



DATCP Confirms Chronic Wasting Disease at Depopulated Washington County Deer Farm

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MADISON – Based on test results from the National Veterinary Services Laboratory, the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) confirms that 11 additional animals from a deer farm in Washington County tested positive for chronic wasting disease (CWD). On November 15, a team comprised of DATCP and U.S. Department of Agriculture-Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service staff coordinated the humane depopulation of the farm’s remaining whitetail deer and elk.

Since the farm’s [quarantine in March](#), CWD testing was completed for 44 white-tailed deer and 16 elk. The deer farm owner will receive a state indemnity payment after verification of completing cleaning and disinfecting requirements. State law provides for the authority for an indemnity payment to a livestock owner for animals condemned due to a contagious or infectious disease.

CWD is a fatal disease of deer, elk, and moose caused by an infectious protein called a prion that affects the animal’s brain. Testing for CWD can only be performed after the animal’s death. For more information about CWD visit [DATCP’s website](#). DATCP regulates *deer farms* for registration, recordkeeping, disease testing, movement, and permit requirements. To learn more about deer farm regulations in Wisconsin, visit DATCP’s [farm-raised deer program](#). The Department of Natural Resources also provides [resources for CWD](#) and monitors the state’s *wild* white-tailed deer for CWD.

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