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President's Message by Jim Byrne



The Minnesota legislature ended their 2018 session without any regulations on the elk industry.

We owe a heartfelt thanks to Tony Kwikas and the many hours he put in getting us through this session. With the Board of Animal Health under attack, legislators who in the past supported us having changed sides, and with committee chair changes and the number of amendments floating around during this session, it all made for a very tense and confusing session. Tony once again has proven how invaluable he is at the Capitol for our industry.

The NAEBA 28th Annual Convention & International Antler Competition is in Fargo, ND from August 2-4. It's a wonderful opportunity to come together in an open and warm setting to celebrate our industry and renew friendships. Seminars vary widely, and there should be something for everyone. I look forward to seeing antler that I never thought would be so large and weigh so much. It is always an amazing opportunity to learn how to improve our herds.

One more opportunity is coming your way, the Minnesota State Fair. Have you signed up to work the fair yet? What an easy way to let people know that the elk industry is alive and that you have animals and products that will enrich their lives. Contact Greg Lubinski and see when you can help out the association and yourselves at the same time. It is well worth your time and effort.

See you all soon.
Jim

Thank You to the Wylie Family for Hosting the 2018 MnEBA Summer Picnic!



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2018 Velvet Update

The 2018 velvet buying season began on July 15th and is now wrapping up. Please see following for comments from this year's velvet buyers:

From Scott Salonek:

I have made the rounds and will be finishing up at the NAEBA Convention on August 2-4. If you still have velvet to sell, please make arrangements with me to drop your velvet off in Fargo. Price is \$30/lb. for Grade A velvet.

I'm estimating about 41,000 lbs of velvet antler was purchased in the U.S. in the past couple weeks. This would be a 5% increase over last year.

I am also buying hard antler buttons at \$3/lb. If you have buttons you want to sell, please make arrangements to bring them to Fargo.

From Brian Wagner and Scott Groen:

Another velvet season has come and gone. With the price down a bit we still picked up about the same amount as in past years with some very nice quality antler. Great job to everyone with nice clean well cut antler.

Velvet antler is a huge part of raising elk successfully. Continue to cut quality over quantity and we look forward to seeing you all next year.

Thank you for another great year!!!



ELK RANCH TOUR!

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MnEBA 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.



Membership Meeting Minutes

July 28, 2018 Membership Meeting Minutes

The membership of the Minnesota Elk Breeders Association held their 2018 Summer Membership Meeting at Wolf Creek Elk Ranch in Sturgeon Lake, MN on July 28, 2018. After a delicious potluck meal, President Jim Byrne called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

Byrne asked for additions or corrections to the January 13, 2018 secretary report. Eileen Byrne moved to accept the report as written, Lance Hartkopf seconded, motion carried.

Brenda Hartkopf reviewed the treasurer's report and noted some new necessary expenditures which will cause the board to take an earlier look at next year's budget this coming fall. The July 26 checkbook balance was \$23,330.62, within \$70 of where the balance was at this time last year. Rita Prodzinski moved to accept the treasurer's report, Greg Lubinski seconded, motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Government Relations: Byrne reported that the farmed cervidae industry made it out of the 2018 legislative session without any new legislation affecting the industry. He reported that there were many different proposals discussed, but MnEBA's lobbyist did an outstanding job behind the scenes to keep language which would negatively affect the industry from being acted upon.

Byrne encouraged members to take time this summer to get to know their candidates as the entire MN House of Representatives is up for re-election. Members should take every opportunity to speak to anyone who is running in their area and let them know about your farm and invite them for a tour.

Fundraising Raffle: Hartkopf reported that 2019 MnEBA Gun Raffle Calendars are now available and encouraged attendees to take some home with them. The same selling incentives apply as in past calendar raffles.

Promotions: Hartkopf reported Minnesota Grown is working to remake their web site and they are adding a great search feature on the new site which MnEBA might like to incorporate some day as well. She also spoke about the livestock surveys which were recently completed and the valuable information gained from that survey for those who participated. She also reported that MnEBA will be having a booth at the Outdoor News Deer & Turkey Expo on March 8-10, 2019 and how good that show has been for us in the past.

She also mentioned the State Fair committee would like to update the backdrops used for the State Fair booth but need to figure out what kind of set up to use with an outdoor booth that is up for 12+ days outdoors. Anyone with ideas was asked to speak to Greg Lubinski, Paul Hueg or Brenda. MN Grown credits could be used for this project.

State Fair: Greg Lubinski reported there are several shift openings left for the MnEBA booth at the State Fair and that people should contact him if they could work any of the open shifts. He asked Hartkopf to put out an e-blast to ask members to help fill the open slots.

NAEBA

Hartkopf reminded everyone of the NAEBA Convention coming up next weekend in Fargo, ND. She went through some the seminar topics and encouraged all to attend. She also mentioned a couple raffles which will be taking place that people might want to support. Finally, she reported the Elk Research Council has undergone a name change to Elk Research Foundation to help look more favorable to outside donors.

OLD BUSINESS

Hartkopf reported there were three applicants for the 2018 MnEBA Scholarship. As one of the applicants was graduating this coming December and the award is given in the second semester of any giving scholarship year, that application was eliminated from consideration. The 2018 scholarship recipients were Raya Erickson, granddaughter of Ken & Carol Mudek, and Janessa Prodzinski, granddaughter of Pat & Rita Prodzinski.

Byrne inquired of those in attendance if they have had any problems with their federal locker plants requiring CWD test results before meat can be released. Byrne reported MnEBA is working with the Minnesota Board of Animal Health and USDA to create the ability to run a much quicker ELISA test to release the carcasses sooner.

NEW BUSINESS

Mark Luedtke and Hartkopf reported on items the newly formed MN Farmed Cervidae Task Force has been working on. These items include discussion on exclusionary fencing beyond double fencing and also how to keep elk operations viable in Minnesota with the threat of CWD from the wild herd. They have had two meetings with a third meeting scheduled for August 15th.

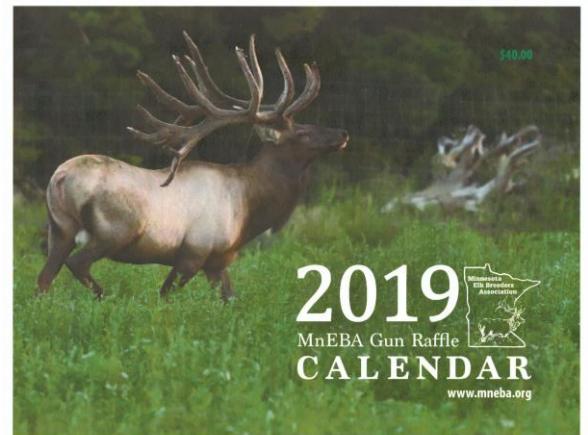
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2019 MnEBA Gun Raffle Calendar

Calendars Are Now Available!

