North Carolina Disease of Deer Archive

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Chronic Wasting Disease found in Cumberland and Wilkes Counties April 12, 2023 North Carolina, The Yadkin Ripple

... Due to new detections of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in Cumberland and Wilkes counties, N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission Executive Director Cameron Ingram invoked emergency powers to delineate Surveillance Areas and specify requirements necessary to reduce movement and infection risk of the disease..,

Wildlife Commission Announces First CWD-Positive Deer in Cumberland County February 8, 2023 North Carolina, NC Wildlife

... a sample collected from a hunter-harvested, white-tailed deer in Cumberland County has tested positive for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD). This is the first case of CWD detected outside of the current surveillance area. The agency recently received notification that a deer harvested last October, nine miles east of Fayetteville ..,

More NC deer test positive for Chronic Wasting Disease, officials stress importance of continued testing December 12, 2022 North Carolina, cbs17.com

... the two new positive deer were detected in Surry County, which is part of the Secondary Surveillance Area... The transport of deer out of the Surveillance Areas is strictly prohibited...

Third Detection of CWD Confirmed in North Carolina Deer Herd October 20, 2022 EIN News

... the deer was hunter-harvested in Surry County this archery season approximately 10 miles from the two previous positive detections in Yadkin County...

Wildlife Commission Restricts Use of Attractants for Deer Hunting in CWD Areas August 26, 2022, North Carolina, NC Wildlife

... The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission voted at its business meeting on Aug. 18 to adopt an emergency amendment to restrict the use of some natural deer attractants/scents in the Primary and Secondary Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Surveillance Areas ...

Hemorrhagic Disease reported in deer across North Carolina August 24, 2022 WWAY TV
... Sick deer suspect of having hemorrhagic disease have been reported in 39 counties in the state, with the highest frequency of reports from the Mountains and Piedmont regions. Once a hemorrhagic disease outbreak begins, it usually continues until weather conditions are not conducive for the biting midges that spread the disease ...

NC reports 2 cases of deadly disease in deer since March 31 August 19, 2022 North Carolina, WRAL
... N.C. Wildlife reported a second case of chronic wasting disease in a deer in Yadkin County, west of Winston-Salem. The deer was just one mile from where the first case was discovered after March 31...

Chronic Wasting Disease reported in NC deer; new rules & restrictions for hunting season July 12, 2022 North Carolina, CBS 17
... Chronic Wasting Disease in deer was first reported in North Carolina in March ... one positive case ... restrictions would “prohibit the intentional baiting and feeding of free-ranging” deer in the “primary CWD surveillance area and secondary CWD surveillance area,” according to official plan documents ...,

No more CWD positives detected in deer harvest May 3, 2022 North Carolina, Sampson Independent
... No additional positive Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) detections have been found in the 2021-2022 deer harvest since the single deer that tested positive in Yadkin County in March ... wildlife biologists collected over 7,200 deer tissue samples ...

Fatal deer and elk disease finally turns up in North Carolina April 21, 2022 The Mountaineer

... emergency measures for the mulit-county focus area include: Mandatory testing of all white-tailed deer taken in the PSA during the blackpowder and all lawful weapons deer hunting seasons. Prohibition on transport of white-tailed deer, dead or alive, except for meat, antlers and hides that have been properly cleaned...

Expect new rules: chronic wasting diseases confirmed in Yadkin County deer April 14, 2022 North Carolina, Davie County Enterprise Record

..."We're dealing with an infectious disease that has no cure. The infectious agent can't be killed ... Once it gets into a wild deer population, we know the prevalence will increase. The percentage of the number of animals with the disease will increase. Long-term, it will have a permanent impact on the population we can't undo." [Moriah Boggess, the commission's deer-project leader]

First NC deer tests positive for Chronic Wasting Disease March 31, 2022 North Carolina, CBS17 Raleigh

... "the deer was harvested in northern Yadkin County in December 2021." The Wildlife Resources Commission said it collected more than 7,200 samples in the past season after CWD was discovered in a deer close to the North Carolina/Virginia border in 2021..,

No chronic wasting disease found in NC deer — yet March 20, 2022 North Carolina, Salisbury Post

... it's getting closer with the announcement by officials in Virginia that two more CWD-infected deer were harvested last fall in counties that border North Carolina. One deer taken in Floyd County, 28½ miles from North Carolina, tested positive ...

