

Department of Natural Resources

Chapters:

Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules:

6232

PROHIBITION ON FEEDING DEER IN CENTRAL MINNESOTA

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Please see the attachment for language of this expedited emergency game and fish rules package relating to prohibition on feeding deer in central Minnesota.

Note: There is an earlier expedited emergency game and fish rules package prohibiting feeding deer in southeastern Minnesota that was published and effective 12-27-2016. The southeastern Minnesota rules package expires 06-27-2018.

1.1 **Department of Natural Resources**

1.2 **Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rule: Prohibition on Feeding Deer**

1.3 **6232.4900 DEER FEEDING PROHIBITED IN CENTRAL MINNESOTA.**

1.4 Subpart 1. **Definition.** For purposes of this part, "feed" means salt, minerals, grains,
1.5 fruits, vegetables, nuts, hay, and other food that is capable of attracting or enticing deer.

1.6 Subp. 2. **Applicability; prohibition.**

1.7 A. This part applies in Aitkin, Crow Wing, Kandiyohi, McLeod, Meeker, Morrison,
1.8 Stearns, and Wright Counties and in that portion of Cass County lying south of State Trunk
1.9 Highways 34 and 200, that portion of Mille Lacs County lying north of Mille Lacs County
1.10 Road 11, and that portion of Renville County lying north of U.S. Highway 212.

1.11 B. A person may not place or distribute feed on private or public lands or waters,
1.12 or allow another person to place or distribute feed on property under the person's ownership
1.13 or lease, except as provided in subparts 3 and 4.

1.14 Subp. 3. **Wildlife feeding.** Wildlife feeding is allowed if:

1.15 A. the feed is placed to exclude access by deer; or

1.16 B. the feed is placed at least six feet above the ground.

1.17 Subp. 4. **Exceptions.** The prohibition in subpart 2 does not include feed that is:

1.18 A. present solely as a result of normal agricultural, forest management, or wildlife
1.19 food-planting practices; or

1.20 B. for agricultural or livestock purposes if:

1.21 (1) placed for domestic livestock that are present and actively consuming the
1.22 feed on a daily basis;

1.23 (2) covered to deter deer from gaining access to the feed; or

2.1 (3) stored consistent with normal agricultural practices.

2.2 Subp. 5. Cleanup.

2.3 A. In addition to any other penalties imposed, a person must immediately remove
2.4 any feed that the person used, placed, or distributed in violation of this part.

2.5 B. The landowner, land manager, or lessee of private or public lands or waters
2.6 must immediately remove any feed not removed according to item A.

2.7 C. Failure to comply with this subpart is a separate violation and is in addition to
2.8 any violation under subpart 2.