



Chronic Wasting Disease

Hunting Out of State?

Know the Facts!



What is it?

- Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is a central nervous system disease found in cervids: deer, elk, and moose.
- The disease attacks the brain of infected animals creating small lesions in the brain that result in death.
- CWD is transmitted through direct animal-to-animal contact or by contact with saliva, urine, feces, blood, and carcass parts of an infected animal or soil.
- CWD is always fatal. There is no treatment for CWD.
- CWD poses no known health risks to humans.

Signs of CWD in Deer

- Loss of body condition or emaciation.
- Change in behavior such as loss of fear of humans.
- Loss of bodily fluids or movements.
- Excessive drooling or salivating.

What are the impacts?

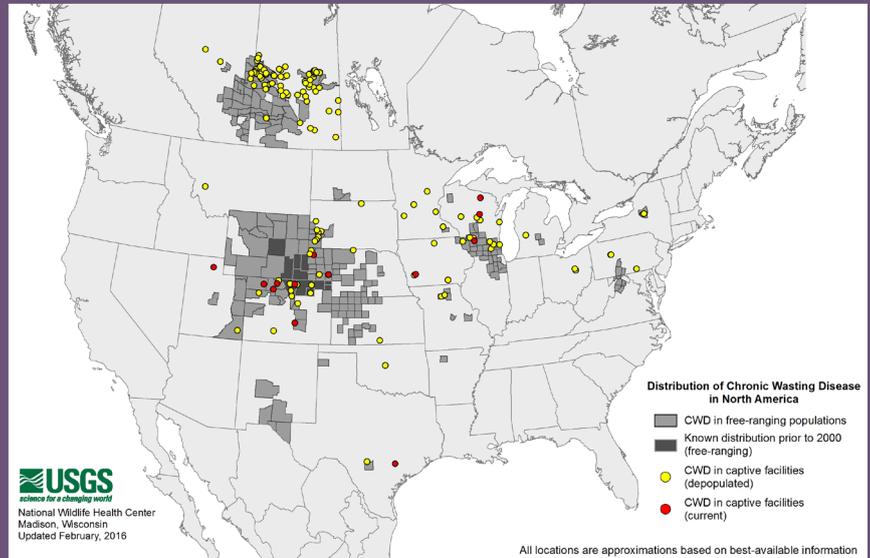
- A healthy Michigan deer herd is important for hunting traditions. Hunting generates more than \$2.3 billion annually to Michigan's economy.
- Established CWD could significantly reduce the number of deer in Michigan and/or significantly depress older age classes, especially mature older-aged bucks.
- Hunter participation is the key to managing CWD in Michigan. By following the transportation regulations and reporting any suspicious-looking deer, hunters are helping to preserve our Michigan hunting heritage.

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What should You know?

- CWD has been found in 24 states and 2 Canadian provinces.
- Carcasses infected with CWD can still transmit the disease to other cervids or contaminate the environment with infectious, self-multiplying proteins called prions.
- CWD prions can live in contaminated soil indefinitely – infecting cervids that come into direct contact.
- To prevent the importation of a CWD infected carcass into Michigan transportation restrictions must be followed:



Transporting from another state or Canada:

- If the harvested free-ranging deer, elk, or moose is from Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, Alberta, or Saskatchewan, only the following carcass parts may be brought into Michigan: deboned meat, antlers, antlers attached to a skull cap cleaned of all brain and muscle tissue, hides, upper canine teeth or a finished taxidermy mount.

If you are notified by another state or province that a deer, elk, or moose you brought into Michigan tested positive for CWD, contact the DNR Wildlife Disease Lab within two business days (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) at 517-336-5030 and provide details.

The DNR RAP (Report All Poaching) line is available 24 hours daily, seven days a week at 1-800-292-7800.

To learn more visit mi.gov/cwd

