

Department of Natural Resources

Chapters:

Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules:

6232

2024 UPDATE TO PROHIBITION ON PLACING DEER FEED AND USING DEER ATTRACTANTS

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Please see the attachment for language of this expedited emergency game and fish rules package relating to 2024 Update to Prohibition on Placing Deer Feed and Using Deer Attractants.

1.1 **Department of Natural Resources**

1.2 **Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules: 2024 Update to Prohibition on**
1.3 **Placing Deer Feed and Using Deer Attractants**

1.4 **6232.4800 FEEDING AND ATTRACTING DEER PROHIBITED IN CERTAIN**
1.5 **COUNTIES.**

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

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

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

1.13 C. "place" includes to place, cause to place, distribute, or otherwise put on a
1.14 person's property in an outdoor location accessible to deer or to allow another person to so
1.15 place, cause to place, distribute, or put on a person's property.

1.16 Subp. 2. **Applicability; prohibition; feed and attractants.** In Aitkin, Beltrami,
1.17 Carver, Cass, Crow Wing, Dakota, Dodge, Fillmore, Goodhue, Hennepin, Houston, Hubbard,
1.18 Itasca, Le Sueur, Mower, Norman, Olmsted, Polk, Rice, Scott, Sibley, Wabasha, Washington,
1.19 and Winona Counties, a person may not place feed or attractants, except as provided in
1.20 subpart 3.

1.21 Subp. 3. **Exceptions.** The prohibition in subpart 2 does not include feed that is:

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

1.23 (1) arranged to exclude access to deer; or

1.24 (2) put at least six feet above the ground;

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

2.3 C. for livestock purposes if the feed is:

2.4 (1) for domestic livestock that are present and actively consuming the feed
2.5 daily;

2.6 (2) covered to deter deer from accessing the feed; or

2.7 (3) stored consistent with normal agricultural practices.

2.8 Subp. 4. **Cleanup.**

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

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

2.13 Subp. 5. **Bear bait stations in counties where placing feed or attractants is**
2.14 **prohibited.** A person may establish a bear bait station, as described in part 6232.2600,
2.15 subpart 3, in counties where placing feed or attractants is otherwise prohibited under subpart
2.16 2.

2.17 **REPEALER.** Minnesota Rules, part 6232.4800, published in the State Register, volume
2.18 47, page 1205, June 26, 2023, is repealed.