

West Virginia Disease of Deer Archive

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[Chronic Wasting Disease is a serious outdoors issue](#) June 28, 2023 West Virginia, The Intermountain

... “Our positive counties in the state have remained the same since 2018. We first detected CWD in West Virginia in Hampshire County in 2005 and prevalence is known to be locally high in certain areas of the county... “We detected CWD in Hardy County in 2010 and in Morgan, Mineral and Berkeley counties in 2018. CWD is at much lower prevalence in the latter counties as compared to Hampshire...

[Discovery of chronic wasting disease in Virginia could have implications for WV](#) June 19, 2021 West Virginia, Charleston Gazette-Mail

... CWD had already been confirmed in other Virginia counties, but most of those were in the northwestern and north-central portions of the state. The Montgomery County case appears to be an outlier, 160 miles removed from any other CWD-positive whitetail so far discovered...

[Five deer taken in Morgan County during buck season test positive for Chronic Wasting Disease](#) January 15, 2020 West Virginia, Morgan Messenger

... the total Eastern Panhandle count for Chronic Wasting Disease for the 2019-2020 hunting season is 22 hunter-harvested deer out of 716 samples ... Added to figures from June 2019, the total number of confirmed CWD cases in deer in the Eastern Panhandle is 398 ...

Chronic Wasting Disease, [Ag Commissioner advocates for federal CWD task force](#) December 4, 2019 West Virginia, West Virginia MetroNews

... “Normally I’m a small state guy and advocate for states’ rights and things of that nature, but when you have a disease that is obviously spreading to other states, it’s time for the federal government to step in and take a lead on coordinating those efforts,” ...

EHD, [Disease found in white-tailed deer in West Virginia](#) August 23, 2019 West Virginia, 12WBOY

... deer have been found dead in small areas of Summers, Monroe and Greenbrier counties... EHD, virus serotype 2 (EHDV-2) has been isolated from Summers County. Hemorrhagic Disease can be caused by either EHDV or Blue Tongue Virus (BTV,) ...

[Morgan County deer tests positive for Chronic Wasting Disease](#) April 3, 2019 West Virginia, Morgan Messenger

... the deer was found along the Berkeley County line right along the Sleepy Creek Wildlife Management Area... The total Eastern Panhandle count ... for the fall hunting season is 350 deer in Hampshire County, six deer in Hardy County, 15 deer in Berkeley County, four deer in Mineral County and one deer in Morgan ...

[CWD fears could hamper WV's elk restoration effort](#) March 16, 2019 West Virginia, Charleston Gazette-Mail

... the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies ... consider the movement of live animals as “the greatest risk for CWD introduction into unaffected areas.” Southwestern West Virginia, which received elk stockings in 2016 and 2018 from Kentucky and Arizona, is considered an unaffected area...

[Berkeley County deer hunters help biologists learn about chronic wasting disease](#) November 22, 2018 West Virginia, The Herald-Mail

... Berkeley and Mineral counties were designated as chronic wasting disease containment areas ... Disease models looking at herd density over time show that deer numbers will drop significantly... State deer and hunters face a bleak future unless something changes ...

[CWD detected in two more West Virginia counties](#) June 27, 2018 West Virginia, West Virginia MetroNews

... The Mineral County deer was still alive and suffering from an unknown ailment... it's still east of the Allegheny Front." ... rum hoped the spine of the Appalachians which divides West Virginia will serve as the barrier...

[Tests show more chronic wasting disease in W.Va. deer](#) March 9, 2018 West Virginia, Cumberland Times-News

... Of the 530 Hampshire County deer sampled for chronic wasting disease in November, 70 had the always fatal illness ... The number of West Virginia deer confirmed to have CWD since it was first discovered in 2005 now reached 332.,,

[Baiting Debate Causes Ulcers](#) September 13, 2011 West Virginia, West Virginia MetroNews

The state recently extended a ban on feeding and baiting of ALL wildlife to public lands statewide ... until now it was legal to hunt DEER over bait in West Virginia ... Critics consider it to be an unethical practice and a sign of weak hunting skills.... It's a proven fact when deer start sticking their noses into the same piles to eat they are immediately at greater risk for passing a number of diseases ...