MnEBA has sold out of gun raffle calendars the past three years thanks to the great work of the membership! Several members have reported they are already being asked for the new 2019 calendar. The 2019 calendars are now available with 325 calendars already in the hands of members to be sold!

The same popular incentives are once again being offered for selling calendars - a free MnEBA membership for selling 30 or more calendars and returning stubs and money before December 31st and 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 Large Loop Blued rifle. The more calendars you sell, the more chances to win!



MANY THANKS to all MnEBA members who stepped up to sponsor a month in the 2019 MnEBA Gun Raffle Calendar! This year's sponsors include: Dennis & Jacky Engebretson, Lance & Brenda Hartkopf, Bill & Karen Knutson, Greg & Roxy Lubinski, Mark & Lisa Luedtke, Ken & Carol Mudek, Perry & Sandy Olson, Darryll & Sheila Turek, Brian Wagner, Leo Windschitl, Kraig & Jenny Wurst and Klint & Lora Wylie.

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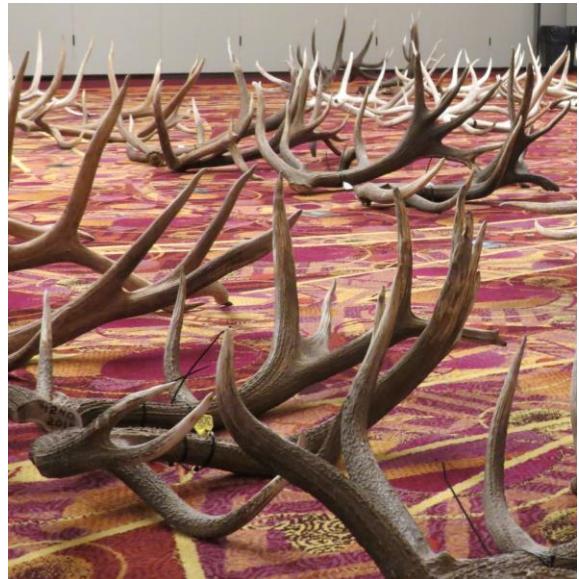
NAEBA Convention Comes to Fargo, ND

This year's NAEBA Annual Conference & International Antler Competition is coming to Fargo, North Dakota on August 2-4! The convention will not be this close for at least the next two years, with the 2019 convention scheduled for Topeka, KS and the 2020 convention in Colorado Springs, CO.

This year's seminars are very marketing orientated with the main objective of increasing your bottom line! Along with several marketing seminars, Dr. Mike Bringans will be giving an elk reproduction seminar. NAEBA will also be unveiling a new Elk Operation Business Forecasting document which has been widely requested from new people looking to get into the industry. It will be a great tool for every member to give to prospective elk buyers.

Preliminary numbers indicate this year's antler competition will be extremely competitive with many more producers planning to bring antler. Even if you can't come for the whole event, take some time to travel to Fargo on Saturday and take in the Antler Competition. There's nothing better than seeing antler from some of the bulls you see and hear about, in person.

Hotel rooms are still available and you can sign up at the door for a full pass or just a day pass. Take advantage of the close location and make a trip to Fargo this weekend! See www.naelk.org for all details!



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ROOM BLOCK IS NOW OPEN!

28th Annual Conference & International Antler Competition

August 2-4, 2018

Holiday Inn Fargo
3803 13th Avenue South – Fargo, ND 58103

Mention North American Elk Breeders Association to receive the discounted rate of \$94/night. Call 701-282-2700 to reserve your room today! Room block expires on July 3, 2018.

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NAEBA's 28th Annual Conference & International Antler Competition

August 2-4, 2018 ~ Holiday Inn Fargo ~ Fargo, North Dakota
3803 13th Ave S, Fargo, ND 58103; Reservations (701) 282-2700

Tentative Schedule of Events

Wednesday, August 1

2:00 – 5:00 pm

Elk Farm Tour - Dr. Glen & Kaye ZebARTH, Oak Point Elk Farm

3:45 – 4:15 pm

SEMINAR: Reviewing What is Known About CWD Genotypes - *Don Davis, PhD*

4:15 – 5:00 pm

SEMINAR: Understanding Meat Industry Products and Yields - *Scott Salonek, Elk Marketing Council*

Thursday, August 2

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

AEPF & CEPF Board Meetings
International Antler Check-in

5:00 pm

12:00 – 7:00 pm

Exhibitor Set-up

6:00 – 7:00 pm

12:00 – 9:00 pm

NAEBA Board of Directors Meeting

7:00 – 9:00 pm

1:30 – 2:30 pm

Elk Research Council Board of Trustees Meeting

9:00 pm

3:00 – 4:00 pm

SEMINAR: Advanced Hard Antler Scoring - *Tom Peryea, NAEBA Hard Antler Judge*

Saturday, August 4

8:00 – 9:00 am

NAEBA Board of Directors Meeting

4:00 – 5:00 pm

NAEBA Hard Antler Judge Training & Certification (Closed Session)

8:00 am – 6:00 pm

Tradeshow

5:00 – 7:00 pm

SEMINAR: Harvesting Velvet from Yearling Bulls - *Perry Olson, NAEBA Velvet Antler Judge*

8:00 am – 3:30 pm

Photo Contest Continues

7:00 – 8:00 pm

SEMINAR: Elk Operation Business Forecasting - *Andy Azcarraga & Ian Thorleifson*

8:15 – 9:15 am

Silent Auction Continues

8:30 pm

Hospitality Suite

9:00 – 10:00 am

Continental Breakfast

Friday, August 3

8:00 am – 6:00 pm

Antler Judging

10:00 – 10:30 am

SEMINAR: Making Better Tax Decisions – *Ken Anderson, Anderson Elk Ranch*

8:15 am

Tradeshow

10:30 – 11:00 am

Morning Break

8:15 – 9:15 am

Silent Auction

11:00 – 11:45 am

Hard Antler Competition Viewing & People's Choice Awards Voting

9:00 – 9:10 am

Elk Meat Products Entry

11:45 am – 1:15 pm

Provided Lunch

9:10 – 10:00 am

Photo Contest Entry & Voting

1:15 – 3:00 pm

Velvet Antler Competition Viewing & People's Choice Awards

10:00 – 10:30 am

Board Election Ballots Due

3:00 – 3:45 pm

Voting; Photos of Velvet Winners

10:30 – 11:30 am

Continental Breakfast

3:45 pm

Afternoon Break

11:45 am – 1:00 pm

Welcome to North Dakota - *NDEG President Emery Dubin*

3:45 – 4:30 pm

Elk Meat Contest, Photo Contest & Silent Auction Ends

12:30 – 1:00 pm

General Membership Meeting

4:30 pm

SEMINAR: Getting Started in Elk Ranching - *Mark Luedtke, Luckyland Elk*

1:30- 2:15 pm

Morning Break

5:00 pm

Photos of Hard Antler Winners

2:15- 3:00 pm

Regional Meetings:

