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... When Europeans first came to settle America, it was estimated that as many as 10 million elk roamed the land [Kathy Funk, the Virginia volunteer state chair for the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation] ... in 2012, and over a three-year period, 72 animals were brought into the state from Kentucky. Currently, that number has grown in excess of 200..,

[Historic, pre-European settlement, and present-day contribution of wild ruminants to enteric methane emissions in the United States](#), AN Hristov - Journal of animal science, 2012 - academic.oup.com

pre-European population estimate for elk: 10 million