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## President's Message by Mark Luedtke



Hello everyone!

Where does the time go, here we are going into the winter season again! I hope all of you, your families and your herds are doing well. I hope you have moved all the animals you planned for and had a very successful breeding season which will bring a wonderful spring for you.

As we enter this holiday season, I hope you are able to spend some real quality time with your loved ones, families and friends.

So far our winter is starting out mild, but here in the northland we all know that will most likely change. With the changing weather comes snow and cold which over the years I have learned is hardest on me and my equipment. The animals do great and really seem to enjoy the change in weather if they have plenty of fuel, so hopefully you are stocked up for the winter.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our membership meeting this January; I hope you can take the time to come to the meeting. We are living through a most unusual combination of circumstances with challenges related to regulation of our industry both nationally and here in our own state, a marketplace that has a desire for our products, and an aging and shrinking number of producers. This unique set of challenges and opportunities only increases the importance of us gathering and discussing the multitude of issues. We need to align ourselves to face the challenges and collectively capture the industry opportunities in front of us, and we need to strengthen our association and our industry for the next generation of entrepreneurs and elk enthusiasts.

I encourage every member to contact any member of the board if you have questions, concerns, or comments regarding what we have been dealing with and how we have handled it.

Mark

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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.

## 2022 MnEBA Annual Conference Seminars to Offer Wide Range of Topics

**Crowne Plaza Minneapolis West Hotel, Plymouth MN**  
January 7-8, 2022

MnEBA is excited and ready to host the 2022 MnEBA Annual Conference offering a wide range of seminars including navigating what is speculated to be a difficult year ahead at the state capitol, but a great year for meat and trophy bulls sales. If there was ever a year you want to make sure to attend the annual conference, it is this one!

Seminar topics include:

**ADM Animal Nutrition Seminar** – Back by popular demand, ADM Animal Nutrition will be sponsoring a Friday evening dinner and presentation on elk nutrition. This is also a great opportunity to meet ADM's newest elk and deer program representative, Adam Bates.

**ACA Social Media Campaign** – In an effort to expose the hypocrisy of groups like the Minnesota Deer Hunters Association and Bluffland Whitetails, the ACA is launching a social media campaign to educate the general public about what these groups are really trying to do, put small family farms out of business no matter what it takes.

**NAEBA's Work to Combat State Closures** – Some elk farmers around the country found it more difficult to move trophy bulls this year due to some states trying to enact their own rules without official rulemaking. See what NAEBA is doing to hold states accountable to follow the rules and science.

**BAH Update with Dr. Linda Glaser** – Hear from Dr. Linda Glaser, Board of Animal Health Farmed Cervidae Program Director who will give updates on the farmed cervid program, rulemaking and also DNR co-authority over premises where there are whitetail deer.

**Ask the Market Expert Panel** – This is an opportunity to have a group discussion about anything from marketing meat in halves and quarters to selling wholesale, discuss the diminishing amount of antler being cut for velvet and what that could mean for velvet sales in the future and the shortage of elk bulls for current trophy market demand.

**Ask the Board** – As President Luedtke mentioned in his President's Message, we are living in interesting times. Minnesota cervid farmers are facing increasing opposition from wildlife groups, tribes and DNR infiltration into the Board of Animal Health. It is becoming increasingly difficult to find people to help man the MnEBA booth at the State Fair and with an aging membership who are steadily retiring, it is more important than ever to have an honest discussion about where the membership would like the Association to go in the next few years and discuss the role we all play in making that happen.

#### Take advantage of Early Bird savings!!

Make sure to sign up by January 5<sup>th</sup> to save \$15/person on your registration fees! Complete and return the enclosed convention insert or sign up online at [www.mneba.org/annual-conference](http://www.mneba.org/annual-conference).

## Board Meeting Minutes

### Board Meeting Minutes October 20, 2021

The Minnesota Elk Breeders Association Board of Directors held a meeting via Zoom on Wednesday October 20, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. Mark Luedtke, Brian Wagner, Kraig Wurst, Lance Hartkopf, Greg Lubinski, and Brenda Hartkopf were present. Guests included Jim Byrne, Dr. Paul Anderson and Tony Kwilas.

Luedtke called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m. President Luedtke asked if there were any changes or additions to the agenda as presented. B. Hartkopf asked if the meeting could move directly to Old Business then go back to the Secretary and Treasurer's Report since Kwilas could only be on the call a short while. All agreed to the change.