6:00 – 7:00 pm

Cash Bar Opens

3:15 – 3:45 pm

Central, North Central, Northeast, Northern, Southern, Western

7:00 – 7:30 pm

Evening Banquet

11:45 am – 1:00 pm

Provided Lunch

7:30 – 8:15 pm

Announce Winners of Photo & Meat Contests, NAEBA Awards & Premier Breeder Awards

12:30 – 1:00 pm

LUNCH KEY NOTE: Campaign to Eliminate Brucellosis Testing - *NAEBA Executive Director Travis Lowe*

8:15 – 9:00 pm

NAEBA Benefit Semen Auction

1:30- 2:15 pm

SEMINAR: Improving A.I.

9:00 pm

NAEBA Elk Marketplace Sale

2:15- 3:00 pm

Techniques – *Mike Bringans, DVM and Luke Wright*

9:10 pm

Closing Remarks

3:15 – 3:45 pm

SEMINAR: Processing Velvet Antler from Antler to Capsules - *Bill Knutson, Spring Coulee*

9:15 pm

Competition Antler Check-Out & Exhibitor Tear Down

11:45 am – 1:00 pm

Freeze Drying

Hospitality Suite

Missouri Updates

If you move elk bulls to Missouri, you will want to make sure to keep in the loop on the latest information about elk importation into Missouri in light of recent federal court decisions about cervidae behind fence in Missouri.

NAEBA UPDATE

Missouri Supreme Court Rules Against Deer Rancher Plaintiffs

DISCLAIMER: The information on this subject is fluid and may vary from source to source. NAEBA encourages stakeholders to consult their own contacts with state government officials and legal counsel before making business decisions based on the Missouri Supreme Court decision.

July 13, 2018 - Last week the Missouri Supreme Court ruled in favor of the Missouri Department of Conservation's legal battle with local deer ranch owners. Specifically, the high court overturned a previous ruling that blocked the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC)'s draconian rules for whitetail ranchers and hunting ranches that harvest cervids. The exact implications are still unknown for the state's deer and trophy ranch owners, as well as impacts to the farmed elk industry.

The original 2015 legal challenge, filed by deer breeders to prevent the implementation of extremely burdensome rules on whitetail ranches, was referred to the Missouri Supreme Court last year. The temporary injunction approved by the lower court in August 2015 is expected to be lifted in the coming weeks. Once the injunction is lifted, the Missouri Department of Conservation is expected to then enforce its rules created in 2014 for whitetail deer, mule deer and hunting ranches, which are under control of the Missouri

Department of Conservation. This rule includes the prohibition of importing whitetail deer and mule deer in the state, and all cervids going to trophy ranches.

Though the elk industry was not a party of this lawsuit, the Supreme Court's opinion mentioned the Department of Conservation regulates deer and elk which are native to the state. The opinion was not clear on implications this may have on farmed elk, since farmed elk are deemed livestock in Missouri and under oversight of the Missouri Department of Agriculture (MDA).

This week NAEBA has had conversations with officials within the MDC and MDA that yielded similar understandings that the Supreme Court decision will now allow the MDC rule to move forward. At this precise time, NAEBA believes the new MDC rule (when enforced) will not allow the importation of live elk to enter Missouri destined for hunting ranches, since trophy ranches are under the jurisdiction of the MDC. However, for elk breeder operations, the new

MDC rules currently do not apply to them because their regulatory and permitting authority is under the Missouri Department of Agriculture. It is possible the MDC may choose to attempt to regulate farmed elk in the future, but may require a state statute change, as state law currently gives that authority to MDA.

Therefore, NAEBA believes a Missouri elk breeding ranch can still exist and import breeding stock from outside Missouri. This has been confirmed by the MDA as the understanding of today. A Missouri elk breeder ranch may grow and sell elk trophy bulls born in Missouri to Missouri trophy ranches or they can sell them out of state. In contrast, Missouri trophy ranches will not be able to import elk trophy bulls from other states when the new rule is in effect.

NAEBA will continue to work with the Missouri Elk Farmers Association and Missouri Deer Association on learning the latest news and impacts.

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NAEBA UPDATE

Missouri Elk Industry Update

DISCLAIMER: The information on this subject is fluid and may vary from source to source. NAEBA and MEFA encourage stakeholders to consult with state government officials and legal counsel before making business decisions based on the Missouri Supreme Court decision.

July 20, 2018 - The North American Elk Breeders Association and Missouri Elk Farmers Association are working to ensure the state's elk breeding and trophy industry remains strong.

Last week, NAEBA notified its members on the latest understanding of the impacts from the Missouri Supreme Court's ruling. To date, no schedule has been disclosed when the Missouri Department of Conservation's 2015 rule will be implemented for whitetail deer, mule deer and hunting ranches, which are under their control.

NAEBA's conversations with officials within the MDC and MDA still indicate the new MDC rule (when enforced) will not allow the importation of live elk to enter Missouri destined for hunting ranches, since trophy ranches

are under the jurisdiction of the MDC. However, for elk breeder operations, the new MDC rules currently do not apply to them because their regulatory and permitting authority is under the Missouri Department of Agriculture.

Under this assumption, Missouri trophy ranches that harvest elk trophy bulls will still be able to do so under the new rule if they are bulls born in Missouri. Therefore, their supply must come from local elk breeding operations that are producing trophy bulls born in the state. NAEBA's trophy ranch members have reached out asserting they will continue to have a need for a steady supply of trophy bulls to harvest. Such local supply is essential for their sustainability.

This scenario creates an opportunity for Missouri elk breeding ranches to maintain or

possibly increase their trophy bull output to supply local trophy bull ranches. In addition, Missouri elk breeding ranches can still export trophy bulls to other states.

"NAEBA and MEFA are committed to learning as much we can to keep the local elk industry strong," said NAEBA Executive Director Travis Lowe. "Whitetail and mule deer operations are in a very tough position. However, NAEBA and MEFA can try to help the existing trophy ranches meet their demand for elk bulls in the coming years. There needs to be a lot of communication within the state's stakeholders and time to accomplish this, but it looks like there is opportunity for mutual benefit."

NAEBA and MEFA will continue to work to inform our members of the latest news and impacts.