Scientists test North Carolina deer for COVID-19 February 15, 2022 WFAE 90.7

... swabbed roughly 75 deer ... Six North Carolina deer had tested positive as of Monday, according to early results posted to the USDA. website, though Boggess emphasized the study samples are still being processed ...

Increased monitoring for chronic wasting disease in full swing September 29, 2021 The Richmond Observer
... The Wildlife Commission has been monitoring for CWD since 1999 through coordinated statewide surveillance. Samples from over 15,000 white-tailed deer have been tested, and to date, CWD has not been detected in North Carolina's deer herd... a deer harvested just over 30 miles from the North Carolina border tested positive ...

Chronic wasting disease ID'd as threat locally September 23, 2021 North Carolina, Mt. Airy News
... "Our response plan triggers with a sample found within 30 miles of our border," Godwin stated in her advisory to Rep. Stevens concerning its proximity to North Carolina. "This sample is close enough that we are preparing to increase our surveillance in the four border counties (Alleghany, Surry, Stokes and Rockingham)." ...

Chronic Wasting Disease closes in on N.C. deer population May 22, 2021, North Carolina, The Mountaineer
... discovered in Virginia not far from the N.C. state line ... about 33 miles from Surry and Stokes counties — is the closest its gotten to N.C..,

No chronic wasting disease detected in N.C. deer herd April 22, 2021 North Carolina, The Stanly News and Press
... during the 2020-21 sampling season, wildlife biologists collected 1,042 deer tissue samples across the state from hunters, meat processors, taxidermists, road-kills and sick deer..,

Deer and elk safe from chronic wasting disease for now April 25, 2020 North Carolina, The Mountaineer

... North Carolina's deer population continues to show no signs of chronic wasting disease, based on the latest annual sampling results...

Chronic Wasting Disease not detected in North Carolina deer herd April 14, 2020 N.C. Wildlife Resources Commision
... As part of their annual CWD surveillance effort, biologists tested more than 2,300 deer during the 2019-20 sampling season by collecting deer tissue sample across the state ... no evidence of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in the state's wild white-tailed deer herd..,

Deer in a wig? Bizarre creature caught on trail camera is very real January 30, 2020 North Carolina, WBTV.com
... this buck appears to be experiencing 'antleroma,' a condition characterized by abnormal antler growth," ... In the worst cases, it can also be fatal as antlers grow in reverse — into the deer's brain ...

Disease impacting Madison County deer identified August 22, 2019 North Carolina, Asheville Citizen Times on MSN.com
... At least 40 deer have been reported dead, primarily in the Little Pine and Big Pine ... epizootic hemorrhagic disease (EHD) as the likely cause...

Deer chronic wasting disease spread making biologists and lawmakers wary June 14, 2019 North Carolina, northcarolinahealthnews.org
... has not yet been detected in North Carolina ... According to the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, modeling shows big declines, or even localized extinction of affected animals, over a period of 50 to 200 years following the arrival of the disease...

No traces of Chronic Wasting Disease found among NC deer, elk herds sampled April 14, 2019 North Carolina, SCNow

... 1999, the North Carolina Wildlife Resource Commission began testing for Chronic Wasting Disease ... has tested over 10,000 deer ... For the 2018-19 hunting season, North Carolina tested more than 3,000 white-tailed deer ...

No Signs Of Deadly Deer Disease In North Carolina April 8, 2019 North Carolina, WUNC
... The agency does annual tests for what's called chronic wasting disease... did not find the protein in tests of more than 3,000 deer carcasses ...

