by father and son provided an additional Eastern education for the uses of natural herbs also used in Wapiti Labs products.

Though pet products have been the mainstay for Wolf Creek, sales of human consumption products are on the rise.

The Internet business continues to grow. While the Wapiti Labs website is a resource for sales, Craig states that online retailer buyers are becoming the largest customers.

Klint Wylie and Lora, his wife, are now the primary residents and daily caretakers of Wolf Creek Elk Ranch. They have provided Craig and Kathy, who moved to McGregor, with grandchildren. Craig remains active in the business.

The Wylies have added an additional 80 acres in recent years and steadily increases the herd,

which now numbers 160 elk. All animals are certified disease free by the Minnesota Board of Animal Health and are registered with the North American Elk Breeders Association.

The herd is closed, meaning all animals are born and raised on the ranch with no imports. This reduces the chance of illness and keeps disease to a minimum. The ranch has never had a case of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD)



Craig Wylie displays a freeze-dried velvet antler, which is much lighter than a hardened bone antler.

Photo by C.M. Swanson

and continues to maintain a current CWD-free certification, which is one of the most important reasons to keep a closed herd.

Natural and artificial insemination methods are used to optimize the genetic pool of the herd. The animals are grass fed from Wolf Creek pastures in the summer and from local hay in the winter.

"What they eat for 98 percent of the year is within 10 miles of where we're sitting," said Craig. "They do fine on grass. They are three times more efficient than cattle. That's why, in 13 years, we never picked up one ounce of manure. What comes out goes right back into the ground. In fact, when we've had the soil tested, they say this land is extremely high in organic matter."

As Wolf Creek Elk Ranch and Wapiti Labs grow (now employing 15 people), so does society's awareness of the benefits of supplements.

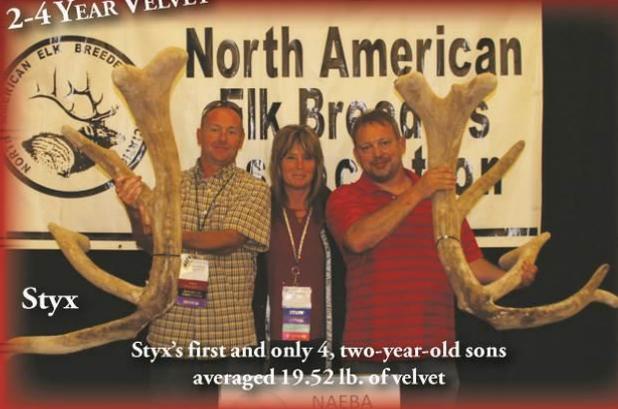
"I think people are becoming more aware of the realities of what we eat and the pills we take," said Craig. "These supplements aren't anything I invented. I'm just providing them to people who may have never heard of them before." For more information, visit WapitiLabsInc.com.

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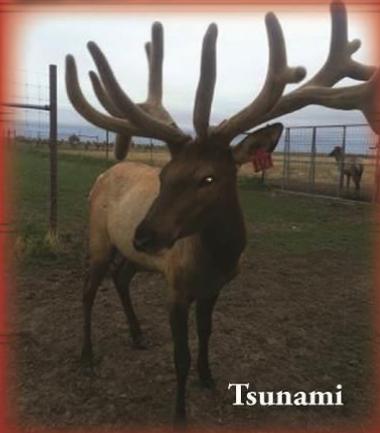
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Board Blog by Rick Zajac, Director



Hey fall's here! Where did summer go? Been an interesting year. Late spring; on and off monsoon season - more on than off. Only two 90 degree days.

The corn and beans look fairly good - all things considered. Haying was another story - just

finishing up. Elk markets were a bright spot this year in just about all aspects.

I'm impressed by all the work and dedication Brenda and the rest of the board members put in; staying on top of all elk issues - a big THANK YOU!!