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There was much discussion among those in attendance about "hobby" versus "for profit" farmed cervidae operations and how to ensure hobby operations are being fully compliant with the state regulations on raising farmed cervidae. Several ideas were offered.

Hartkopf reported this year's MnEBA Charitable Elk Hunt will be taking place the week of October 15th. MnEBA is still asking members to encourage disabled veterans they know or have a connection with, to apply. Deadline is August 1st, but can be extended a week or two if necessary. While MnEBA has the funds secured to purchase a bull, a bull is still needed. Looking for a bull scoring in the 300-350" range.

Hartkopf reported the 2019 MnEBA Annual Conference will be taking place on January 12-13 at the Minneapolis Sheraton West in Minnetonka, MN. She encouraged anyone with ideas for seminars to contact a board member or the office. There was a request of have a roundtable on immunizations.

Pat Prodzinski moved to adjourn, seconded by Bill Knutson. Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Hartkopf, Executive Secretary



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.

Wisconsin Update

This message provided by the Whitetails of Wisconsin Association

July 27, 2018 - On Tuesday, July 24th, the DATCP Ag Board voted to NOT advance the Governor's Scope Statement. By not advancing the Scope, DATCP has no authority to write an emergency rule. The Ag Board listened and heard our comments and agreed that CWD is not an emergency.

Without an emergency rule, movement of our animals will be business as usual this fall with NO restrictions. The Governor could come back with a revised Scope Statement, but that would have to go through the same process as the original Scope Statement which took almost three months to complete.

We are extremely happy to have successfully made it over the first hurdle, but we have several more hurdles in front of us. The next meeting will be the DNR Board meeting on August 8th in Green Bay where the emergency rule regarding enhanced fencing and carcass movement will be presented for the DNR Board to review and vote to advance or deny parts of the rule. (Agenda is forthcoming) At the last DNR Board meeting, legal counsel told the board members they would have the ability to remove or change any part of the emergency rule they did not agree with. The Board directed the DNR personnel to

supply them with the science and evidence that the enhanced fencing will work to prevent the spread of CWD.

The DNR Board previously gave direction to the DNR to write rules that will not put farmers out of business. If you would like to review the June 27th webcast: <https://dnrmmedia.wi.gov/main/Catalog/Full/9da0bb432fd448a69d86756192a62f1721>

The DATCP proposed permanent rule, which was recently released, is proposing that ALL cervid operations will be required to install enhanced fencing and also proposes restricting movement of all cervids from affected counties to only other affected counties. The proposed permanent rule will advance through the rule making process. We will need our members to attend those hearings and submit comments. As always, we will do our best to keep our members informed of all meetings and comment periods.

The WOW board is extremely proud of how our members, Wisconsin citizens, and several out of state people stepped up and helped throughout this whole process. Our grass roots efforts are working! The facts and the science are on our side.

Letter: The MDC acts as if its regulations are justified to stop Chronic Wasting Disease

The Missouri Times

JULY 13, 2018 - The state Supreme Court's ruling that the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) has authority over deer farms will lead to the agency putting many of these small enterprises out of business. The court battle started several years ago after the MDC proposed costly and unscientific

regulations on deer farms, and the agency is now able to impose them-no doubt with a vengeance.

The MDC acts as if its regulations are justified to stop Chronic Wasting Disease. However, it is free-ranging animals that have spread the disease across the

state. Deer farms, by contrast, are a closed environment that can be controlled. Deer farms that want to import or export deer must have a certified herd-meaning every eligible animal at that facility must have been tested for CWD for at least 5 years with no positive results. If CWD is spread to a farm by free-ranging animals, the whole operation may be quarantined and depopulated.

Meanwhile, the MDC recently imported elk from western, CWD-positive areas for relocation in Missouri. Yet it did not follow the same rigorous standards that farmers have to follow to import deer showing the hypocrisy of the MDC's position. Consider that an Arkansas elk relocation right next door to Missouri, which was similarly unmonitored,

has a 23% infection rate for CWD.

It's important for the public to understand that farms have been helping fight against it for years, abiding by regulations and contributing to scientific research to battle CWD. The legislature, recognizing MDC's bias, previously attempted to shift oversight from MDC to the state Department of Agriculture, only to be vetoed by former Gov. Nixon. Legislators should make passing another bill a top priority.

Sincerely,
Charly Seale
American Cervid Alliance

<https://themissouritimes.com/52326/letter-the-mdc-acts-as-if-its-regulations-are-justified-to-stop-chronic-wasting-disease/>

Current Scientific Knowledge About CWD

May 21, 2018

Cervid Industry and related stakeholders,

Below is a link to a new document titled "Current Scientific Knowledge About CWD" written by Drs. Don Davis, Kenneth Waldrup, Greg Stewart, and James Kroll. This watershed analysis of the research surrounding Chronic Wasting Disease epitomizes the most comprehensive assessment of the science, opinion, and conjecture to date.

In an ongoing effort to keep the public apprised of the latest in scientific facts as they relate to Chronic Wasting Disease, the American Cervid Alliance has endorsed this scientific paper, which dispels much of the mythology surrounding CWD. This well-prepared paper uses science-based facts to provide the reader with a clear view of what is known and not known about the disease; in contrast to the misinformation distributed by other organizations and anti-hunting

affiliates which merely theorizes about CWD based on non-scientific opinions, theories, and beliefs to further a biased agenda.

We welcome you to share this document with your legislators, wildlife or animal health officials, media outlets, and the general public to give a more accurate perspective about a disease that is affecting all segments of deer and elk populations.

The ACA thanks the Texas Deer Association for their financial assistance in making this possible.

<http://www.americancervidalliance.org/userfiles/File/Current-Scientific-Knowledge-About-CWD-Davis-et-al-April-20181.pdf>

Talk to Your Legislators This Summer in This Election Year!

Besides voting for a new governor this fall, this is the year the entire Minnesota House of Representatives is up for re-election. More than ever, they are wanting to reach out to their constituents for their all-important vote this fall and they want to speak to YOU.

As you're out and about at your local parades, county fairs or just in the community and run across legislative candidates, make sure to take a few minutes to introduce yourself and speak to them about your farm and your concerns.

They might not remember the letter MnEBA sent, but they WILL remember speaking to you, their constituent!

In The News

Deer Study Yields Stunning Results

Rochester Post Bulletin ~ By John Wiess

July 25, 2018 - Roaming somewhere near Cannon Falls is a juvenile whitetail doe that has astounded researchers with her wanderlust. The deer's penchant for travel also could portend problems in the ongoing effort to halt the spread of chronic wasting disease.

The juvenile female was radio collared last spring in southern Fillmore County as part of CWD research. After being collared, she made the 80-mile trek to Cannon Falls in nearly a straight line, said Christopher Jennelle, the Department of Natural Resources's Wildlife Health Program and the lead researcher.