[Brain parasite has killed 30 percent of elk cows and calves imported from Arizona](#)

February 1, 2020 West Virginia, Charleston Gazette-Mail

... Almost one-third of the 46 elk cows and calves imported from Arizona died of brainworm in 2019 ... DNR biologists believe a U.S. Department of Agriculture mandate to hold elk imported from Arizona for an additional 90 days weakened the animals and made them less able to resist brainworm, a parasite that doesn't affect deer but can be lethal to elk.,

[Tiny parasite is WV elk's biggest potential threat](#) March 25, 2017 West Virginia, Charleston Gazette-Mail

... West Virginia's elk, which came from the U.S. Forest Service's National Elk and Bison Prairie in Western Kentucky, are unlikely to have any resistance at all because they've had no exposure to brainworm... Adult brainworms lay eggs in their hosts' brains ...

[Chronic Wasting Disease Contained in 2 W.Va. Counties](#) September 11, 2011 West Virginia, WTRF

Chronic wasting disease in West Virginia deer is believed to be contained in Hampshire and Hardy counties, but the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources continues to be vigilant in its efforts to control the disease. ... The DNR has tested road-kill deer in all 55 counties for CWD since 2002. In cooperation with the Southeast Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study at the University of Georgia and the Minnesota Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory, more than 12,200 West Virginia have been tested for the abnormal prion associated with CWD...

[Chronic Wasting Disease Found in West Virginia Deer](#) August 16, 2012 West Virginia, WHSV

... Biologists have noticed deer with the disease in West Virginia. According to the Chronic Wasting Disease Alliance, there is currently no evidence that CWD is transmissible to humans,

[Chronic Wasting Disease in Deer](#) March 2, 2016 West Virginia, WCHS

... One of the things that we're doing here at West Virginia University is using genetics to investigate how chronic wasting disease spreads over the landscape ... we've only detected chronic wasting disease in West Virginia in Hampshire county and also Hardy county...

[Chronic wasting disease found in seven more W.Va. deer](#) May 26, 2016 West Virginia, Cumberland Times-News

... All of the deer were harvested by hunters during the 2015 season and all came from the central portion of Hampshire County where CWD was first confirmed more than a decade ago...

[WV's chronic wasting disease problem expands with each passing year](#) July 17, 2016 West Virginia, Charleston Gazette-Mail

... Today the disease has spread from the Hampshire County town of Slanesville, where the buck was found, into parts of Hardy County... In the 39-square-mile area of Hampshire County where DNR officials most closely study the disease, CWD can be found in approximately one in every four whitetails...

[Chronic wasting disease spreads in W.Va.](#) June 29, 2014 West Virginia, The Charleston Gazette

... "Of the 591 tissue samples we extracted from hunter-killed deer last fall in Hampshire County, 29 were positive for CWD," Crum said. "That's the highest number of positives

we've ever had... They had agency sharpshooters kill additional deer each spring to help monitor the disease's prevalence. Despite their efforts, CWD continued to spread slowly but steadily...

[Chronic wasting disease affecting deer](#) July 5, 2014 West Virginia, Times West Virginian ... "We detected (CWD) in 2005 in West Virginia ... from a road-kill deer," ... The percent of deer infected by CWD has increased over the years, affecting almost 25 percent of the surveyed deer in Hampshire County... The deer won't show clinical signs of the disease for as long as (one) year to five or maybe even longer ...

[Slow spread of CWD continues in West Virginia](#) July 11, 2014 West Virginia, West Virginia MetroNews

... 'We tested 591 hunter harvested deer and we had 29 that we detected the abnormal protein for chronic wasting disease,' ... Chronic Wasting Disease, or CWD, was first discovered in Hampshire County in a road killed deer in the community of Slanesville in 2006...

[Deer farmers fire back on CWD issue](#) July 21, 2014 West Virginia, West Virginia MetroNews

... When the virus was first discovered in West Virginia in 2006, emergency rules were enacted by the Division of Natural Resources Director to prevent the transport of the live animals. ... "The deer farmers of West Virginia have never discovered a CWD-positive animal in their herds despite testing 100% of eligible mortalities since 2006." ...