Elk bugling, fall colors are getting awesome, grandkids always make things interesting, don't get much better than that!!

Enjoy,
Rick

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MnEBA Kitchen

As the days and nights get cooler and we bring out our slow cookers again, here's a great hot sandwich to warm up all members of the family!

Shredded Elk Sandwiches

1½ cups ketchup	½ tsp. black pepper
3 Tbsp. brown sugar	2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
1 Tbsp. dry mustard	¼ tsp. ginger
1 Tbsp. lemon juice	3 drops hot pepper sauce
1 Tbsp. liquid smoke flavoring	4 lbs. elk roast
1 tsp. garlic powder	1 medium onion, chopped
2 tsp. celery salt	Hamburger buns



Whisk together the ketchup, brown sugar, dry mustard, lemon juice, liquid smoke, garlic powder, celery salt, black pepper, Worcestershire sauce, ginger and hot pepper sauce in a bowl. Place elk roast into large slow cooker and place chopped onions on top. Pour sauce over all.

Cover and cook on High for 5-6 hours, or Low for 10-12 hours until meat shreds easily with a fork. Shred and serve on hamburger buns.

2015 MnEBA Gun Raffle Calendar Update

Nearly 600 calendars already in the hands of producers!

The 2015 MnEBA Gun Raffle Calendar has been one of the most popular calendars to date as nearly 600 of the 750 available calendars are already in the hands of producers to sell! There has been a lot of excitement about the two handguns and AR-15 which are on this year's calendar, along with more name brand guns that people are looking for. More than one person has commented that this is the best gun list to date! If you haven't called the MnEBA Office to order your calendars to purchase/sell as of yet, you will want to do this soon!



Remember also that selling calendars gives you the opportunity to earn a FREE 2015 MnEBA membership! Anyone can be eligible for a FREE 2015 MnEBA membership (up to \$125 value) by selling 30 MnEBA gun raffle calendars and returning the stubs and money to the MnEBA Office by December 31, 2014. There is no limit to who can earn a free membership except for calendars could sell out. Six members took advantage of this great opportunity last year!

More and more excitement is growing in the industry each month. Potential new producers are taking another look at raising elk. It's an important time to support MnEBA with this very successful funding mechanism as the association works to get the word out about raising elk and purchasing products from America's Greatest Animal! The new MnEBA web site is only the beginning. The recent charitable elk hunt as well as projects slated for the near future such as social media and Facebook, a new positive industry press release, membership drive mailing and more are all things MnEBA is currently doing to make the industry stronger for its members.

Calendars will be available for sale from now until sold out or until the January 10, 2015 drawing date at the MnEBA Annual Conference in Minnetonka, MN. Please contact Brenda Hartkopf at (320) 543-2686 or info@mneba.org to order your calendars today!

Vet Corner by Glen Zearth, DVM

Cervid Health and States Indemnity FY 2015

USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Bulletin
September 19, 2014

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Veterinary Services (VS) received a total of \$3 million in appropriated funding to support cervid health activities in fiscal year (FY) 2014, and made approximately \$1.0 million of this funding available for indemnity of chronic wasting disease (CWD) positive, suspect, and exposed farmed cervids. All of the available FY2014 indemnity funding was used to depopulate three CWD-infected herds. However, several States have asked about the availability of Federal indemnity funds for CWD-exposed animals in the future.

VS plans to offer Federal indemnity for CWD-exposed cervids beginning in FY2015. Briefly, we will prioritize the highest risk CWD-exposed animals for indemnity based on the availability of funding. Any newly reported CWD-positive herds will be considered for indemnity as they are identified, based first on funding availability and secondly on the risk presented by the herd.

We will reassess our fiscal year funding on a quarterly basis so that providing indemnity for exposed animals does not exhaust available funding early in the fiscal year. By taking this fiscally cautious approach, we hope to provide indemnity for positive herds identified later in the fiscal year while removing high-risk animals from the landscape as soon as possible to minimize the risk for disease spread. Further, removal and testing of these exposed animals will provide a better understanding of the disease risk presented by these animals/herds.