Board discussed the DNR Stop Movement order on farmed whitetail deer and also discussed the notice to all farmed cervid producers regarding the proper way to dispose of carcasses. Kwilas reported there is a lot of confusion between DNR and BAH about whether oversight is joint or concurrent. The stop movement order for whitetail deer was made by DNR alone. The House Environment committee is holding a hearing to discuss CWD this coming Wednesday October 27. After much discussion, was decided to submit questions to industry-friendly legislators on the committee to bring out notice of our concerns. B. Hartkopf to follow up with Kwilas.

There was discussion about a potential ACA offensive campaign in Minnesota. Kwilas thought positive, proactive messages would be good. Kwilas also talked about working to find out what the joint BAH/DNR recommendations to fight CWD in Minnesota will look like to allow MnEBA to put together a possible education component for legislators in the 2022 session which begins January 31. Kwilas then left the meeting.

Luedtke asked for additions or corrections to the June 23 Secretary Minutes. Wurst moved to accept the report as written, Lubinski seconded, motion carried. B. Hartkopf then reviewed the financial reports. After discussion, Wagner moved to send \$500 to ACA and consider sending more later. L. Hartkopf seconded, motion carried. Wurst moved to accept the treasurer's report, Lubinski seconded, motion carried.

Discussed the State Fair booth and how difficult it was to find people to man the booth this year. Covid and overall personal safety were concerns several people had. There was discussion about discontinuing the

booth for 2022, however, a consensus could not be reached. It was noted this is an income generating event for the Association and that once we release the space, we will not get in again. The committee did not have a recommendation either way but would support whatever the board decided. Decision was made to table the discussion until the application to renew for 2022 is received.

B. Hartkopf reported the 2021 MnEBA Charitable Elk Hunt is taking place November 1-3. The recipient is Keith Frantsen, a Vietnam veteran from Windom, MN. He was nominated for the hunt by Denny Sueflow. The bull for the hunt was purchased from a Minnesota breeder and Denny brought it up to Tony's Trophy Elk Hunt Ranch on October 18. Everything is ready to go for the hunt.

There are 558 MnEBA Gun Raffle Calendars out at the present time with more expected to be distributed soon has more members are contacted about selling calendars. Stubs and money for 22 calendars have come in so far which is typical this far out.

### NEW BUSINESS

Board continued discussion on establishing a proactive social media campaign through ACA. There were a lot of questions about the deliverables and cost but there was interest in pursuing something. Luedtke to follow up with the ACA and public relations company to get more information. Lubinski left the meeting during this discussion.

Luedtke reported the upcoming USAHA Convention will be more of a hybrid meeting, with virtual committee meetings already having taken place. He spoke about several CWD research study updates. He plans to attend the in-person event on behalf of MnEBA October 24-26. Wagner left the meeting during this discussion.

Discussed possible topics, speakers and fundraising ideas for the upcoming MnEBA Annual Conference on January 7-8, 2022 in Plymouth, MN. B. Hartkopf to contact potential speakers and put the agenda together.

Wurst moved to adjourn, L. Hartkopf seconded, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Brenda Hartkopf, Executive Secretary



## Animal Bytes

### CWD Not Detected in Farmed Cervid Connected to a Positive Farm in Wisconsin

**November 8, 2021** - A small Sherburne County white-tailed deer farm has been released from quarantine after CWD was not-detected during a Board investigation.

The Sherburne County farm received animals from a Taylor County, Wisconsin farm in October 2017. In August 2021, Wisconsin animal health officials notified the Board that an animal from the Taylor County farm tested positive for CWD. The Board immediately conducted an investigation and quarantined any living animals moved to Minnesota that may have been exposed to CWD. The following is a summary of what the Board uncovered during its investigation and actions taken to mitigate the spread of CWD.

- The Sherburne County herd received three does from a breeding herd in Taylor County Wisconsin in October 2017. When the Wisconsin farm tested positive for CWD the does were immediately considered CWD exposed and the Board quarantined the entire herd.
- Only one of the three CWD exposed does from the 2017 import was alive when the Board investigated. The other two does were both harvested on the farm earlier this year and tested not-detected for CWD.
- The owner of the Sherburne County herd requested federal indemnity to have the exposed five-year-old doe CWD tested and it was killed and sampled in October.
- Results were confirmed and reported to the Board by the USDA National Veterinary Services Laboratories on November 3. CWD was not detected.
- The quarantine was released on November 4.