North Carolina wildlife officials warn of deer disease December 25, 2018 WRAL.com
... "The cervid importation ban is to try to stop the spread of chronic wasting disease and hopefully prevent, or at least delay, its arrival in North Carolina," ... Unfortunately, it's inevitable that it will get here …

Is chronic wasting disease the end of deer hunting? October 11, 2018 North Carolina, StarNewsOnline.com
... deer biologist Jon Shaw ... said Wyoming modeled its deer herd to zero in places because of CWD. The prion infests soil and may be ingested by deer eating plants. It spreads through contact and feces, perhaps urine and other fluids. The prion does not live or die …

2018–2019 Rules for Importation of Deer Carcasses and Carcass Parts October, 2018 North Carolina, NCWildlife.org
...Importation of whole carcasses from any member of the family Cervidae (e.g., deer, elk, moose, or reindeer/caribou) from any state, Canadian province, or foreign country outside of North Carolina is prohibited. Anyone transporting cervid carcass parts Into North Carolina must follow processing and packaging regulations ...

Deer tests positive for rabies in Buncombe Co. July 6, 2018 North Carolina, WSPA
... Buncombe County Health and Human Service officials said a deer found off of Newfound Road in Leicester has been confirmed to have rabies...

Hemorrhagic disease, What is killing deer in Western North Carolina ... September 19, 2017 North Carolina, Asheville Homepages Citizen Times Social Media
... there have been 64 cases of hemorrhagic disease confirmed in Western North Carolina ... Deer that recover from an episode of hemorrhagic disease develop immunity to future outbreaks ...

Hemorrhagic disease reported in Southern Appalachian deer September 14, 2017 North Carolina, Mountain Xpress
... Hemorrhagic disease ... tends to occur in North Carolina every year, although with varying degrees of severity ... last major outbreak of HD in the state was in 2014 in the Piedmont ... Other notable outbreaks occurred in 1939, 1955, 1961, 1971, 1976, 1988, 1994, 1999, 2000, 2002, 2007, 2011 and 2012..,

Rabid deer confirmed in Cherokee County September 11, 2017 North Carolina, Asheville Citizen-Times
... It's possible that it might have been eating a pile of corn and was bitten by a rabid raccoon... Of the two deer tested for rabies, only one with alopecia (loss of hair on its head), tested positive for rabies...

Backyard Wildlife: Why deer aren't devouring your plants December 24, 2014 North Carolina, Charlotte Observer
... a disease known as epizootic hemorrhagic disease, or EHD, which has recently reduced the Piedmont's deer population by about half – a downsizing that will likely linger for the next two or so years, according to wildlife biologist Greg Batts. Deer become infected through the bite of a tiny flying insect often called a midge .

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Chronic Wasting Disease not detected in North Carolina deer herd April 14, 2020 N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission:
April 14, 2020

Some welcome news for deer hunters after biologists with the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission detected no evidence of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in the state’s wild white-tailed deer herd.

As part of their annual CWD surveillance effort, biologists tested more than 2,300 deer during the 2019-20 sampling season by collecting deer tissue sample across the state from hunters, meat processors, taxidermists, road-kills, and deer showing symptoms of disease. Agency staff kept track of each sample’s geographic location and submitted the sampled tissue to Wisconsin Veterinarian Diagnostic Lab, a USDA approved laboratory, for CWD testing.

Hunters who submitted samples with their harvest authorization number can view CWD test results by clicking on “View My Past Harvests” on the agency’s Big Game Harvest Reporting webpage.

“CWD is the single biggest concern for deer herds and deer hunting in North America,” said Jonathan Shaw, the agency’s deer biologist. “CWD has not been detected in North Carolina, due in part to past and current efforts to limit exposure of our deer and elk herds and environments to the infectious disease agent, prions.

