

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 relating to the CWD (chronic wasting disease) deer feeding prohibition.

Note that the feeding ban that has been in place for Kandiyohi, McLeod, Meeker, and Wright counties and the designated portion of Renville county will be discontinued beginning July 1 2020 because no CWD has been detected after three years of testing hunter harvested wild deer in those areas.

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; and

1.11 C. "place" or "placed" means to place, cause to occur, allow, or otherwise distribute  
1.12 attractants or feed on a person's property with an intent to attract or entice deer, including  
1.13 allowing another individual to place attractants or feed on the landowner's property.

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

1.15 A. In Aitkin, Cass, Crow Wing, Dodge, Fillmore, Freeborn, Goodhue, Houston,  
1.16 Hubbard, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Mower, Olmsted, Steele, Todd, Wabasha, Wadena, and  
1.17 Winona Counties, a person may not place feed or attractants, except as provided in subpart  
1.18 3.

1.19 B. In Carlton, Chisago, Douglas, Isanti, Kanabec, Pine, Pope, and Stearns Counties,  
1.20 a person may not place feed, except as provided in subpart 3.

1.21 C. In Kandiyohi, McLeod, Meeker, and Wright Counties and that portion of  
1.22 Renville County lying north of U.S. Highway 212, a person may not place feed through  
1.23 June 30, 2020, except as provided in subpart 3.

1.24 Subp. 3. **Exceptions.** The prohibitions in subpart 2 do not include feed that is:

2.1 A. intended to feed wildlife other than deer, if the feed is:

2.2 (1) arranged in a manner to exclude access to deer; or

2.3 (2) arranged at least six feet above the ground;

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

2.6 C. for livestock purposes, if the feed is:

2.7 (1) present for domestic livestock that are present and actively consuming  
2.8 the 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. 4. Cleanup.

2.12 A. In addition to any other penalties imposed, a person must immediately remove  
2.13 any feed and attractants that have been placed in violation of subpart 2.

2.14 B. Failure to comply with this subpart is a separate violation from and in addition  
2.15 to a violation of subpart 2.

2.16 **REPEALER.** Minnesota Rules, part 6232.4800, published in the State Register, volume  
2.17 44, page 323, August 26, 2019, is repealed.