#### Background of the Sherburne County herd

The producer successfully CWD tested every deer death in the herd over the age of 12 months since March 2016. Annual inspections reflect secure fencing and cooperation to quickly rectify record keeping discrepancies with the Board. There are no documented compliance actions against this herd and no record of escapes.

### White-tailed Deer Concurrent Authority Update: October 2021

**October 28, 2021** - The DNR has started to train a dozen of their field staff from the Enforcement and Fish and Wildlife Divisions to conduct inspection of white-tailed deer farms.

Board and DNR supervisors hold regularly scheduled and as needed meetings to assess and strengthen protocols for concurrent authority over captive white-tailed deer. Topics of discussion included:

- Dr. Linda Glaser, who oversees the Board's Farmed Cervidae Program, educated DNR staff on CWD trace investigations and import requirements for white-tailed deer. DNR and Board staff suggested changes to the state's current import policy for white-tailed deer. In light of the DNR's stop movement order, both agencies agreed to review and revisit this topic at a future meeting.
- DNR staff need to be trained as authorized CWD sample collectors. The Board requires that all submissions to the Minnesota Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory be by authorized collectors and include lymph nodes, obex, ear tissue and official identification tags.
- The DNR proposed an addendum to the Board's inspection protocols to include additional questions and information the DNR wants to collect on white-tailed deer farms.

- The DNR is working with the vendor that built the Board's database to create a database specifically for the management of white-tailed deer.

## Producer Alerts

### COVID-19 in Cervidae: Producers Urged to Take Caution

November 11, 2021

- Recently, an Iowa study found that wild and captive deer tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19) and that people were the likely source of the deer infections.
- To prevent transmission of COVID-19 to deer, wear a mask when caring for or handling farmed or captive deer, and wash your hands with soap and water before and after caring for them. If you are ill with COVID-19, avoid contact with deer, and if possible, have another member of the household care for your animals.
- At this time, there is no evidence deer play a role in spreading COVID-19 back to people. Person to person transmission of COVID-19 is much more likely to occur than transmission from an animal.
- It is good biosecurity to always wash hands **before and after** interacting with animals and their environment.
- For those who are interested, the full study *Multiple spillovers and onward transmission of SARS-Cov-2 in free-living and captive White-tailed deer* is available online.

### Seasonal Disease Detected in Wild Deer

**October 20, 2021** - The DNR announced a detection of Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease (EHD) in two southeastern Minnesota counties, Houston and Winona. EHD affects members of the deer family, Cervidae, and there are no known health risks to people. Many different deer species may be infected with EHD, and white-tailed deer are highly susceptible, and experience high rates of mortality.

The disease is spread by biting midges and the only preventative measure farmed cervid owners can take is to repel and reduce biting midges from their property. Deer remain at risk until the first hard frost of the season.

Most deer die within 36 hours of exhibiting clinical signs of EHD. Clinical signs can include: fever, anorexia, lethargy, stiffness, respiratory distress, oral ulcers, and severe swelling of the head and neck. Sporadic cases occur in other species of cervids and hoofstock. There is no specific treatment or vaccine available in the U.S.

Suspicious deaths in your herd should be reported to your veterinarian and the Minnesota Board of Animal Health at 651-201-6804.

### White-tailed Deer Stop Movement Order

**October 11, 2021** - This morning the DNR placed a stop movement order on farmed white-tailed deer using their Expedited Emergency rulemaking authority. This movement order is for imports of white-tailed deer into Minnesota and all intrastate movement of white-tailed deer, effective immediately and expiring April 11, 2023.

**This applies only to white-tailed deer, other farmed cervid species are not affected by the order.**

White-tailed producers with questions or comments can contact the following DNR staff:

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## News Release

# CWD Suspected in a Wild Deer Harvested Along Northwestern Minnesota's Border

November 3, 2021

### *Area deer hunters asked to submit samples for testing at stations in Climax, Nielsville*

The first suspected case of chronic wasting disease in a wild deer along Minnesota's border with North Dakota has prompted the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to implement voluntary CWD sampling for all deer harvested in this area during the 2021 firearms season.

