Baiting and Feeding Revisited: Modeling Factors Influencing Transmission of Tuberculosis among Deer and to Cattle

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... Reducing food pile density reduced prevalence, but decreased herd breakdowns only modestly. Consistent availability of food over longer periods of time, as would occur with supplemental winter feeding or persistent recreational feeding, increased both prevalence in deer and cattle herd breakdowns dramatically...

Tuberculosis found in Michigan

Bovine Tuberculosis Michigan DNR

... In 1994, a hunter in southwestern Alpena County shot a 4-year old male white-tailed deer infected with bovine TB. The only other time TB had been found in a wild deer in Michigan was in 1975, when a hunter killed a 9-year old bovine TB infected female white-tailed deer in Alcona County... At risk are Michigan's deer herd and other wildlife species with their many social, ecological, and economic values as well as Michigan's livestock industry. By continuing to eliminate TB-infected animals from wild and domestic animal populations, paying close attention to the meat inspection and pasteurization processes, using proper food handling, and good management practices, the chance of bovine TB transmission from animals to humans is virtually eliminated...