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## Deer carcass import and movement restrictions

Carcass movement restrictions are part of a comprehensive strategy in keeping Minnesota's deer, elk and moose healthy by limiting the spread of disease. Legally, only specific parts of cervids can be brought into Minnesota, and deer harvested in chronic wasting disease management or control zones are subject to carcass movement restrictions.

### Importing deer or other cervids from outside the state

It is illegal to import whole deer, elk, moose and caribou carcasses into Minnesota. This prohibition applies to all U.S. states, Canadian provinces, or other areas, regardless of their CWD status.

Only the following parts of deer or other cervids may be brought into Minnesota: Quarters or other portions of meat with no part of the spinal column or head attached

Meat that is boned out or that is cut and wrapped (either commercially or privately)

Hides and teeth  
Antlers or clean (no brain tissue attached) skull plates with antlers attached

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Non-residents transporting whole or partial carcasses on a direct route through Minnesota are exempt from this restriction.

Movement of CWD-infected animals (both alive and dead) is one way the disease spreads to new areas. The growing spread of CWD across the United States and Canada has prompted many states to increase their carcass restrictions.

In areas where CWD has been detected, regulations require whole carcasses of deer, including fawns, to stay within specified zones until a "not detected" CWD test result is received.

To help hunters comply with these legal carcass movement restrictions, the DNR will provide dumpsters to allow hunters to dispose of carcasses (head and spinal column) after quartering or butchering so they can leave the CWD areas immediately. A list of taxidermists in the area also will be provided. Visit the CWD page for detailed information.

## Deer Hunter's Delight

By Roy Rudderforth

This cannot be said too often. If you've hunted in the permit areas located in the coverage areas for the *Review Messenger* of Sebeka and Menahga, the *Northwoods Press* of Nevis or the *Cass Lakes Times*, you have probably experienced more and better hunting success than hunters anywhere else in the state.

Last year, 417,186 hunters harvested 136,308 deer during the firearms season. Permit zones in our readership areas accounted for 30,754 of that total. A zone by zone summary follows:

Area 241 – Once again, hunters in this 996-square-mile area downed more deer than any other permit area in Minnesota last season, with 8,070 animals registered. That's about 8.10 deer per square mile.

This permit area is almost entirely private land and supports high deer and hunter densities. Area 241 has very good, diverse deer habitats that include conifer and deciduous woods, wetlands and riparian areas mixed with agricultural land and recreational lakes.

Area 241 is a three-deer harvest zone in 2022. This means that if you hunt in this area, you can take a deer of either sex with your initial license. You can then use any combination of licenses or permits to take up to two additional antlerless deer.

Area 246 – Right next door to Area 241, hunters in Area 246 also enjoyed a healthy harvest in 2021, with 3,610 registered, or about 4.6 deer per square mile.

This area contains large blocks of public forest land and a significant amount of private recreational and ranch land, which has supported moderate deer densities. The local habitat features red and jack pine, mixed deciduous and aspen forests, pastures and large wetlands.

The 840-square-mile zone is a one deer, either sex harvest zone in 2022, which means hunters can take one deer of either sex. There are no bonus permits available, and hunters who do harvest a deer in a hunters choice zone are prohibited from taking a deer in another one deer area, or in a doe lottery area.

Area 240 – A 643-square-mile area in Otter Tail County that had a harvest total of 5,023 deer in 2021, or about 7.28 deer per square mile. The area is a three deer harvest zone in 2022.

Area 214 – East of 240 in

Todd County, Area 214 hunters recorded a high level of success in 2021. Deer hunters in the 554-square-mile permit area tagged 5,012 deer, or about 9.05 per square mile, the highest density in the state. Area 214 is three deer harvest zone in 2022.

Area 258 – Located in the Nevis-Park Rapids area, this 343-square-mile zone had a harvest rate of 5.08 deer per square mile for a total of 1,742.

This permit area features large blocks of public forestland and a significant amount of private land. The area has good forested deer habitat consisting of mixed conifer and deciduous forest, a variety of wetlands and some agricultural fields.

Area 258 has supported relatively high deer densities in the past, and is a one deer, either sex harvest zone in 2022.

Area 259 – Also near Park Rapids and Nevis, this area had a harvest total of 1,714. That's about 3.50 deer taken per square mile over the 490-square-mile area.

Permit Area 259 has large blocks of public forestland and larger blocks of private land associated with lakes and other recreational activities. The area contains good forested deer habitat that consists of mixed pine and aspen forest, generally small wetlands and a number of recreational lakes with some agriculture. Area 259 is a one deer, either sex harvest zone.

Area 184 – Farther north, near Bemidji and Cass Lake, hunters have found much success in the 1,229 square miles covered by Area 184, where they harvested 4,561 deer in 2020. That's 3.70 deer per square mile.

Area 184 is primarily forested, with a mixture of hardwoods and pine. There are scattered parcels of agriculture, with most of that located in the western portion. The city of Bemidji is within the permit area, as are the Schoolcraft and Bemidji game refuges. Area 184 has a one deer, either sex harvest limit.

Area 197 – Also in the Cass Lake area, Area 197 had a harvest total of 1,022 last year, an average of about 1.3 deer per square mile. Area 197 abuts the boundary of the Leech Lake Reservation. The land is primarily forested, with a large percentage in public ownership, and lies almost entirely within the Chippewa National Forest.

It has a one deer, either sex harvest limit.

### Barbecued Wild Duck

#### Ingredients

- 2 wild ducks (1 pound each), split in half
- 1/4 cup butter, cubed
- 1/2 cup ketchup
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 5 teaspoons lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon hot pepper sauce

#### Directions

Place ducks in a 13-in. x 9-in. baking dish. Cover and bake at 350° for 1-3/4 to 2 hours or until tender.

Meanwhile, combine the remaining ingredients in a saucepan; bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 5 minutes. Baste ducks with sauce during the last 30 minutes of baking time. Yield: 4 servings.





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