“Despite these efforts, the risk of CWD entering the state cannot be eliminated, but the Commission is committed to protecting the State’s deer and elk herds with early detection being paramount to managing the disease if found in North Carolina.”

The Commission began testing for CWD in 1999, and increased surveillance after CWD was recorded east of the Mississippi River in 2002. The agency conducted systematic statewide surveillances in 5-year intervals beginning in 2003, with some opportunistic sampling occurring in years in between. In 2018, biologists implemented a revised annual surveillance strategy to improve detection of CWD by increasing the number of samples collected and targeting sources, such as road-kill and older deer, where CWD is more likely to be detected. CWD has not been detected in more than 13,700 samples collected and tested across the state to date.

CWD is a transmissible, always fatal, neurological disease that affects deer and other cervids such as elk, moose and reindeer/caribou. Currently, four Canadian provinces and 26 states, including neighbors Tennessee and Virginia, have documented CWD.

CWD: Let's Hope That's Not the Way Deer Are Controlled October 21, 2014 North Carlolina, Southern Pines Pilot

... chronic wasting disease (CWD)... Thus far, North Carolina has been fortunate in having healthy deer herds. Earlier this year the Wildlife Resources Commission reported that a survey of some of the state's deer found no evidence of CWD... has reduced the population in states that have evidence of the disease ...

Disease hits N.C. deer numbers October 1, 2012 North Carolina, Winston-Salem Journal

Cooler weather should end an outbreak of hemorrhagic disease that has killed hundreds of deer along the base of eastern slopes of North Carolina's northwestern mountain counties and in the foothills... It's a common disease among deer, but the number of deer affected in the outbreak has been unusual, said Chris Kreh, a biologist with the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission ... Wildlife officials don't yet know the region's deer mortality rate, but during past outbreaks in other places, it was 30 percent to 50 percent of the herd...

EHD in Northern Piedmont NC Herd February 5, 2015 Wallace Chambers President, Piedmont Wildlife Hunt Club, LLC

... in northern Durham county, NC.... a devastating EHD kill in our area.... We estimate a loss of over 50% of our herd in this area. Night time food plot photos and area hunter observations were how we came to this number ... the affected counties harvest numbers should reflect the drop in deer numbers... Virginia Fish and Game has already reported a decreased harvest of 40% in its southern counties, which are just to our north... there is little that can be done to battle EHD, but getting the word out of the suffering deer numbers will help to battle the deer farm industry in Virginia and North Carolina. Much pressure is being applied here to open up many new deer farms and to ease the restrictions on the sale of deer parts. I believe this would be a mistake and would help bring CWD to our state. To date, not one confirmed case of CWD has been

found in our state's deer herd. It is all about money for the owners of these deer farms and they seem to have a strong lobby here in NC.

Area deer may dodge fatal disease October 3, 2012 North Carolina, News & Observer
Hemorrhagic disease is killing large numbers of deer in northwestern North Carolina ... WRC wildlife biologist Chris Kreh, who said his educated guess is that 30 to 50 percent mortality is likely in the northwestern part of the state... Herds in more than a dozen northwestern counties are being hit particularly hard....

Deer are dying in North Carolina, EHD October 24, 2012 Examiner.com
EHD, The disease affecting these deer is insect borne and leaves deer emaciated and with internal bleeding... Reports have shown that this disease first occurred in the late 1800s. Female deer that survive may develop an immunity which will then pass on to any future fawns. Due to the fact that this virus is more common in the Deep South, there are more deer that are immune... Reports of dead deer found should be directed to the State Wildlife Commission at 919-707-0050.