He isn't sure if that's a record, but it's surely close. It's "pretty remarkable, unbelievable," he said. Besides that doe, another deer was found dead last week about 40 miles from where it was collared, he said. That one may have been killed by predators, such as coyotes or dogs, he said.

Finding deer travel that far "is potentially a cause for concern," he said. "It's certainly possible they could have CWD," though the likelihood is smaller for juveniles than for adult deer. Learning how far deer move when dispersing and which travel corridors they have were two of the key things the study is seeking to find, he said.

CWD was found in a deer in the Preston area in 2016. Since then, 16 more have been found with the disease that is always fatal to deer but has never been known to be transmitted to humans. It's

the biggest CWD outbreak in wild deer in the state and has the DNR scrambling to contain it for fear it will keep spreading.

The DNR allowed many more deer to be harvested in the area in hopes that thinning the herd would decrease the chances of transmission and also detect how many cases there are.

CWD is spread through prions that infected deer carry in their blood, saliva, urine and feces. It's uncertain how long prions can survive in the soil. "It appears that we have caught it fairly early in its invasion process," Jennelle said; that is one of the few good pieces of news.

While other studies have been done on radio-collared deer in this region, this one focuses only on the immediate CWD area, he said. Results might have a little relevance to other parts of the southeast, he said. The CWD zone begins in the more farming-intensive areas near Fillmore County with Iowa and goes north into the more rugged, wooded land around Preston that is ideal deer habitat, he said.

The question that needed to be answered was how far did deer travel and what are the main travel corridors, Jennelle said. When that is known, it will be up to top wildlife managers to decide what to do next, he said. "We have a suite of options we can choose from," he said.

Last winter, 109 deer, mostly those born last fall, were collared. Some collars fell off when the expansion device failed, and a few have died.

There are now 88 live animals being followed, he said.

Those 88 deer have provided some interesting, and possibly disturbing, data. The DNR recently analyzed data from the spring dispersal period — April 15 to July 15 — and found deer moved much farther than anyone thought they would, he said. That could mean there are so many deer in the area that young ones are moving out, Jennelle said.

When detailing some of the most interesting findings, he stressed the results are preliminary. Also, there is a major fall dispersal time around the rut that will provide more information, he said. "We suspect that younger deer, juvenile deer, tend to undergo a dispersal after they turn about a year old," he said.

Some findings

- About 33 percent of juvenile females dispersed at least five miles from where they were captured, while 29 percent of the males moved out that far. "It's interesting because you usually think of the juvenile males having a higher probability of dispersing," he said. The farthest a juvenile male traveled was about 15 miles, while the one doe traveled 80 miles.

- Thirteen adult males were collared. About 31 percent of them moved an appreciable distance. Again, that was a surprise, because it was assumed they have a home territory. But then, some of the deer could have been younger adults, Jennelle said, and the sample is small.

MnEBA Scholarship Recipients

MnEBA is pleased to report that once again this year, because calendar sales topped 700 calendars, MnEBA was able to award two scholarships, both valued at \$350. There were three applicants for this year's scholarships who were all very excellent candidates!

Raya Erickson



Raya is the daughter of Jason & Melissa Erickson and the granddaughter of MnEBA members Ken & Carol Mudek. She will be starting her junior year of college at North Dakota State University this fall where she will be studying Psychology & Child Development.

Raya has already achieved outstanding success in her young college career as she graduated from college with an Associate of Arts degree before graduating from high school! She is also active in leadership and volunteer activities.

Raya is studying to be a Pediatric Psychotherapy Psychologist and to help prevent suicides. She says, "I would also like to help people who have mental illnesses find ways to cope with them."

MnEBA wishes Raya all the best as she begins her first year of classes at North Dakota State University!

Janessa Prodzinski



Janessa is the daughter of Jeff Prodzinski and the granddaughter of MnEBA members Pat & Rita Prodzinski. She will be starting her post-secondary education at Western Tech College this fall.

Janessa has been active in volleyball and Christian worship activities, with leadership roles in both. She has served as a volunteer in a long-term center, humane society, Salvation Army and traveled on mission trips. Janessa says, "Those working in agriculture are hard workers. They serve others. Helping those in need is something I am passionate about. It has instilled compassion in me as well as a good work ethic."

Early Childhood Education will be the area of study for Janessa. She hopes to work in a clinical hospital setting to care for children who are staying in the hospital. MnEBA wishes Janessa all the best as she begins her college career at Western Tech College!

Minnesota Elk Breeders Association 26th Annual Conference

January 11-12, 2019
Minneapolis Sheraton West – Minnetonka, MN

- * Attend seminars that benefit and grow your business
- * Work together to better understand and offer feedback on today's regulatory climate
- * Join together to help the elk industry continue to thrive
- * Network and enjoy talking all things elk!

The Results Are Striking

NAEBA Competition All Time Rankings

Non-Typical Hard Antler Scoring

Spikers	2 Yr. Olds	3 Yr. Olds	4 Yr Olds	5 Yr. Olds
Top 2 All Time	Top 3 All Time	Top 3 All Time	#2 All Time	Top 2 All Time
Only 1 >300"	6 of Top 8	3 of 4 >500"	1 of 2 >550"	2 of 3 >575"
6 of 12 >200"	6 of 11 >400"	7 of 14 >450"	2 of 9 >500"	

Velvet Weights

2 Yr. Olds	3 Yr. Olds	4 Yr. Olds
Top 5 All Time	3 of Top 4 All Time	#1 All Time
15 of Top 22	5 of 9 >32#	

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"Mohlman Elk Farm is releasing the first group of Maggie 13 cows as part of our bred cows for sale. This package could include Styx, Stryker and Fury's dams. Call for details."

HISTERIA TEQUILA SON

- Looking Good in 2018 at 5
- 550" at 4 unofficial in 2017
- 1st Place NAEBA 2017 3-Year-Old Non-Typical Class at 544 7/8" official, 556" unofficial with his 48" actual inside spread. Highest official score for a 3 year old!
- 1st Place NAEBA 2016 2-Year-Old Non-Typical Class at 451 5/8" official, 458" unofficial with his actual spread. Highest official score for a 2 year old!

