

FOR ACCREDITATION PURPOSES:

NOTE: Presently the **USDA CWD Accreditation program** is not finalized and will be posted as soon as it is open and available either for comment from all stakeholders and also in its final rule form. However, there are certain rules that will apply to becoming accredited and these should be utilized now to assure a more smooth and rapid attainment of accredited status when the program is instituted.

- **Remember that 100%** of all animals over 16 months of age found dead or that die (or euthanized) from sickness **MUST** be tested.
- Accreditation Programs are not for everybody but are directed to herds that are selling breeding stock or moving live animals in-and-out of their facilities for reasons other than breeding sales, for example exhibition.
- Samples **must** be collected and submission forms signed by **accredited** private or regulatory (USDA/MDA) veterinarians. Non-accredited veterinarians and producers are not allowed to collect and sign submission forms for accreditation purposes.
- At this time **Certificates of Acknowledgement** are being granted to producers that are participating in the mandatory Privately Owned Cervidae CWD Surveillance Program. This certificate will show verification that the producer is actively participating in the Michigan CWD surveillance program. Eventually, this certificate will be replaced with the customary “Certificate of CWD Accreditation” when available.