Deer disease turns up in Buncombe October 26, 2012 North Carolina, Asheville Citizen-Times
... Buncombe County has seen 39 reports of suspected hemorrhagic disease this year, said Danny Ray, mountain region biologist with N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission. Ray stressed that number does not reflect the number of dead deer or the number of cases of the disease... “It’s basically worked its way along the escarpment of the mountains,” (Danny Ray, mountain region biologist with N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission)

Deer Virus Spreads In NC August 17, 2012 North Carolina, News Channel 7
... More than 25 deer have been found dead in Lake Lure, and some had to be pulled out of the water. Authorities in surrounding counties estimate the number of deer that have also become ill to be around 600. Officials believe the animals contracted hemorrhagic disease.... “When the deer contract hemorrhagic disease, they become thirsty and go to water,” says wildlife officer Dan Vogel ...

Disease continues to spread to at least 50 more deer August 10, 2012 North Carolina, My Fox 8
The Hemorrhagic disease found in deer is spreading with 50 more cases being reported after wildlife officials said last week that 100 deer were found dead in Surry and Wilkes counties. ...

EHD, Disease killing hundreds of deer October 23, 2012 North Carolina, Charlotte Observer
... State biologists have received reports of more than 1,440 dead deer and expect hundreds more carcasses have not been noticed or reported to state wildlife offices... It

is one of the worst outbreaks biologist Danny Ray has seen in his two decades in wildlife management ... The last major episode in this region was 2007...

Disease kills [EHD] hundreds of deer in NC foothills October 8, 2012 North Carolina, WSOC Charlotte
State wildlife biologist Danny Ray has fielded calls on dying deer much of the last two months. The virus killing the animals is called hemorrhagic disease. "They act sick; they stumble around; they hold their head low," Ray said. Experts said the virus is in various parts of North Carolina, but the hardest-hit is an area of northern Caldwell County... the number of deaths could be in the thousands.

Hemorrhagic disease suspected in deer fatalities July 31, 2012 North Carolina, Asheville Citizen-Times (blog)
At least 20 white-tailed deer have died in a suspected outbreak of hemorrhagic disease, the result of a virus that does not pose a danger to humans, according to the N.C. Division of Parks and Recreation. ... Staff members at Stone Mountain State Park are removing deer carcasses from trails, water sources ...

Wildlife Commission seeks reports of deer hemorrhagic diseaseJuly 24, 2012 North Carolina, Watauga Democrat
The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission has observed an unusually high number of cases of hemorrhagic disease in white-tailed deer in Wilkes and Surry counties this summer and is asking the public to report sightings of sick or diseased animals... It is unusual to have reports of deer dying from hemorrhagic disease in June and July, ... To report sightings of symptomatic deer, or dead and dying deer, contact the Division of Wildlife Management at 919-707-0050 or (wrccomments@ncwildlife.org)

Gnats to blame for hundreds of deer deaths in NC? September 5, 2012 North Carolina, WBTV
Nearly 400 deer have been reported dead in Caldwell County in recent weeks, and experts believe it is the result of a Hemorrhagic Disease caused by a virus that is spread by gnats... In 2011 only 3 cases were reported in Caldwell County but experts say an early spring combined with a wet summer has made the gnat population explode and made the disease easier to spread ...

Impacts of deer disease from last year expected to be short-lived, EHD September 20, 2013 North Carolina, Asheville Citizen-Times (blog)
The deer herd in Western North Carolina experienced a substantial outbreak of hemorrhagic disease last year ... “Probably the most interesting thing we found was that young does, those that were 1 or 2 years old, appeared to be less impacted by the disease than older does and antlered bucks of all ages,” Kreh said. “These young does will be at their peak reproductive age for the next few years which will give the herd substantial opportunity to grow.” ...

Informational meeting on hemorrhagic fever in deer is announced September 20, 2012 North Carolina, Mount Airy News
... “This has been the worst year we have seen so far for deer,” [Local Wildlife Biologist Chris Kreh]. “The mortality has been substantial.” Generally hemorrhagic fever appears in late summer and early fall. He said that that the western third of the state usually sees anywhere from 10 to 20 cases total in a year. More than 1,000 cases have been confirmed already." ...