2012, 2013, 2014, 2015,
2016 and 2017 Velvet
Premier Breeder
Award Winner



STRYKER STYX SON

- On pace to be bigger than last year
- Scored over 600" with a 66" inside spread at 6 in 2017 unofficial
- 561 5/8" official 1st place 2017 NAEBA 4-Year-Old Non-Typical Class 582" with his 56" spread unofficial
- 1st Place 2016 NAEBA 3-Year-Old Non-Typical Class 519 1/8" official, 542" with his 56" actual spread unofficial

"Stryker's backview"

Eric, Kim, Chase and Kyra Mohlman
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2015, 2016 and 2017
Non-Typical Hard Antler
Premier Breeder
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Board Blog by Brian Wagner, MnEBA Secretary/Treasurer



Another year and it sure is going fast. Everyone seems to have their favorite time of the year raising elk. For some it is watching new antler growth start or maybe seeing the new born calves being born. Others maybe the fall when the bulls are in hard antler and they are bugling nonstop and that time of the year is about to start.

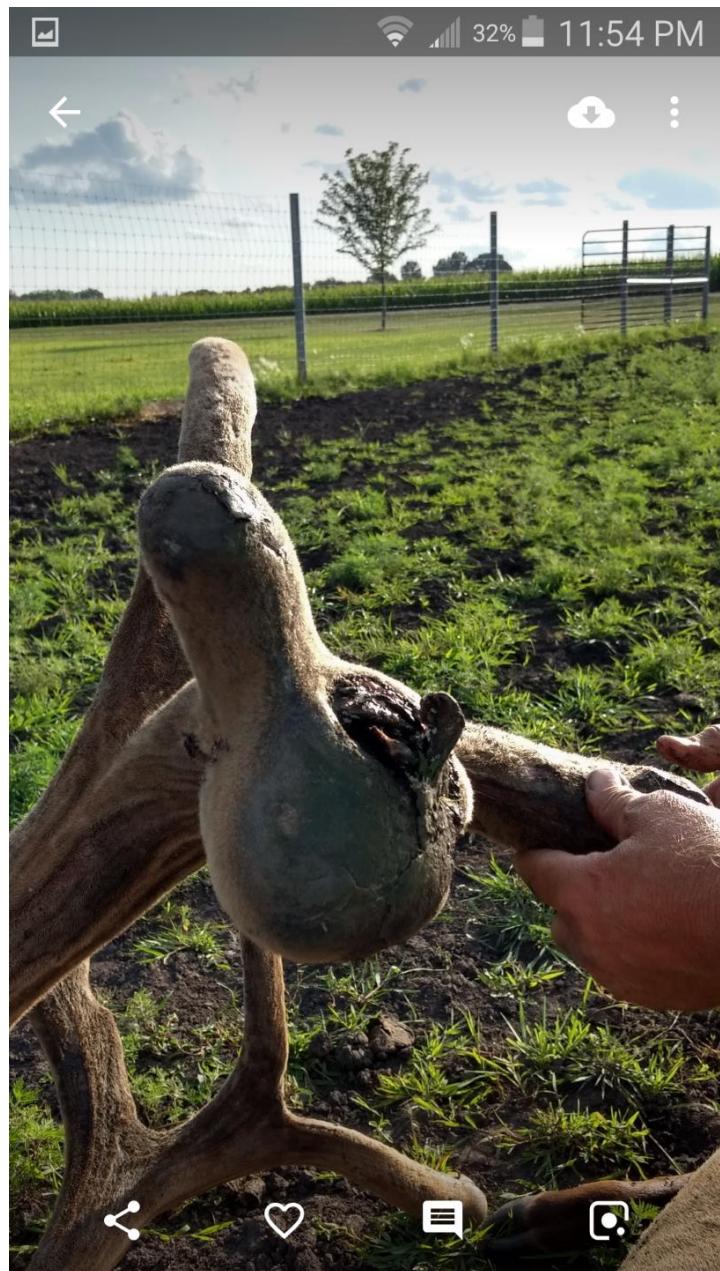
I personally like this time of the year if and when I ever have time to sit on the porch with a beer after dark and listen to bulls bugle in the distance. The only thing better than this to me would actually be listening to bulls bugling day and night on a bow hunt on top of a mountain somewhere out west.

With this time of the year upon us, there are a couple things I'd like to talk about. One is to be safe working your hard antler bulls. Never underestimate these bulls. They are always unpredictable and defensive at this time of year. Don't take unnecessary chances.

The other would be maggots in all bulls - cut bulls with any sizable regrowth are high risk to have maggots too. Also watch your hard antler bulls. I try to look at my bulls very close every day for any blood or damage. If there is either, chances are high this could lead to maggots.

This is what actually happened on my farm this last week. I've been watching one bull in particular because he had started a very large drop tine towards the end of his main beam and because of his very heavy antler, for the last month he would lay his head on the ground most of the day causing this tine to get bruised and damaged. One morning when feeding grain, I noticed he was the only bull not at the feeder and that afternoon i could visually see he had maggots. With a few bulls in the group not being 100% finished with antler growth, I didn't want to risk any other damage. I decided to tranquilize him and after I had him down, I could see the severity of the problem and decided to cut the tine off. Then I wrapped that area loosely with vet wrap and put some tape on it to hold it in place until he decides to take velvet off. I used the vet wrap to keep the flies away and not to lay more eggs and start the process over. I also sprayed with blue coat and fly spray and since he didn't come up to eat that morning, I didn't think he was feeling so well so I gave him 36cc of long acting antibiotic both in the muscle and under the skin. This particular bull was my breeding bull so I wasn't worried about his antler as much as i was keeping him alive. I'm almost certain within a couple days he would've been dead from blood poisoning.

Have a safe and happy fall hope to see you all at the conference in January.



MnEBA Kitchen

The following is a great dish to serve with bountiful vegetables from your garden!

Breaded Elk Steaks in Onion/Mushroom Gravy

1 lb. elk steak	1 Tbsp. flour
¾ cup plain breadcrumbs	2 cups beef broth
¼ cup grated Parmesan cheese	2 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
½ cup canola oil	1 tsp. fresh thyme
2 Tbsp. butter	½ tsp. salt
1 medium onion, sliced	½ tsp. pepper
8 oz. fresh mushrooms	



Using a meat mallet, tenderize both sides of the steaks. Season with salt and pepper and set aside. In a bowl, mix together the breadcrumbs and Parmesan cheese and set aside.

Heat butter in a large skillet over medium heat. Add the sliced onions, mushrooms and thyme and sauté until the onions are translucent. Sprinkle the onions and mushrooms with the flour and slowly stir in the beef broth. Bring to a boil and continue to stir until the gravy thickens. Add the Worcestershire sauce and season with additional salt if needed. Reduce heat to a low simmer.

Heat a skillet over medium heat and add the canola oil. Take each steak and firmly press both sides into the breadcrumbs. Place the lightly breaded steaks in skillet and cook until golden brown, about 4-5 minutes per side. When done, set the elk steaks into the gravy and continue to cook on low heat for about 15 minutes.

Serve the elk steaks with your favorite side dish, vegetables or fresh green salad.