[CWD discovered in West Virginia deer](#), September 15, 2005 Outdoor News ... found in West Virginia's Hampshire County, just 25 miles due south of the Pennsylvania state line... CWD had never been found east of Wisconsin prior to this year. It showed up in New York state — just 90 miles above Pennsylvania's Wayne County — this spring, however.

[Deer disease wreaks havoc on harvest](#) November 20, 2011 West Virginia, Charleston Gazette (blog)

... Epizootic hemorrhagic disease, commonly called EHD or “blue tongue,” ... West Virginia’s EHD outbreak was bad, but not nearly as bad as New Jersey’s. ... Enough dead deer were lying around that local residents could easily smell the stench..... Fortunately for West Virginia’s herd, the mast failure of 2009 was followed by a bumper mast crop in 2010. Deer easily survived a relatively mild winter

[Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease Found in West Virginia Deer](#) September 21, 2017 West Virginia, DNR News

... This year, deer in Boone, Brooke, Hancock, Lincoln, Marshall, Ohio, Tucker and Wayne counties have died from a disease caused by the Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease Virus (EHDV)...

Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease Found in West Virginia Deer

DNR News, September 21, 2017

SOUTH CHARLESTON, W.Va. — The West Virginia Division of Natural Resources has found deer in eight counties that have died from a hemorrhagic disease that causes extensive bleeding.

This year, deer in Boone, Brooke, Hancock, Lincoln, Marshall, Ohio, Tucker and Wayne counties have died from a disease caused by the Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease Virus (EHDV). The disease has also been confirmed in deer herds in Kentucky, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Virginia this year. Hemorrhagic diseases can also be caused by the Blue Tongue Virus, but no BTV-infected deer have been detected in West Virginia.

This disease is not contagious to humans and EHDV is not related to chronic wasting disease, which has only been detected in Hampshire and Hardy counties.

“The disease disappears with the first frost because the spread of the virus is dependent on small midges called culicoides, which are killed by cold temperatures,” said Gary Foster, DNR’s assistant chief in charge of game management.

Samples from West Virginia were sent to the Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study at the University of Georgia's School of Veterinary Medicine, where the virus was isolated and identified. Although this disease usually does not have a major impact on the deer population, DNR is surveying the extent of the outbreak. EHDV may cause local reductions in the deer population by usually 20 percent or less.

Outbreaks of this disease do not affect West Virginia deer every year. The last large outbreaks occurred in 1996, 2002, 2007 and 2012. EHDV does not persist in deer that survive infection. Although hunters should never consume meat from an obviously sick animal, deer affected by EHDV are usually safe to eat. Landowners and hunters are urged to report sick or dead deer to their nearest DNR district office.

[Hunters cautioned about CWD](#) November 16, 2011 West Virginia, Tyler Star News

The discovery of CWD in Hampshire County, West Virginia, represents a significant threat to the state's white-tailed deer.... The WVDNR, Wildlife Resources Section, in cooperation with the SE Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study at the University of Georgia and the Minnesota Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory has tested over 12,200 deer from West Virginia for CWD and as of June 2011, the 98 Hampshire County deer and one Hardy County deer are the only animals found thus far to have the abnormal prion associated with CWD ...

[Hunters warned about deer wasting disease](#) August 14, 2011 West Virginia, The Morgan Messenger

A deer killed in Green Ridge State Forest in eastern Allegany County during the 2010 firearms season was found to have the disease...All areas of Morgan County that lie west of U.S. Route 522— roughly half of the county— are now considered within the disease containment area. So is the portion of Hardy County north of Corridor H and WV Route 55 from Wardensville to the Virginia Stateline as well as all of Hampshire County...

[Late-summer outbreak kills hundreds of whitetails](#) September 29, 2012 West Virginia Charleston Gazette

... Jim Crum, deer project leader for the state Division of Natural Resources, said ... "This year's EHD outbreak is not nearly as prevalent or widespread as the one we had in 2007 ... So far we've had confirmed mortality in Calhoun, Jefferson, Greenbrier, Hancock, Mason, Monroe and Pleasants counties. I don't have an accurate count right now, but the numbers are in the hundreds and not the thousands." ...