Hunters who harvest deer in permit areas 261 and 262, which are located between Moorhead on the south and Oslo on the north, are strongly encouraged to leave samples at self-service stations in Nielsville and Climax. Once exact locations are established for these two stations, details and instructions will be available on the DNR website, alongside information about sampling stations in CWD surveillance, management and control zones.

Preliminary test results from a deer harvested southwest of Climax strongly indicate a CWD infection. Confirmation of the initial result is expected next week.

No cases of CWD had been reported in wild or captive deer in nearby areas, and no CWD sampling requirements were in place. The hunter voluntarily collected the sample and paid for a private test. When preliminary results came back positive, the hunter contacted the DNR.

"Thanks to this hunter's early discovery, we have the chance to act quickly and be proactive," said Seth Goreham, acting wildlife research manager for the DNR. "We're asking hunters to submit samples so we can determine the extent of CWD in the area and take steps to help control the spread."

Testing is free for deer harvested in permit areas 261 and 262 as well as any other deer permit area designated a CWD surveillance, management or control zone. Hunters outside a CWD zone can collect lymph node samples and pay a small fee for a CWD test. Complete video instructions on how to properly collect a lymph node sample and laboratory information is available on the DNR website.

CWD is a fatal neurological disease that affects cervids, including white-tailed deer. It is found globally and in about half of the states in the U.S. CWD remains relatively rare in Minnesota but is a concern as there is no known cure.

The DNR continues to take aggressive steps to combat CWD and its spread. So far 118 cases of CWD have been documented in Minnesota's wild deer herd, most of them in the southeastern part of the state. The disease is also being actively and aggressively managed near Bemidji, the Brainerd Lakes area and in the south metropolitan area.

Complete information about CWD is available on the DNR website at [mndnr.gov/cwd](http://mndnr.gov/cwd).

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# DNR Temporarily Bans Farmed Deer Movement Into and Within Minnesota to Protect State's Wild White-tailed Deer

October 11, 2021

***Emergency action will provide time to understand connections between known CWD-positive farms and identify and prevent transfer from potentially exposed herds.***

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has issued an emergency rule that temporarily prohibits the importation and movement of farmed white-tailed deer into and within Minnesota.

This emergency action takes effect today (Oct. 11, 2021) and aims to reduce further spread of chronic wasting disease (CWD) and protect the health of Minnesota's wild deer. The temporary ban will allow us to determine the previous movements of known CWD-exposed deer and potential additional exposures.

The DNR will work thoroughly but efficiently on this effort along with the Board of Animal Health, with which it shares concurrent authority to regulate farmed white-tailed deer. The DNR asks for the full support and cooperation of the farmed deer community.

The DNR is taking this action in response to the discovery that a CWD-positive farm in Wisconsin shipped 387 farmed white-tailed deer to farms in seven states, including Minnesota. Three farms in Minnesota ultimately received a total of five deer from the infected farm.

"This disease poses a clear, immediate and serious threat to Minnesota's wild deer, and these actions reflect what's at stake," said DNR Commissioner Sarah Strommen. "We are committed to doing everything we can to reduce the continued risk of CWD transmission in Minnesota, including from farmed deer to Minnesota's wild whitetails."

This temporary movement ban will provide time to track the movement of deer from the infected farm and understand the potential risk to other herds. The epidemiological investigations will show connections among known CWD-exposed herds, identify if there were additional exposed herds, and prevent additional transfer from potentially exposed herds. The rule provides exemptions for deer being transported to slaughter and those being transported on a direct route through the state.

As previously announced, the DNR learned on Sept. 27, 2021 that three Minnesota farms ultimately had received a total of five white-tailed deer from the infected Wisconsin farm. Two of those deer went to farms that no longer are in business, and the two animals subsequently moved back to farms in Wisconsin.

The other three deer were moved to a farm in Minnesota that's currently active. Two of those deer were killed and tested; they did not test positive for CWD. The third deer is still alive and the owner is awaiting payment prior to making the animal available for testing. The farm where this animal lives is currently under quarantine.

To follow results from DNR CWD testing of wild deer around Minnesota, go to <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/cwdcheck/index.html>.

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## In The News

The following commentary will appear in the January edition of *The Farmer* magazine. A similar, longer version appeared in the *Commentary* section of *Outdoor News* in October.