Do You Know a Disabled Minnesota Veteran Who Might Want to Apply?

MnEBA is seeking a hunt recipient for this year and is looking for suggestions from MnEBA members. Candidates to be a disabled Minnesota veteran (or have Minnesota ties). Applications are now available and will be **due by August 10th**.

Elk Bull Needed for 2018 MnEBA Charitable Elk Hunt

MnEBA is seeking an elk bull for the 2018 MnEBA Charitable Elk Hunt to be held at Tony's Trophy Elk Hunt Ranch in Baudette, MN the week of October 15th. MnEBA has the funds needed to purchase a bull. Looking for someone willing to sell a bull measuring 300-350".

Please contact the MnEBA Office at (320) 543-2686 or info@mneba.org to request an application or to offer a bull for sale!

Vet Corner by Glen Zebarth, DVM

Minnesota Farmed Cervidae Task Force Discussions

The newly formed Minnesota Farmed Cervidae Task Force has met twice so far this year. I serve on the committee as an elk veterinarian member of the committee. Mark Luedtke and Brenda Hartkopf are the representatives for MnEBA.

Because this task force is limited in scope to discussing fencing alternatives and to find ways for cervidae farms who find themselves in a wild cervidae endemic zone to continue to operate, much of our discussions have revolved around those two topics. We do also receive updates from the Board of Animal Health (BAH), legislative, USAHA and DNR updates.

While DNR had a representative at the first meeting, they deemed they would not participate in person at future meetings but would provide updates and feedback as requested.

Main areas of discussion so far include:

1. **Exclusionary Fencing** – The group has spent a great deal of time discussing exclusionary fencing options, beyond double fencing, which could be acceptable alternatives to prevent comingling between farmed and wild cervidae. Discussions have revolved around woven netting, electric fence and what an acceptable number of strands would be, height, etc. or shorter woven wire fences and what the distance should be between fences to prevent comingling between wild and farmed cervidae.
2. **Hunting Preserves Work Group Discussion** – One of the outcomes of discussion about keeping farmed cervid operations viable centered around creating new, less restrictive rules for harvest preserves to encourage more preserves to continue business as a terminal operation. This would increase economic interests in Minnesota instead of sending the business out of state and keep movement of farmed cervidae happening in the state in case additional states close their borders. Changes such as this would require a change in state statute and would need to be signed by the Governor. A working group prepared and presented a possible plan for proposed changes. Members offered feedback and suggested several changes.
3. **CWD Risk Assessment Study Proposal for Farmed Cervidae Producers** – Dr. Scott Wells, University of Minnesota, addressed the group with a proposal to conduct a study to better identify transmission routes of CWD and perhaps create an outline of biosecurity actions and protocols breeders could follow to minimize their risk of CWD transmission to their farms. This idea received positive feedback from the group. Dr. Wells will continue to pursue and will stay in touch with the state associations as things move forward.

The task force meets again on August 15th.

Spring Coulee Velvet Capsules



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Thank you for your support!

August 23 – Labor Day September 3

MINNESOTA STATE FAIR

There still several opportunities to sign up! Call Greg Lubinski today to secure your shift!

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to work the MnEBA booth for the upcoming Minnesota State Fair! There are still several slots that need to be filled, especially the second weekend of the fair. If you enjoy selling lots of meat and dog chews, that is the weekend to work. The time flies by! Don't wait for Greg to call you and ask... call Greg today and let's get the schedule filled up.

If you've never worked the booth before, now is a good time to start a new tradition! Greg will be there in person to assist you, or he will pair you up with someone who will show you what to do. Many members also bring friends or other relatives to help out as well. Working the booth is a great time to talk all things elk with a very interested general public and is a great way to tell our story!

Please contact Greg Lubinski at (507) 273-0525 to sign up for any of the open shifts below. Contact Paul Hueg at (612) 791-0443 with any comments or suggestions for this year's booth display. If we can't utilize your suggestion this year, we can work on them next year. Paul will be setting the booth up in about a week or two so call today!



Date	Time	Workers	Date	Time	Workers
Pre-Fair		Set Up – Paul Hueg, Greg Lubinski, Kraig Wurst	8/29	8 – 2	Luedtke Family, Kraig & Jenny Wurst
8/23	8 - 2	Lance & Brenda Hartkopf		2 – 9	OPEN
	2 – 9	OPEN	8/30	8 – 2	Jim Byrne, Norman Schimmelpfennig
8/24	8 – 2	Aase Family		2 – 9	Jim Byrne, Norman Schimmelpfennig
	2 – 9	Pat & Rita Prodzinski	8/31	8 – 2	Jim Byrne
8/25	8 – 2	Bryce & Megan Lubinski, Perry Olson		2 – 9	Jim Byrne
	2 – 9	Lynn & Kathy Steinbrink, Perry Olson	9/1	8 – 2	OPEN
8/26	8 – 2	Brian & Holly Harguth		2 – 9	Turek Family
	2 – 9	OPEN	9/2	8 – 2	OPEN
8/27	8 – 2	Jim Byrne		2 – 9	OPEN
	2 – 9	Ken & Carol Mudek	9/3	8 – 2	Greg & Roxy Lubinski
8/28	8 – 2	Melquist Family		2 – 9	Paul & Lynn Hueg
	2 – 9	Luedtke Family, Ken Arnzen, Dennis Suelflow			

Updating State Fair Lists of Member Products

Each year at the Minnesota State Fair, MnEBA publishes an updated list of members who sell elk meat or velvet, as well as businesses which sell elk meat.

Please see the following pages for the most current lists. PLEASE REVIEW EACH LIST carefully to make sure your name is on it if you wish it to be, or contact the MnEBA office to have your name and contact information added, make a change to your contact info or to have your name removed if you no longer sell that product.

Contact the office with any changes BEFORE AUGUST 10!

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Elk Meat Retail Suppliers

Many members also sell elk meat wholesale to retail grocery stores, convenience and hunting stores, and restaurants. If there are any locations which should be added or removed from this list, please let the office know.

Contact the office with any changes BEFORE AUGUST 10!

