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Ag damage abuse by land owners

The Problem:

The abuse of the ag damage program is no secret, many land owners are pros at playing the system. Land owners that claim crop damage are denying access to hunters claiming that they have enough or too many hunters for the day. This could be corrected by making it similar to the MFL where there are two types of programs. One has a large tax break which allows for full access and the other a lesser tax break with limited access. Anyone who only wanted tags to control the deer would be under the current system. Anyone who received money and tags would be under a new system that would require no check-in with the land owner, it would be just like a public hunting ground. *It would be the land owners choice as to which program.*

Be it resolved, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting I Walworth Co. on April, 12 2010 recommends that the congress work with the Dept. to take action to correct this situation by introducing rule changes making any property that has received ag damage money open the public without restriction(s)

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