



State of Wisconsin
Governor Tony Evers

Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection
Bradley M. Pfaff, Secretary

RE: WISCONSIN CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE HERD STATUS PROGRAM

In order to move live farm-raised deer off a farm in Wisconsin (except to slaughter), the deer must be accompanied by a valid certificate of veterinary inspection (CVI). The CVI must include tuberculosis (TB) certification, official identification, and Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) disease certification of the farm-raised deer. Some states also require the CVI to include Brucellosis certification.

To obtain CWD certification, you must enroll your herd in Wisconsin's Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Herd Status Program. Enclosed are CWD Herd Status Program materials (application, herd census, and physical inventory forms) that must be completed to enroll in the program. Please read the requirements carefully.

Complete the application form and record all the deer (all ages) in your current herd on the herd census form. The herd census must include the total number of farm-raised deer as well as the following information for each farm-raised deer in the herd: the species, sex, the month and year of birth and two individual identifications (at least one being official and the second can be either official or unique to the herd). The herd census must be completed within 30 days of the date of application. Return your application and herd census form to the Division of Animal Health.

You also need to have your herd veterinarian provide us with a signed and dated statement regarding your herd's health status as it pertains to Chronic Wasting Disease and that he or she is your herd veterinarian with a valid veterinarian-client/patient relationship. Your veterinarian must also conduct an initial physical inventory of your complete enrolled herd. Your veterinarian's statement and physical herd inventory must be submitted at the same time as your enrollment materials.

Your herd will be considered enrolled in the CWD Herd Status Program on the date the department accepts and notifies you of its acceptance of your application materials. Once enrolled, the department will assign you a CWD Herd Status Program Number which you may need when ordering identification tags for your deer. However, you must wait five years from the date of enrollment and complete five annual censuses before you may move live deer from your premises, except directly to slaughter.

If your herd is comprised of farm-raised deer purchased solely from herds that are currently enrolled in the CWD Herd Status Program, you may request from the department the latest status date assigned to any of those source herds. This request must be made within 90 days from the date you acquired the first farm-raised deer to create your herd. You also have 90 days from the date of your initial purchase to request from the department the transfer of TB and Brucellosis status of the originating herd from which you are purchasing animals.

Administrative Rules relating to farm-raised deer are specified under ss. ATCP 10.45 through 10.53, Wis. Admin. Code. Every deer owner is responsible for following these rules. You can access the rules and the forms included in this packet at: http://datcp.wi.gov/Farms/Deer_Farming/index.aspx or by contacting Karen Torvell (karen.torvell@wisconsin.gov or 608-224-4896).

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Any other questions regarding the Wisconsin Chronic Wasting Disease Herd Status Program should be directed to me at 608-224-4886 or amy.horn-delzer@wisconsin.gov

Sincerely,
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Enclosures

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Background

Chronic Wasting Disease is a transmissible spongiform encephalopathy (TSE) found to affect animals in the family Cervidae. It is believed to be caused by an infectious prion or protein and has a long incubation period. There are currently no approved live animal tests for the disease. Diagnosis is through histo-pathology and immuno-chemistry; therefore, diagnosis requires the examination of brain and lymphoid tissue.

Chronic Wasting Disease Herd Status Program

The following requirements are for participation in the Wisconsin Chronic Wasting Disease Herd Status Program. The following requirements are applicable for all animals included in the family Cervidae.

Requirements for Chronic Wasting Disease Herd Status Program

Initial enrollment

1. Herd owner must submit a written application (application to be provided by the Department) to the Division of Animal Health.

Enrollment date, for the purpose of determining herd status, shall be the date the program application is signed by the State Veterinarian.

If you would like to request the status date of your herd match that of the herd your animals were purchased from, you have 90 days from the date of first animal purchase to make that request in writing to the CWD Program Manager. If this request is not received or approved you must wait 5 years from date of enrollment to move live animals from your premises, except directly to slaughter.

2. The herd veterinarian must provide a herd health letter and conduct a complete herd physical inventory (Template provided by Department).

Continued enrollment

1. Herd owner must submit an annual census report within 30 days of the enrollment anniversary date. The census shall consist of all animals in the herd and include the following:
 - a) One official identification, and a second individual identification that is either official or unique to the herd, for all animals 12 months of age and older.
 - b) Total number of male animals less than one year of age and total number of female animals less than one-year of age.
 - c) All animals' ages will be recorded by month and year of birth.
 - d) Sex of animal.
 - e) Date that the animal was added to the herd.

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- f) Purchased addition (if purchased within previous 12 months)
 - Name and address of herd of origin
 - Length of time in herd of origin
 - CWD status of herd of origin (number of years of surveillance)
 - g) Census must reconcile all discrepancies between current census submitted and previous year's census.
 - Name and address of purchaser for all sales
 - Farm raised deer registration number or game farm license number for all Wisconsin premises purchasing animals
 - Date of death and cause of death, if known
 - Laboratory to which appropriate samples were submitted
2. Appropriate samples, obtained by a certified veterinarian, employee of the Department or the Federal Bureau, shall be submitted to an approved laboratory from deaths that occur in all animals 12 months of age or older, regardless of the cause of death.
 3. Herd owner shall have his/her herd certified veterinarian conduct routine herd observations for the purpose of establishing a valid veterinarian/client/patient relationship. The owner shall notify a certified veterinarian of any animal, which may be exhibiting clinical signs consistent with Chronic Wasting Disease within 24 hours of observation.
 4. The herd owner shall have his/her herd veterinarian submit a written statement to the Division of Animal Health as to the health status of the herd. This statement shall be directed specifically to the herd's health status as it pertains to Chronic Wasting Disease, that no herd member has shown clinical signs consistent with CWD in the last 12 months. The herd health certification letter shall be submitted within 30 days of the enrollment anniversary date. The herd veterinarian letter shall also state that the veterinarian has established a valid veterinarian/client relationship with the herd owner and a valid veterinarian/patient relationship with the herd. The veterinarian must submit the herd health letter on the clinic or office letterhead, sign and date and submit to the Division of Animal Health.
 5. You must have your herd veterinarian conduct a complete herd physical inventory every 3 years from the date of your initial enrollment or at the time of your Tuberculosis re-accreditation. This form can be mailed to the Division of Animal Health at the time of your annual census or your Tuberculosis re-accreditation.
 6. You must maintain enrollment in the Wisconsin CWD Herd Status Program, in addition to all other applicable movement requirements in order to move live cervids in the state of Wisconsin.