

Summary of Chronic Wasting Disease & Cervidae Regulations in North America
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Agency with Jurisdiction - In nine states and three of the Canadian provinces listed, the state's Department of Agriculture, or equivalent, has jurisdiction over captive cervids. The Department of Fish and Game, or equivalent has jurisdiction in eight states and four of the provinces listed. Captive cervid farms are jointly managed by both agencies in thirty-three states and three of the listed Canadian provinces.

Standard Regulations - All but one state as well as nine of the ten Canadian provinces listed have regulations in place in addition to the standard regulations, ranging from additional testing requirements to the banning of all cervid importations.

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Regulations for Captive Cervids and Wildlife - Twenty-seven states and four of the Canadian provinces listed prohibit the importation of cervids from any county, region and/or state that is endemic for CWD; have regulations that can prohibit importation from endemic areas; require that the state exporting the cervid be enrolled in an official CWD monitoring and certification program; and/or require only that there has been no diagnosis of CWD in the originating herd or imported cervid. Twenty-three states and two of the Canadian provinces listed have banned all cervid imports. Four of the Canadian provinces listed have no specific bans in place.

In Process of Developing or Implementing New or Additional CWD Regulations - Eight states and four of the Canadian provinces listed are currently in the process of developing new and/or additional CWD regulations.

CWD Testing Program for Wildlife - All fifty states and nine of the ten Canadian provinces listed perform CWD testing on wild cervids.

Baiting Banned - Twenty-one states do not allow the baiting of cervids; nine states have certain restrictions on baiting. Two of the Canadian provinces listed have banned baiting and one has baiting issue under review.

Feeding Banned - Seven states do not allow the feeding of cervids, ten states and one province have certain restrictions and one state and one province are discussing a ban on feeding.

Ban on Movement of Animal Parts - Thirty-six states and two of the Canadian provinces listed have a ban or restrictions on the importation of hunterharvested cervid parts and one state and two provinces are discussing similar bans.

CWD Found in Captive Cervids - CWD has been found in captive cervids in nine states and two Canadian provinces (CO, KS, MN, MT, NE, NY, OK, SD, WI, Alberta, and Saskatchewan).

CWD Found in Free-Ranging Cervids - CWD has been found in free -ranging cervids in eleven states and two Canadian provinces (CO, IL, KS, NE, NM, NY, SD, UT, WI, WV, WY, Alberta and Saskatchewan).