### Thoughts About CWD From the Other Side of the Fence

By Brenda Hartkopf, Minnesota Elk Breeders Association

It's disappointing to see some legislators and hunting groups placing blame for the spread of CWD on farmers. They fail to take responsibility and recognize other ways CWD is moving across the state.

There are two Minnesota areas where CWD has been found in more than one wild deer. Southeastern Minnesota has been finding CWD positive wild deer first in Fillmore county and now throughout southeastern Minnesota for the past five years. The area is located near CWD endemic areas in Wisconsin and Iowa. No CWD positive farms have ever been identified in Fillmore county.

CWD has been identified in wild deer in Dakota county the past two hunting seasons. There has never been a case of CWD on a farm in that county. Just recently, a CWD positive wild deer was harvested near Moorhead with no CWD positive farms in that area either.

We as deer and elk farmers want CWD to be controlled. We requested a CWD monitoring program when there was no federal program available. Industry has spent thousands of dollars to develop herds with CWD genetic resistance similar to the successful Scrapie program for sheep. A number of farms have made significant progress integrating CWD resistance into their herds.

Farmers also participate in trials to manage CWD in soils. The controlled setting of a deer farm may be the only way this research will continue to give us new meaningful information.

There is a lack of awareness in the role hunters unknowingly play in the spread of CWD. Harvested wild deer carcasses were allowed to be brought into Minnesota from areas "not known to be" from CWD endemic areas until 2016. However, there was no way to know if an area had a problem with CWD because of limited testing in wild deer. Even today, efforts to monitor whole carcass movement into Minnesota are lacking.

Thousands of wild deer move freely in and out of CWD management areas all across the state. Compare those number of acres and potentially infected wild deer with farms who had a CWD positive animal, are depopulated and the land is still protected with a fence. Which area should we be more concerned about?

Let's focus on the role individuals play in how they manage their carcasses and stop pointing fingers at farmers. We can't undo the positive wild carcasses that have already been deposited on the Minnesota landscape, nor can we stop CWD positive wild deer from walking into Minnesota. But we can work together towards the same outcome; better control of CWD.

## MnEBA Board Nominations Now Being Accepted!

This year there are two board seats up for re-election – Mark Luedtke and Kraig Wurst.

Nominations for these open positions are now being accepted. If you know of anyone who would be a good candidate, or you as a member are willing to run, please contact the MnEBA Office at (320) 543-2686 or [info@mneba.org](mailto:info@mneba.org). Elections will be held during the MnEBA Annual Conference on January 8, 2022 at the Crowne Plaza Mpls. West Hotel in Plymouth, MN.

### Board Terms

Mark Luedtke, <i>President</i>	Term ends 2022
Kraig Wurst, <i>Vice President</i>	Term ends 2022
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Greg Lubinski, <i>Director</i>	Term ends 2024
Lance Hartkopf, <i>Director</i>	Term ends 2024



## NEWS RELEASE: Monday November 22, 2021

Contact: Brenda Hartkopf, Minnesota Elk Breeders Association, 320-543-2686

### Vietnam Veteran Harvests Bull Elk

**Minnesota Elk Breeders Association (MnEBA), November 22, 2021** – Keith Frantsen thought he would never hunt elk again. While friends and relatives continued to encourage him to travel with them out West to hunt elk, physical limitations caused him to pass up the opportunity. What this Vietnam veteran did not know, was that his childhood friend Denny Sueflow was working behind the scenes to make the dream of hunting a bull elk again a reality for Keith. Both would embark on a trip neither of them will soon forget when earlier this fall Keith was chosen to harvest a magnificent bull elk courtesy of the Minnesota Elk Breeders Association and Tony's Trophy Elk Hunt Ranch.

A Windom, Minnesota area U.S. Army Veteran, Keith served in the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division and ¼ Cav while serving in Vietnam from July 1968-September 1969. While there he sustained injuries to his left hip via shrapnel. Since then, he has had both knees and both hips replaced, triple bypass and a pacemaker.

Keith was stunned when contacted about being selected as the 2021 recipient of the MnEBA Charitable Elk Hunt. He simply could not believe that he would have an opportunity to harvest a bull elk in the physical condition he was in. He was beyond excited and grateful to be chosen.

