

PROGRAM NUMBERS:

Total Herds:

289

**Total Animals
in Those Herds:**

8,081

Species Breakdown of Animals:

Species	Total Animals	Number of Herds*
White-Tailed Deer	4,158	193
Elk	3,561	93
Red Deer	145	8
Reindeer	99	10
Fallow Deer	52	9
Muntjac	28	7
Sika Deer	24	5
Pere David's Deer	5	1
Moose	4	1
Caribou	3	2
Mule Deer	2	1

*The total number of herds in this table does not match the number of cervid herds listed on the left. As some herds may have more than one species of cervid in their herd, a herd may be represented more than once in the "Number of Herds" column.

**CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE TESTING
(SFY2020)**



Number tested for CWD: 2,173

- Not Detected: 2,139
- Other: 28 (location, unsuitable or untestable)
- Positive: 6 (Douglas and Pine County CWD-infected herds)

COMPLIANCE

Activity	Notice of Violation and Correction Order	Notice of Civil Penalty	Fines Assessed	Fines Collected
Animal Identification	4	0	\$0	\$0
Escapes (Running at Large)	5	2	\$350	\$100
Failure to Test	5	3	\$700	\$500
Fees	67	0	\$0	\$0
Fencing	6	1	\$250	\$250
Inspection Violations (Non-Fence)	3	1	\$250	\$250
Inventory	46	0	\$0	\$0
Records	5	0	\$0	\$0
Other*	1	0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL:	142	7	\$1,550	\$1,100

*Other = Violation of Herd Agreement entered into with the Board.

HERD CANCELLATIONS

Five herds have had their registration canceled this state fiscal year: three herds were depopulated, two herd producers have signed agreements with the Board to come into compliance with Board regulations and requirements.

DOUGLAS - PINE COUNTY CWD-INFECTED HERD INVESTIGATIONS

Both CWD infected herds are depopulated. The Douglas County herd was depopulated in November 2019; the Pine County herd in January 2020. A total of 9 white-tailed deer were in these herds after an animal was found to be infected with CWD in each herd. A total of six animals were found infected with CWD in the 11 animals from these two herds. The herd enclosures must be maintained on these properties for five years and the enclosures are posted with Biohazard signs.

CWD SAMPLE COLLECTOR AUTHORIZATION

Starting January 1, 2020, the Board requires all individuals that collect tissues from Minnesota farmed cervids for chronic wasting disease (CWD) testing to be authorized by the Board. All Board authorized sample collectors are issued a collector number which verifies their authorized status to the Minnesota Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory when they submit samples for CWD testing. The goal of authorizing sample collectors is to increase the quality of the

samples collected and improve the success rate of CWD surveillance in farmed cervids in Minnesota.

- 160 people have completed all the necessary components and have been notified they are Board Authorized CWD Sample Collectors.
- 57 additional people have completed at least one of the components of the training to work toward becoming authorized.

ESCAPES

In this fiscal year, there were seven escape events where 11 animals escaped from their farmed cervid enclosures. Nine white-tailed deer escaped in five events from five farms; two elk escaped in two events from two farms. Three of these eleven animals were returned to their enclosures, four of the eleven were harvested, and four of the eleven were never recovered. Six of the eleven animals escaped due to human error with leaving gates open or handling animals; none of these events occurred after January 1, 2020. Circumstances associated with the other escapes include storm damage to fencing, animals being chased by dogs, and two young animals escaping under a fence.

EXCLUSIONARY FENCING

16 herds are currently approved as having exclusionary fencing.

- This fencing is included as part of the annual inspection done on the herd.