VS plans to work with our State and industry stakeholders on the criteria to assess the risk and on the process through which States can request this indemnity. These will be finalized in a VS Guidance Document in the near future. We look forward to working with you to implement this process in the coming year.

Minnesota Red Deer Herd Depopulated *No New CWD Positives Found*

In August 2014, the Minnesota red deer herd known as North Oaks Farm LLC was depopulated after the discovery of a CWD positive red deer hind more than two years ago. This farm was home to more than 500 red deer.

One CWD positive hind was found in the herd in May 2012. The herd was immediately quarantined. The owners voluntarily euthanized all the other red deer that shared the pen with the hind. No new positives were found. There was no state or federal indemnity available at that time to depopulate the herd. The Minnesota Board of Animal Health, the United States Department of Agriculture and the state of Illinois allowed the herd owners to move a portion of the red deer herd to a slaughter facility and be tested for CWD. Again, no new positives were found. Finally, when Congress reinstated a portion of the federal CWD indemnity funds in 2014, a herd plan and depopulation order was signed for the remaining animals.

After final depopulation, the final results showed no additional CWD positives. This ending shows Minnesota's largest red deer farm, home to 500 red deer where one CWD positive animal was found in 2012, had no other findings.

Iowa Whitetail Deer Herd Depopulated *Samples Taken for Live CWD Test Research*

August 29, 2014 – Tom and Rhonda Brakke's whitetail herd in Iowa was depopulated this week. The depopulation was by order of the herd plan signed by the Brakke's in order to receive the long awaited CWD indemnity from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). A buck tested positive for CWD in their trophy preserve in December 2011.

The Brakke's saw the depopulation as a research opportunity for the cervid industry. A top priority of the farmed deer and elk industry is securing a live CWD test, but more samples are needed to prove accuracy.

During the depopulation, research samples were taken by Dr. Tracy Nichols from USDA and Dr. Nicholas Haley of Kansas State University. 356 animals had samples taken for research purposes.

The American Cervid Alliance, Iowa Whitetail Deer Association and all cervid associations would like to thank the Brakke family for their continued support of the deer industry. The unified cervid industry hopes this sacrifice will help preserve the future of the cervid industry.

Source: American Cervid Alliance Press Release

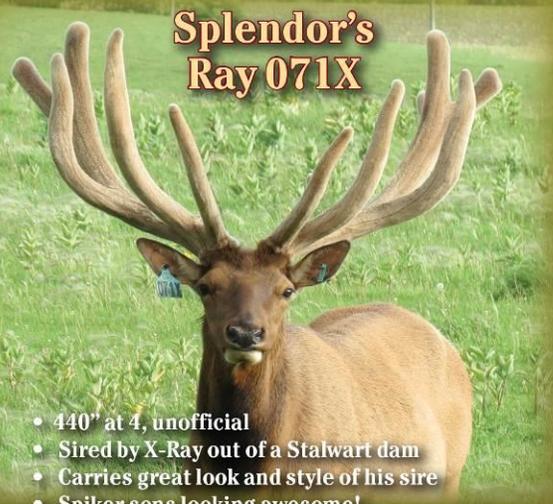
2014 BREEDING BULLS



Splendor's Blend 806U

- 500+” at 6, unofficial
- 503 2/8” at 5, placed 2nd at the 2014 International Antler Competition
- 465 5/8” at 4, placed 2nd at the 2013 International Antler Competition
- Sired by 211M (son of Platinum)

SEMEN AVAILABLE!