The hunt couldn't have been more perfect for Keith. His good friend Denny accompanied him on the hunt one early November morning. Keith spotted the bull in the distance the first day but was hoping to harvest the bull with a crossbow and was never able to get close enough to release a shot. He wasn't sure they would see the bull the second day, but they tried a different blind and had better success eventually finding the bull just 150 yards away. Keith made the decision to use his firearm instead of the crossbow and after the smoke cleared, he had taken the bull with one shot! After taking time to enjoy the moment and snap photos, they brought the bull back to the facility and hung it up to be quartered and put in coolers for transport back to his local processor the next day.

When Keith looked back at his hunt experience three weeks later, he was still smiling from ear to ear. "I don't know how I could have had more fun. I still can't get the grin off my face," he said. "This was absolutely a super trip." Keith is already enjoying the meat from his hunt and is working to have the head caped and mounted. Denny shared similar sentiments saying, "This experience was just fantastic for both of us."

MnEBA would like to thank everyone who generously supported this year's hunt including Tony's Trophy Elk Hunt Ranch, Denny Sueflow who transported the bull to the hunt facility and also accompanied Keith on his trip and Splendor Ridge Elk Farm who helped cover the cost of the bull, lodging, meals and processing.

MnEBA offers our heartfelt thanks, support and gratitude to Keith Frantsen and to all United States military men and women for their dedication and service to our country.



Keith Frantsen

## Board Blog by Kraig Wurst, MnEBA Vice President



Hello everyone! I hope you are having a great holiday season.

My family is doing great. The kids are getting older and like to tag along when I am doing chores or working the elk. It usually takes twice as long, but it is always more entertaining and they are turning into good help!

I built a couple new pastures this year. They only added up to a few acres but somehow out of two pastures I ended up needing 8 gates! I have always been of the opinion that I can never have too many gates. They take extra time and money in the beginning but if a person looks at it long term, extra gates are always worth the price. Of course it could be that I just can't decide where to put the gates. Thank goodness someone came up with the idea to use old oil well pipe for posts! I remember all the work digging in wooden posts was; digging the hole, tamping the dirt back in around the post and then watching the bull back into it and snap it off like a twig!

I am always short of pastures it seems for the number of elk I have. I either have them split up into too many groups or they are rotating too often and the pastures just can't keep up. I hope next summer I will have enough pastures to let them rest and regrow properly.

I am very optimistic about the elk industry. Lance made a very good point at the last meeting. The elk industry is both very good and struggling at the same time (I wish I thought up that line!). The demand for meat and trophy bulls has never been better. I have not heard of anyone having trouble moving their elk. There are problems looming over us though. There are people who want to put us out of business. If we want to stay in this business we are going to have to put in the work to fight back against these people. We need to get the word out about how great elk and our farms are. I honestly believe that elk meat is as close to perfect as any meat is. The combination of low fat/high protein and incredible taste can't be matched. People are also looking to support small family farms, and I believe that all of our farms can be considered in that group. I hear complaints about big corporate farms that run 10's of thousands of acres but I never hear anyone complain about a small family farm. I think that is what we should be putting out there. The people that are trying to put us out of business are trying to put small farms out of business. We need to get the word out that elk farming is a great business, and we provide a valuable and needed product. We also have to point out that raising elk keeps our small farms viable and keeps them from being rented out to the big farms.

Happy holidays to all of you!

Kraig Wurst



## Welcome New Members

Several new members have joined MnEBA in the past few months. We welcome you and look forward to sharing friendship and comradery together!

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# MnEBA Kitchen

Here's an easy main dish for extra company you may be entertaining over the holidays!

## Ground Elk Stroganoff

- 1 lb. ground elk
- 1Tbsp. olive oil
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 tsp. minced garlic
- 1 cup fresh mushrooms, sliced
- 2 Tbsp. flour
- 1 cup beef broth

- 1 cup heavy cream
- 1 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
- ¼ tsp. pepper
- ½ tsp. salt
- 1/3 cup sour cream
- 8 oz. egg noodles
- parsley (optional)



### DIRECTIONS

Boil egg noodles according to package directions and set aside. Add the olive oil to a large skillet and heat over medium-high heat. Add the ground elk and chopped onion and cook until done. Add in the minced garlic and fresh mushrooms and cook until softened.

Add the flour to the skillet and stir to combine. Slowly add the broth, stirring as you add it. Then stir in heavy cream. Add the Worcestershire sauce and stir. Lastly season with salt and pepper. Reduce heat and simmer for five minutes. Remove from heat. Add the sour cream and egg noodles, stirring to combine. Garnish with fresh parsley if desired and serve immediately.

