

**Department of Natural Resources**

**Chapters:**

**Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules:**

**6232**

**PROHIBITION ON FEEDING DEER**

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Please see the attachment for language of this expedited emergency game and fish rules package prohibiting the feeding of deer and the use of attractants in certain counties in North-central and Southeast Minnesota.

1.1 **Department of Natural Resources**

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

1.3 **6232.4800 FEEDING DEER PROHIBITED IN CERTAIN COUNTIES.**

1.4 Subpart 1. **Definitions.** For purposes of this part:

1.5 A. "attractants" means liquid food scents, salt, minerals, and other natural or  
1.6 manufactured products that are capable of attracting or enticing deer, including any product  
1.7 that contains or purports to contain cervid urine, blood, gland oil, feces, or other bodily  
1.8 fluid; and

1.9 B. "feed" means grains, fruits, vegetables, nuts, hay, and other food that is capable  
1.10 of attracting or enticing deer.

1.11 Subp. 2. **Applicability; prohibition; feed and attractants.**

1.12 A. This subpart applies in Aitkin, Cass, Crow Wing, Dodge, Fillmore, Freeborn,  
1.13 Goodhue, Houston, Hubbard, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Mower, Olmsted, Steele, Todd,  
1.14 Wabasha, Wadena, and Winona Counties.

1.15 B. Except as provided in subparts 4 and 5, a person may not place or distribute  
1.16 feed or attractants or allow another individual to place or distribute feed or attractants on  
1.17 property under the person's ownership or lease.

1.18 Subp. 3. **Applicability; prohibition; feed.**

1.19 A. This subpart applies in Kandiyohi, McLeod, Meeker, Stearns, and Wright  
1.20 Counties and that portion of Renville County lying north of U.S. Highway 212.

1.21 B. Except as provided in subparts 4 and 5, a person may not place or distribute  
1.22 feed or allow another individual to place or distribute feed on property under the person's  
1.23 ownership or lease.

1.24 Subp. 4. **Wildlife feeding.** Wildlife feeding is allowed if:

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

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

2.3 Subp. 5. **Exceptions.** The prohibitions in subparts 2 and 3 do not include feed that is:

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

2.6 B. for agricultural or livestock purposes if the feed is:

2.7 (1) placed for domestic livestock that are present and actively consuming the  
2.8 feed daily;

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

2.10 (3) stored consistent with normal agricultural practices.

2.11 Subp. 6. **Cleanup.**

2.12 A. In addition to any other penalties imposed, a person must immediately remove  
2.13 any feed and attractants that the person placed or distributed in violation of this part.

2.14 B. The landowner or lessee must immediately remove any remaining feed and  
2.15 attractants placed or distributed in violation of this part and not removed according to item

2.16 A.

2.17 C. Failure to comply with this subpart is a separate violation from and in addition  
2.18 to a violation of subpart 2 or 3.

2.19 **REPEALER.**

2.20 Minnesota Rules, part 6232.4800, published in the State Register, volume 42, page  
2.21 1482, May 29, 2018, is repealed. Minnesota Rules, part 6232.4900, published in the State  
2.22 Register, volume 43, page 987, February 25, 2019, is repealed.

2.23 **EFFECTIVE PERIOD.** Minnesota Rules, part 6232.4800, is effective September 1, 2019.