

Record Keeping

A person who keeps farm-raised deer shall keep all of the following records related to each live farm-raised deer that leaves the herd other than for slaughter, or that enters the herd from another herd:

- Official individual identification numbers for each animal moved.
- Species, sex and age of farm-raised deer.
- The date on which the farm-raised deer entered or left the herd.
- The name and address of the person from whom you received, or to whom you shipped, the farm-raised deer.
- The record shall also identify the person who had custody of the farm-raised deer during shipment.
- The address of the herd from which the farm-raised deer originated, or to which it was shipped.
- A copy of any Certificate of Veterinary Inspection that accompanied the farm-raised deer.

A person who keeps farm-raised deer shall keep all of the following records related to each farm-raised deer that the person ships live to slaughter:

- The official individual identification of the farm-raised deer.
- The species, age and sex of the farm-raised deer.
- The date on which the farm-raised deer was shipped to slaughter.
- The name and address of the slaughter facility.
- The name and address of the person who transported the farm-raised deer to slaughter.
- A copy of owner shipper statement or VS 1-27.
- Chronic wasting disease test results (if 16 months old or older).

A person who keeps farm-raised deer shall keep all of the following records related to every farm-raised deer that dies, or is killed or slaughtered, on the herd premises:

- The species, age and sex of the farm-raised deer
- Any identification attached to the farm-raised deer, including any carcass identification.
- The date on which the farm-raised deer died, or was killed or slaughtered. If the farm-raised deer was found dead on the premises, the person shall record the date on which the farm-raised deer was found dead.
- The disposition of the carcass, regardless of whether the carcass leaves the premises. If the carcass leaves the herd premises, the disposition record shall include the disposition date, the name and address of the carcass recipient, and the carcass identification.
- Chronic wasting disease test results (if 16 months old or older).

Records must be kept for at least 5 years, and must be made available to the department for inspection and copying upon request.



For more information on keeping farm-raised deer (or on the CWD Herd Status Program or Hunting Preserves), contact the Division of Animal Health at (608) 224-4896.

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white-tailed deer

red deer

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fallow deer

Farm-Raised Deer Keepers in Wisconsin



Background

No person may keep farm-raised deer at any location in this state unless they have a valid farm-raised deer keeper herd registration certificate issued by the department authorizing that person to keep farm-raised deer at that location. Requirements for the keeping of farm-raised deer in Wisconsin are established under Wis. Administrative Code ch. ATCP 10, subchapter VII and Wis. Stats sec. 95.55. The complete set of rules can be viewed on the web at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/rsb/code/atcp/atcp010.pdf>.

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Farm-Raised Deer Keeper General Requirements in Wisconsin

Overview

This brochure summarizes the farm-raised deer keeper requirements in Wisconsin. To keep farm-raised deer in Wisconsin:

- Register as a farm-raised deer keeper with DATCP every year; registration expires each March 15th.
- Register your farm as a livestock premises every three years. Normally, you will receive premises registration materials with your deer farm registration materials, or you can register online at <http://www.wiid.org>.
- Allow DATCP staff access to your herd for disease testing upon request.
- Test all animals 16 months or older for CWD when they die or are killed even if the carcass doesn't leave the farm.
- Keep farm-raised deer 30 feet from cattle or other bovines on your premises
- Report all escapes to DATCP (at 608-224-4886) and to your local DNR warden within 24 hours.
- Do not add any wild deer into your herd.
- Do not allow hunting of the herd without an approved Hunting Preserve certificate from DATCP (see s. ATCP 10.47).
- Do not move any live or dead deer (whole or part) from your premises without official ID or a dead tag number attached to the carcass.

Registration

To obtain an annual registration certificate submit a completed application, which includes all applicable fees. An application can be obtained by calling 608-224-4896.

- For farm-raised deer keepers with herds comprised of no more than 15 deer the fee is \$162.50.
- For farm-raised deer keepers with herds comprised of more than 15 deer the fee is \$325.00.

One Herd Kept At Multiple Locations

All of the following conditions apply whenever a herd of farm-raised deer is kept at 2 or more locations:

- All the farm-raised deer, at all locations shall be enrolled in the CWD Herd Status Program and have the same tuberculosis (TB) testing status.
- Official individual identification (ID) is needed on each animal you move between these locations.
- A record must be kept of each farm-raised deer moved which includes the official individual identification, the species, age, sex, the date moved, and the locations to which and from which the deer were moved.
- All farm-raised deer covered by the registration are a single herd and will be treated as such for purposes of disease control and movement. For example, if one location is quarantined for disease control, all locations are quarantined.

No Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) is required for movement between locations when all locations are included in a single registration.

Multiple Herds Kept On One Farm

If you want to enroll more than one herd at a single location, for example a breeding herd in the CWD herd status program (to allow moving of live animals from that herd) and a hunting preserve at the same location, you must meet all of the following conditions:

- Register each herd separately.
- Get a certificate of veterinary inspection and meet all movement requirements to move animals from one of the herds to the other, regardless of the distance.

Multiple Herds Kept On One Farm (continued)

- Have the herds inspected for Medical Separation. A DATCP veterinarian will inspect the facilities to ensure the separation and biosecurity measures are adequate. The inspection cost is \$200. If the set-up is unacceptable, there will be a charge of \$200 for each return visit. Once approved by DATCP as medically separated, the herds are considered separate herds for disease control purposes and enrollment in any disease status or certification programs (CWD status or TB certification).

Moving Farm-Raised Deer in Wisconsin

- You must have official identification for each animal moved.
- Get a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection completed by a WI certified Veterinarian.
- Enroll in the Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Herd Status Program if you wish to ship live animals anywhere other than to a licensed slaughter facility.
- Conduct appropriate tuberculosis testing prior to movement.
- If your herd is a new herd, your herd may gain the status of the lowest status animal added to the herd, for CWD, Tuberculosis, and Brucellosis programs if you apply for the status within 90 days of assembling the herd. Contact the department for application materials at 608-224-4896.

Detail on the requirements can be found under s. ATCP 10.56.

Importing Farm-Raised Deer to Wisconsin

All farm-raised deer imported into WI must have an import permit and a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection that indicates compliance with import testing requirements for Tuberculosis, Brucellosis and appropriate CWD status. (Detail on the requirements can be found under s. ATCP 10.55)