Splendor's Ray 071X

- 440” at 4, unofficial
- Sired by X-Ray out of a Stalwart dam
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SPR 166Y

- Very heavy three-year velvet, damaged early
- 18.47 lbs at 2, placed 3rd at the 2013 International Antler Competition (pictured)
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Minnesota State Fair Recap

The third year's the charm! In our third year at the new location, MnEBA shattered all meat sale records and enjoyed being part of a very successful event! State Fair volunteers sold nearly \$10,000 worth of elk meat products, doubling last year's meat sales of \$4,700. Dog chews also continued to be a popular item with \$2,800 worth of dog chews being sold! The weather was certainly better overall this year and meat inventory was well in stock.

Once again, membership participation in setting up and manning the booth were key to its success! Many thanks to the State Fair committee for all your great work putting things together this year. Thank you to Morrie & Daphne Evenson for all their time and effort in putting the state fair schedule together. They begin this process every year at the January conference and usually don't get the last commitments until just a couple weeks prior to the event. Thanks also to Paul Hueg and Greg Lubinski who were instrumental in setting up the booth and getting it ready for opening day, no small feat when you see the large stump, table and beautiful elk shoulder mount Paul brings in to generate excitement among fairgoers. Greg also worked no less than 6 shifts! Paul stopped by frequently to make sure things were going smoothly and was our link to keeping the trailer stocked with sausage and jerky!

Special thanks to all who helped man the booth this year! This list includes Mark Lucas, Greg & Roxy Lubinski, Lance, Brenda & Kaitlin Hartkopf, Aase family, Dan & Katie Parsons, Olson family, Darrell & Sheila Turek, Wade Schimmelpfennig, Jim Byrne, Ray Smothers, Damon & Duane Melquist, Mark Luedtke, Don & Joyce Kaplan, Kraig Wurst, Dennis Wernsing, Norman Schimmelpfennig, Martin Zacharias, Pat, Rita, Avrey & Aven Prodzinski, John & Martha Langowski, Paul & Lynn Hueg and Britt & Beth from Wapiti Labs. A final thank you to Paul Hueg for taking the booth down and returning all items to Howard Lake.

While this year's fair was as early as it could possibly be, next year's dates are as late as they could be! Mark your calendars for August 27 – September 7 for the next Great Minnesota Get-Together! This is one of the best ways MnEBA can help educate the public about what we do and about the great benefits of elk products. The general public loves talk to elk farmers in person! Make plans to be a part of this great outreach effort next year! Thanks again to all who helped in any way!



2014 MnEBA Charitable Elk Hunt

A Successful Day for 2014 MnEBA Charitable Elk Hunt Recipient Erik Olson!

What a difference a few weeks make! While MnEBA was still looking for a bull and hunt recipient in the August newsletter, just a few short weeks later, the hunt was complete and very successful!

Erik Olson was the chosen recipient of this year's hunt. Erik served in the United States Marine Corp from 2000-2004, serving in Iraq in 2003. He and several of his fellow servicemen developed brain tumors while in service and others after they came home. Eric was granted an honorable medical discharge and treated in the States. He also suffered a serious car accident after recovering from his brain tumor, which caused further damage to his brain and body.

Erik's hunt took place on September 9th at Tony's Trophy Elk Hunt Ranch. He was accompanied by his parents, Mark & Hope, as well as Ron Welle and LeRoy Wiener of Midwest Outdoors Unlimited and one other guest. Tony Beckel served as host and guide, creating lots of great memories along the way.

This hunt would not have been possible without the bull! Dennis Engebretson and Brian Wagner teamed up and donated the bull for this special hunt. Tony took care of hauling the bull to the facility near Baudette, and also hosted and guided the hunt. Other special donors included the Lake Superior Safari Club International chapter who donated funds to help pay for Erik's travel, lodging, meals and processing. Midwest Outdoors Unlimited organized details of the hunt and Lance & Brenda Hartkopf donated funds to have a European mount of the bull created.

Many, many thanks to all who were involved to make this hunt possible for a very deserving young man!

Watch for a press release noting further details of the hunt to be out soon!