NC Hunters May Notice Hemorrhagic Disease in Deer This Season November 9, 2011 North Carolina, Ammoland.com
... Two closely related viruses — epizootic hemorrhagic disease (EHD) virus and bluetongue virus — cause hemorrhagic disease and both are spread by biting flies, called midges.... Some may appear bloated, very thin and weak, while others suffering from the disease for longer duration may drastically lose weight.... They also may have foot, mouth and internal lesions ... To report sightings of symptomatic deer, or dead and dying deer, contact the Division of Wildlife Management at (919) 707-0050 or wrccomments@ncwildlife.org.

NC Wildlife Officers Seize and Destroy Illegal Captive Deer - Moose North Carolina, September 21, 2011 By moose
North Carolina Wildlife officers armed with a search warrant went on to a farm in Randolph County looking for illegal captive deer and found some. Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) has been around for a while and once it crossed over the Mississippi River and got into eastern part of the United States game agencies got real serious about trying to slow the spread. North Carolina like many states put into place strict rules about deer farming, transporting deer both dead and alive, to hopefully prevent CWD from showing up here.

No chronic wasting disease detected in N.C. deer herd April 22, 2021 North Carolina, The Stanly News and Press
... during the 2020-21 sampling season, wildlife biologists collected 1,042 deer tissue samples across the state from hunters, meat processors, taxidermists, road-kills and sick deer..,

North Carolina deer free of chronic wasting disease July 9, 2014 North Carolina, Asheville Homepages Citizen Times Social Media
... The diagnostic laboratory report was from a sampling of more than 3,800 free-ranging deer and elk beginning in 2013 and continuing through earlier this year. Biologists collected brain stem tissue and retropharyngeal lymph nodes from the animals...

North Carolina places restrictions on Texas deer heads July 20, 2012 Lone Star Outdoor News
... The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission is warning citizens that two mule deer in Texas have tested positive for Chronic Wasting Disease. As a result, North Carolina taxidermists can no longer accept full heads for mounts from Texas and must inform wildlife officers if they receive one. ...

North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Captive Deer Policy Statement October 4, 2011 AmmoLand.com (press release)
... Since the 1980s CWD has been detected in 19 states, including West Virginia (2005), Virginia (2010), and Maryland ... Modeling research in the state of Wisconsin where CWD was detected in 2002 suggests that, if left unmanaged, CWD will spread throughout Wisconsin resulting in an infection rate in adult deer of at least 40%....There are two types of authorized facilities for holding deer ... Fawn rehabilitators are specially trained to rehabilitate injured or orphaned white-tailed deer fawns....North Carolina has more than 50 licensed captive cervid facilities including deer farming operations.

Outbreak of Hemorrhagic Disease in Piedmont Deer Tapers Off Octoober 27, 2014 North Carolina, Stanly News & Press
... After receiving multiple reports of dead, dying or sick deer in seven Piedmont counties, the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission said today that the outbreak of hemorrhagic disease (HD) in white-tailed deer appears to be tapering off with the onset of cooler weather...

State to attempt testing of 3000 deer for disease September 18, 2013 North Carolina, Jacksonville Daily News
Although CWD has not been detected in North Carolina, deer populations have tested positive for the disease in Virginia, West Virginia and 20 other states ... The Commission has been monitoring CWD in white-tailed deer since 1999, including two statewide sampling efforts in 2003 and 2008, and smaller scale subsampling efforts in other years...

Summer/Fall Hemorrhagic Disease Outbreak Hurts NC Deer November 1, 2012 North Carolina, Hcpress

... epizootic hemorrhagic disease (EHD) ... "It's by far the biggest impact we've ever seen in the state here," said Chris Kreh, District 7 wildlife biologist with NCWRC. He added that in around 30 of the western N.C. counties there have been over 1,500 confirmed reports of the disease since the outbreak began. "And that's just the ones we know about," he said. "That's a small percentage, I'm sure, of the actual mortality. Normally if we had 200 reports we would call that a bad year."