May leave out the pasta noodles and serve sauce over mashed potatoes if desired.



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# Farmed Cervidae Program October 2021

## PROGRAM NUMBERS:

Total Herds:

# 248

Total Animals  
in Those Herds:

# 7,101

## Species Breakdown of Animals:

Species	Total Animals	Number of Herds with this Species
White-Tailed Deer	3,713	164
Elk	3,039	84
Red Deer	137	8
Reindeer	86	10
Fallow Deer	72	9
Sika Deer	24	4
Muntjac	19	5
Pere David's Deer	5	1
Moose	3	1
Caribou	2	2
White-Lipped Deer	1	1

## CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE TESTING (SFY2022 QUARTER 1, JUL. 1 - SEPT. 30)

**Number tested for CWD: 225**

- Not Detected: 225
- All samples were successfully tested.



# Minnesota Board of Animal Health Reminders!!!

Remember to submit your 2021 Calf Inventory and BAH Registration Fees by December 31, 2021!

## COMPLIANCE (SFY 2022 QUARTER 1; JUL. 1 - SEPT. 30)

Activity	Notice of Violation and Correction Order	Notice of Civil Penalty	Fines Assessed	Fines Collected	Fines Referred to MDOR
Animal Identification	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
CWD Testing	1	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Escapes (Running at Large)	1	1	\$100	\$100	\$0
Fees	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fencing/Enclosure	8	1	\$500	\$500	\$0
Inspection Violations (Non-Fence)	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Inventory	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Movement	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Records	0	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other - Redundant Gate	2	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$600</b>	<b>\$600</b>	<b>\$0</b>

### CWD SAMPLE COLLECTOR AUTHORIZATION

The Board authorized three new CWD sample collectors during the first quarter of SFY 2022.

### CWD INVESTIGATIONS

CWD investigations are conducted in Minnesota when CWD is identified in a Minnesota herd and when the Board is notified by staff from other state's animal health agencies that animals infected with CWD came from a Minnesota herd or, if animals from a herd found infected with CWD had moved to Minnesota prior to the infection being detected. Animals that resided in a herd at the same time an animal found CWD positive was in the herd are considered CWD exposed if that exposure occurred within the previous five years. CWD exposed animals must be traced and quarantined if they are still alive.

The Board received notification from Wisconsin animal health officials in mid-August of this year when a CWD infected animal was found in a large white-tailed deer breeding herd in Wisconsin. Wisconsin officials notified Minnesota's State Veterinarian that five white-tailed deer moved out of this herd to Minnesota in 2016 and 2017. These animals were considered CWD exposed as they had resided in the Wisconsin herd at the same time as the animal that tested positive in August 2021.

Board staff were able to locate these animals the same day the notification was received from Wisconsin. Three of the five animals went to one farm in Sherburne County. As one of the animals was still alive, the herd was quarantined. Two of these animals were killed in early 2021 and tested for CWD with no CWD detected. The third animal was alive and recently put down with CWD test results pending. Two of the five animals had moved

to two herds in Minnesota before being moved to another Wisconsin herd in 2019. One of these animals was killed in early 2021 and tested for CWD with no CWD detected. The other animal was alive and the quarantine on this animal and its herd will be released by Wisconsin officials if the animal is still alive and healthy, as it has met the five year limit of the quarantine since its last exposure to the CWD positive animal.

See the bullets below for the number of out-state CWD investigations conducted by the Board each of the last four years. All animals have been accounted for in these investigations and no CWD was detected in the CWD exposed animals in these investigations.

### CALENDAR YEAR, NUMBER OF OUT-STATE CWD INVESTIGATIONS:

- 2021: 2
- 2020: 2
- 2019: 1
- 2018: 4
- 2017: 1

### ESCAPES

In the first quarter of SFY22, there have been three escape events where five animals have escaped, 3 white-tailed deer and 2 elk. Two elk and one white-tailed deer were returned to their enclosures, one white-tailed deer was killed and tested for CWD with no CWD detected. The fifth animal, a white-tailed doe, remains missing.

### STATUS OF RULEMAKING

The Board's farmed cervid rulemaking efforts are on hold until further notice.

## Vet Corner by Glen Zebarth, DVM

Seasonal reminders reprinted from the November/December 2017 edition of MnEBA News.

