



Summary

The goal for the CWD response in Wisconsin over the next 15 years is to minimize the area of Wisconsin where CWD occurs and the number of infected deer in the state. This will require a sustained commitment of effort and resources to support the surveillance, management, research, education, and citizen involvement necessary to reach this goal. Our ability to reach this goal is subject to support from the legislature and continuing state and federal financial support. Ultimately, this plan will be successful when its implementation has reduced disease progression and has earned the support of our partners and the public.

This plan's specific objectives and recommended actions are based on the best scientific information currently available. An adaptive strategy for the CWD response is essential because there is still much to learn about CWD epidemiology and the efficacy of CWD control techniques in free-ranging populations. As additional information becomes available through research and monitoring in Wisconsin and elsewhere, the Department will continue to modify the CWD management objectives and actions to improve the response in Wisconsin.



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Appendix A—Season structure in the CWD Management Zone as adopted by the Natural Resources Board in rule order WM-05-08

Archery season: An archery deer hunt beginning on the Saturday nearest September 15 and continuing through the Sunday nearest January 6.

Early firearm season: An antlerless-only firearm deer hunt beginning on the Thursday nearest October 15 and continuing for four consecutive days.

Traditional 9-day firearm season: A firearm deer hunt beginning on the Saturday immediately preceding the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for nine consecutive days.

10-day muzzleloader-only season: A muzzleloader hunt beginning on the Monday immediately following the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for 10 consecutive days.

Late firearm season: An antlerless-only firearm deer hunt beginning on the second Thursday following the Thanksgiving holiday and continuing for four consecutive days.

Holiday firearm season: A holiday firearm season with earn-a-buck regulations when the deer population is above goal beginning on December 24 and continuing through the Sunday nearest January 6.

All seasons: For deer management units above goal, unlimited earn-a-buck regulations (except antlerless-only seasons) are in effect with the ability to be pre-qualified by shooting an antlerless deer in the previous year's season. For deer management units at or below goal, unlimited either-sex regulations (except for antlerless-only seasons) are in effect.



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Appendix B – Deer management unit goals in the CWD Management Zone as recommended by the Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG) and adopted by the Natural Resources Board in April, 2008.

DMU	2001 Goal	SAG Goal	Deer Range	Deer Population at Goal	2009 Post-Hunt Population
54BCWD	25	20	203	4060	7100
70CWD	25	20	273	5460	9000
70ACWD	25	20	219	4380	7400
70BCWD	30	24	212	5088	6300
70ECWD	30	24	69	1656	3100
70GCWD	30	24	122	2928	5200
71CWD	25	20	626	12520	30600
73BCWD	20	16	54	864	2500
73ECWD	22	18	277	4986	9100
75ACWD	20	16	146	2336	7400
75CCWD	20	16	124	1984	9300
75DCWD	20	16	112	1792	11100
76CWD	20	16	320	5120	12600
76ACWD	25	20	305	6100	13300
76MCWD	10	10	78	780	2700
77ACWD	20	16	124	1984	8100
77BCWD	15	15	216	3240	11000
77CCWD	15	15	187	2805	8600
Total			3667	68083	164400