[Morgan County deer tests positive for Chronic Wasting Disease](#) April 3, 2019 West Virginia, Morgan Messenger

... the deer was found along the Berkeley County line right along the Sleepy Creek Wildlife Management Area... The total Eastern Panhandle count ... for the fall hunting

season is 350 deer in Hampshire County, six deer in Hardy County, 15 deer in Berkeley County, four deer in Mineral County and one deer in Morgan ...

[New sampling finds more diseased deer in Hampshire County](#) June 1, 2017 West Virginia, Cumberland Times News Homepage

... Recent sampling by the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources further substantiates that one-quarter to one-third of the deer in central Hampshire County are infected with chronic wasting disease...

[New Test for CWD: Tomblin has 'no problem' with deer farms](#) March 26, 2012 West Virginia, Beckley Register-Herald

One fear advanced by opponents is the prospect of wild deer getting infected with chronic wasting disease, or CWD, from the captive cervids... 'Can you take a sample from a live, tame deer and test for CWD?,' the governor said. "The professor said 'absolutely.' ... conversation with a West Virginia University professor about advanced technology that could provide testing of live animals.

[Significant Changes to 2011 Hunting Regs](#) August 31, 2011 West Virginia, West Virginia MetroNews

Continued prevalence of Chronic Wasting Disease will impact deer hunting in West Virginia 's eastern panhandle even more for 2011. The discovery of CWD positive deer in Hardy County as well as in neighboring Maryland and Virginia in the past year has ... an increase in the size of West Virginia's CWD Containment Zone.

[State slowly losing battle with CWD](#) July 26, 2015 West Virginia, Times West Virginian

... "The idea to stop feeding deer in this area is within the agency's ongoing management efforts to slow the spread of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD). A larger portion of the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia has been added to the current area where artificial supplemental feeding and baiting of deer is prohibited," ...

[Tests show more chronic wasting disease in W.Va. deer](#) March 9, 2018 West Virginia, Cumberland Times-News

... Of the 530 Hampshire County deer sampled for chronic wasting disease in November, 70 had the always fatal illness ... The number of West Virginia deer confirmed to have CWD since it was first discovered in 2005 now reached 332.,,

[W.Va. Division Natural Resources plans lethal management to battle deer disease](#)

February 23, 2017 West Virginia, Cumberland Times News Homepage

... Responding to an increasing incidence of chronic wasting disease in Hampshire County, shooting teams from the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources will kill and sample deer this spring... The total of CWD deer since the first one was discovered in 2005 now rises to 235 ...

[W.Va. DNR expands chronic wasting disease 'containment area'](#) August 1, 2015 West

Virginia, Charleston Gazette

... state wildlife officials have expanded the "CWD Containment Area" to include almost the entire Eastern Panhandle. Up until last year, the zone had included only Hampshire County and parts of Hardy and Morgan counties... they have made it a policy to establish a 5-mile "buffer radius" around the location of any CWD-positive deer ...

[W.Va. monitoring deer for chronic wasting disease](#) February 11, 2014 West Virginia,

Parkersburg News & Sentinel

... In West Virginia, the first case of chronic wasting disease was found in Hampshire County in 2005 and has only been positively identified in Hampshire and Hardy counties in the years since, although statewide watches are being kept on it. Of those cases, 131 positives have been found in Hampshire and two in Hardy ... Chronic wasting disease is not a bacteria or virus, but results from problems with the prion protein ...

[West Virginia expanding CWD containment area](#) August 30, 2015 Times West Virginian

... Since Chronic Wasting Disease was first found in Hampshire County of West Virginia back in 2005 [road Kill], 182 other whitetail deer have been found positive with CWD in both Hampshire and Hardy counties ... One hundred-eleven positive deer were hunter-harvested ...

[WVU research seeks to slow spread of deadly deer disease](#) February 6, 2016 West

Virginia, wvgazettemail.com

... By analyzing the DNA present in each sample, researchers at West Virginia University hope to discover how deer move across the landscape. Armed with that information, state wildlife officials might someday be able to slow or halt the spread of chronic wasting disease, an always-fatal malady first found in the state in 2006...