Erik Olson with his beautiful bull elk which was donated by Dennis Engebretson and Brian Wagner.



Ron Welle of Midwest Outdoors Unlimited, Erik Olson and guide Tony Beckel.

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Committee Reports

2015 MnEBA Annual Conference

This year's MnEBA Annual Conference weekend will offer the special opportunity to attend both the North American Elk Breeders Association January Jamboree on the same weekend! Mark your calendars for a full two days of education, networking and socializing on January 9-10, 2015! Both events take place at:

Sheraton Minneapolis West

12201 Ridgedale Drive
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Reservations: 952-593-0000 – Mention MnEBA to receive the reduced rate of \$99/night. This room block will be released on 12/18/14.

(This location is only 1½ miles off 494, right next to Ridgedale Shopping Center. You can't miss it!)

MnEBA is planning both a Silent and Live auction. Your donations to one or both auctions would be very much appreciated! Don't have the time or know what to purchase? You can also donate funds for items to be purchased in your name.

Do you have new fundraising or other conference ideas? Contact Rita Prodzinski at (507) 452-1282 or rprod@hotmail.com, or Brenda Hartkopf at (320) 543-2686 or info@mneba.org and let's make this one of the best conferences yet!

Enlightened Perspective (Shared by Cliff & Helena Mulder)

Written by Andy Rooney, a man who had the gift of saying so much with so few words. Enjoy.....

I've learned That the best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.

I've learned That just one person saying to me, 'You've made my day!' makes my day.

I've learned That having a child fall asleep in your arms is one of the most peaceful feelings in the world.

I've learned That being kind is more important than being right.

I've learned That you should never say no to a gift from a child.

I've learned That I can always pray for someone when I don't have the strength to help him in some other way.

I've learned That no matter how serious your life requires you to be, everyone needs a friend to act goofy with.

I've learned That life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes.

I've learned That we should be glad God doesn't give us everything we ask for.

I've learned That it's those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular.

I've learned That life is tough, but I'm tougher.

I've learned That opportunities are never lost; someone will take the ones you miss.

I've learned That when you harbor bitterness, happiness will dock elsewhere.

I've learned That a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.

I've learned That everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs while you're climbing it.

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Calendar of Events

January 9, 2015 – NAEBA January Jamboree, Sheraton Minneapolis West, Minnetonka, MN

January 9 – 10, 2015 – MnEBA Annual Conference, Sheraton Minneapolis West, Minnetonka, MN

February 27 – March 1, 2015 – St. Paul Bird, Buck, Bait & Boat Expo, Warner Coliseum, Minnesota State Fairgrounds

August 27 – September 7, 2015 – MN State Fair, State Fairgrounds, St. Paul, MN

Classified Ads

For Sale: 2.6 oz. packages of teriyaki kippered jerky left over from the State Fair. Price has been reduced to \$4.00/pack. There are 74 packages available but can buy in any quantity desired. Contact the MnEBA Office at (320) 543-2686 or info@mneba.org to order!

Elk Cows For Sale: (40) elk cows for sale, closed herd, TB accredited, CWD monitored, 40+ lb. genetics. Options available. \$1,600 each. Darrell Turek, 612-756-0712.

Wanted: 2014 elk calves (male or female) from Minnesota. Animals must be from CWD Certified, TB Accredited herds. \$500 each. Contact Greg Lubinski at (507) 273-0525 (cell) or (507) 534-3247 (home).

For Sale: Hydraulic Squeeze chute with pump. Also for sale a crowding tub. Both used for about 6 years for handling bull elk. Cliff Mulder (507) 215-2427

Wanted: Grande Natural needs Elk or Whitetails for meat delivered to Crescent Meats, Cadott, WI. We will meet or beat the competition on the rail price. Looking for fleshy critters 3 years and older on cows, 3 years and younger on bulls. Call (719) 657-0942 or email Rich@elkusa.com.

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