### Seasonal Herd Health Tips

#### Ticks

Now is a good time to check your elk for ticks such as winter ticks which are large in size and easily seen, generally over the top of the back and shoulders. Deer ticks are also of concern. They are very small, not much bigger than a grain of sand, and are the ticks which carry Lyme disease. Tick problems are more common in the northern and eastern part of Minnesota but can generally be found anywhere. Signs of a problem would be hair missing off the back or shoulders caused by the animal itching and rubbing off the hair. Treatment for all tick problems would be using ivermectins like Ivomec®, long lasting permectrin pour-ons and most effective, amitraz if you can find it.

#### Body Condition

Now that the breeding season is winding down, it's a good time to evaluate the body condition on your cows. If they are on the thin side, continue to feed grain until they gain condition. If they are heavy, reduce feed to just mineral and hay.

For bulls and calves, continue to feed good quality hay and something more high-energy such as grain or hay silage. The fatter they are almost the better.

#### Worming

If you have a liver fluke problem in your herd and if you haven't wormed your animals since the hard freeze, you should worm again if flukes were found when you butchered animals this fall. Liver flukes are spread by snails, so if you clean up the problem now, they will be clean all winter.

#### Vaccinations

If vaccinating herd with Scourguard 3(K)/C and you haven't vaccinated your cows as of yet, vaccinate them now and then again 3-4 weeks before they calve. Work with your local veterinarian on the best vaccination protocol for your herd to prevent herd health problems dealt with in the past.

#### Purity Work and Registrations

If you have bulls which are not yet registered, now is a good time to go ahead and get the registry work done or pull blood for purity so the bulls are ready to go next fall. Some years, it's an advantage to test and move bulls early.

## Your Fundraising Donations are Needed!

Please bring an item or two for the silent and/or live auctions for this year's annual conference fundraisers. Your donations help raise much needed funds to continue the important work of protecting the elk industry in Minnesota and helping members be successful in their elk enterprise!

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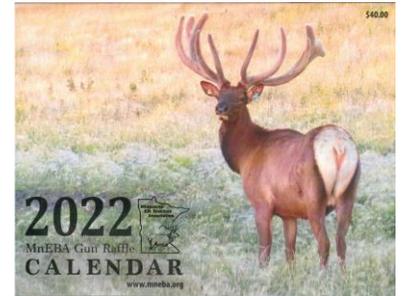
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Any and all donations would be greatly appreciated!

# 2022 MnEBA Gun Raffle Calendar Important Deadlines

Drawing Date is January 8, 2022 at Crowne Plaza Mpls. West Hotel, Plymouth, MN

It's time to complete calendar sales as **December 31** is the day members become eligible for great incentives when selling calendars! A free MnEBA membership for selling 30 or more calendars and returning stubs and money before December 31 is being offered once again this year and in addition, for every 10 calendars sold with stubs and money being returned before December 31, your name goes into a drawing to win a GForce Arms GF3T Tactical Pump 12ga shotgun. The more calendars you sell, the more chances to win! **To be eligible, make sure to get your calendar stubs and money turned in before December 31!**



There have been an incredible 773 calendars sent out to members to date with 92 stubs returned so far. There are just 27 calendars still in inventory but if you can sell more, please contact the office to have some sent to you. Even if you don't have many opportunities to sell calendars, pick one up for yourself or family and friends for Christmas! Let's make this the year we sell all 800 calendars!

The drawing date will be Saturday January 8 at 8:00pm at the Crowne Plaza Mpls West Hotel in Plymouth, MN at the end of the MnEBA Annual Conference. All stubs, payments and unused calendars must be turned in either to the office at 9086 Keats Ave SW, Howard Lake, MN 55349 or brought to the event.

Thank you to all who are working to sell calendars! These sales are what allows MnEBA to continue marketing and charitable activities and even more importantly, protects the operating capital needed to deal with overreaching regulations. Your efforts are sincerely appreciated!

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## Calendar of Events

**January 7-8, 2022** – 2022 MnEBA Annual Conference, Crowne Plaza Minneapolis West, Plymouth, MN

**March 12, 2022** – 2022 NAEBA March Mingle, Aviator Hotel & Suites, St. Louis, MO

**July 28-30, 2022** – 2022 NAEBA Annual Convention & International Antler Competition, Hotel Elegante, Colorado Springs, CO

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