Elk Jerky, Snack Sticks & Sausage

- Cabelas
- Bass Pro Shops

Online Ordering

- Elk Marketing Council – www.healthylekmeat.com
- Grande Natural Meats – www.elkusa.com

Retail Stores

- Fresh and Natural – Shoreview
- Hampden Park Coop – St. Paul
- Seward's Coop – Minneapolis
- Mackenthun's Meats & Deli – St. Bonifacius
- Hyvee – All Rochester locations & Albert Lea

- Rochester Wholesale Fruit Inc. – Winona
- Bluff Country Coop – Winona
- Good Earth Coop – St. Cloud
- Oakwood Game Farm Retail Store – Princeton
- Whole Farm Coop – Long Prairie

Farmer's Markets

- Alexandria Farmer's Market
- Willmar Farmer's Market

- Mankato Farmer's Market
- Rochester Farmer's Market

Restaurants in Minnesota

- Radison Hotel Plaza – Minneapolis
- Tailgators (former American Legion) – Farmington
- MN Horse & Hunt Club (open to public) – Prior Lake
- Roaster Pear – Burnsville
- Cannon River Inn – Welch
- McArthurs Wood Grill Restaurant – Cannon Falls
- Jaspers Alsatian & Wine Bar – Rochester
- Sontes' – Rochester
- Buck's Bar & Grill – Minneiska
- The Blackhorse Inn – Winona/Homer
- Lakeview Drive Inn – Winona
- Signatures Restaurant – Winona
- Timbers Restaurant – Winona
- Riverside on the Root - Lanesboro
- Arrowwood Resort – Alexandria
- Fitgers Brew House – Duluth
- Lake Street Café – Duluth



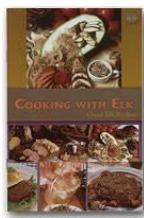
MnEBA Promotional Materials

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

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

MEAT PROMOTIONS

Elk Meat Poster 11" x 17" laminated poster in full color featuring elk burger and steak. \$5/each



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

3rd Edition "Cooking With Elk" Cookbook

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

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

VELVET PROMOTIONS



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

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

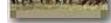
Velvet Antler Brochures is a general velvet antler brochure produced by NAEBA. \$.30 each

GENERAL INFORMATION



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

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



Elk, America's Greatest Animal – Minnesota Elk DVD, a DVD promoting all elk markets, with special emphasis on promoting Minnesota grown elk. Great tool for speaking to civic groups and classrooms. \$5 each

HOME DÉCOR

Price includes shipping & handling.



Elk Rug (Small) \$27.50 each

Elk Rug (Large) \$40 each

MNELK / MINNESOTA GROWN BOX

For meat sales or any other Minnesota grown elk products which can be boxed up. Box size 17"x10"x8.25". Designed to hold 30 lbs.



Hard Antler and Velvet Antler Buyers at NAEBA Convention in Fargo, ND this Weekend!

The NAEBA Office has been contacted to be made aware that there will be both a hard antler and velvet antler buyer at the NAEBA convention in Fargo next weekend. Additional buyers may be present as information becomes available.

Hard Antler Buyer

Wapiti Labs will be purchasing hard antler on Friday evening August 3rd and Saturday August 4th.

If you are planning to bring hard antler to sell in Fargo, please contact Craig Wylie ahead of time to let him know how many pounds you are bringing so he can plan accordingly.

For any questions or to report the poundage you will be bringing, please contact Craig at 218-850-9653.

Velvet Antler Buyer

Scott Salonek will be buying any velvet which hasn't already been picked up beginning August 2nd in Fargo.

If you are planning to bring velvet to sell, it is important to contact Scott ahead of time to make sure he will be available to take your velvet when you arrive.

Scott is also buying elk buttons.

For any questions or to arrange your drop off time, please contact Scott at 612-850-8684.

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The Rack Plus program incorporates the latest technical advances in cervid nutrition with ADM's time and field-proven formulation and feed technology techniques to deliver the right balance of protein, energy, vitamins, and minerals that enable deer and elk to reach their full genetic potential.

Deer & Elk 18-4 (81686AAA) and Deer & Elk 18-5 Breeder (81692AAA)

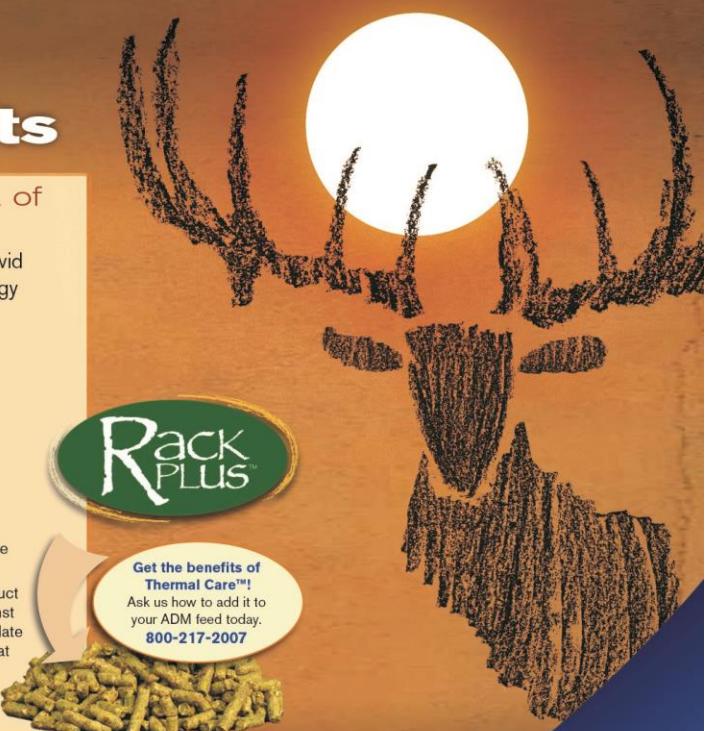
- Complete, pelleted feeds formulated specifically for deer and elk
- Provide multiple protein sources, stabilized rice bran, highly digestible energy and fiber sources, CitriStim®, and direct fed microbial
- Both products provide 18% protein and no more than 14% fiber; 18-4 provides 4% fat and 18-5 provides 5% fat
- 18-5 Breeder: Formulated specifically for the breeding herd; also provides natural-source vitamin E, B-complex vitamins, selenium yeast, and Antler D™*

CitriStim®, an ADM proprietary feed ingredient, is a proven, truly unique whole-cell yeast product beneficial for all animals at all life stages. CitriStim may help the animal fortify its defense against health challenges. CitriStim *Pichia guilliermondii* yeast adheres to pathogens and helps modulate body defense mechanisms. The overall result is potential production benefits and an animal that does not as easily succumb to health challenges.

*Antler D is a trademark of Head Gear LLC.

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Calendar of Events

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

August 23-September 3, 2018 – Minnesota State Fair, State Fairgrounds, St. Paul, MN

January 11-12, 2019 – MnEBA Annual Conference, Minneapolis Sheraton West, Minnetonka, MN

March 8-9, 2019 – 2019 March Mingle, Fantasyland Hotel, Edmonton, AB

March 8-10, 2019 – Outdoor News Deer & Turkey Classic, Warner Coliseum, State Fairgrounds, St. Paul, MN

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

For Sale: Semen from White Lightning and Piranha. Call Jay Pronschinske at 507-458-7970.

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