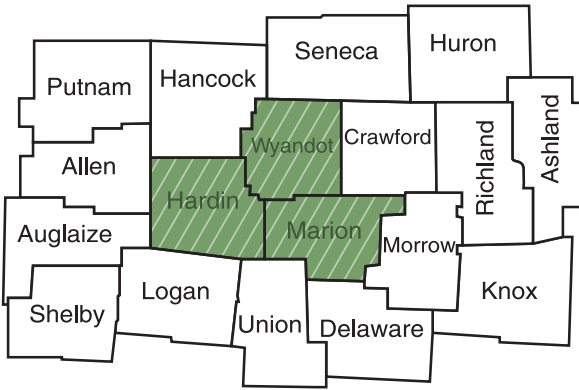


DISEASE SURVEILLANCE AREA (DSA)

COUNTIES: HARDIN, WYANDOT, AND MARION



MANDATORY SAMPLING FOR DEER HARVESTED WITHIN THE DISEASE SURVEILLANCE AREA (DSA)

Mandatory sampling is required for **ALL** deer harvested Oct. 8-10, Nov. 5-6, and 12-13 as well as the entire seven-day gun season. Staffed sampling locations will **ONLY** be available during the seven-day gun season and **ONLY** at the addresses below.

Hunters can utilize self-serve kiosks to drop their deer off for testing throughout the deer season. Participation is voluntary outside of the 14 mandatory days noted above. Kiosk locations and dates of operation are available at wildohio.gov and instructions for sample submission will be provided at the kiosk.

BIG ISLAND
Wildlife Area Headquarters
5389 Larue-Prospect Rd West,
New Bloomington, OH 43341

KILLDEER PLAINS
Wildlife Area Headquarters
19100 CH 115
Harpster, OH 43323

WYANDOT COUNTY
Fairgrounds
10171 OH 53
Upper Sandusky, OH 43351

RURAL KING
233 American Blvd
Marion, OH 43302

HARDIN COUNTY
Fairgrounds
14134 County Road 140
Kenton, OH 43326

MCGUFFEY
Conservation Club
6950 Township Road 55
Ada, OH 45810

SEASON	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE	SCAN THE QR CODE TO STAY UP TO DATE 
DSA Archery	Sept. 10, 2022	Feb. 5, 2023	
DSA Early Gun	Oct. 8, 2022	Oct. 10, 2022	
DSA Youth Gun	Nov. 19, 2022	Nov. 20, 2022	
DSA Gun	Nov. 28, 2022	Dec. 4, 2022	
DSA Bonus Gun	Dec. 17, 2022	Dec. 18, 2022	
DSA Muzzleloader	Jan. 7, 2023	Jan. 10, 2023	

Scan the QR code with your mobile device for current information or visit wildohio.gov.

CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE

KNOW THE FACTS

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is a fatal neurological disease of white-tailed deer. There is no strong evidence that CWD is transmissible to humans. The first confirmed case of CWD in Ohio was at a hunting preserve in Holmes County in 2014. Since then, 25 deer, from four captive facilities in Holmes and Wayne counties have tested positive for CWD.

In December of 2020, Ohio confirmed its first CWD-positive wild deer in Wyandot County, a mature buck that was taken to a local taxidermist as part of routine CWD surveillance. In January of 2021, a positive yearling doe was harvested during a controlled hunt on the Killdeer Plains Refuge. Eight hunter-harvested deer tested positive during the 2021-22 deer season in southern Wyandot and northern Marion counties and one additional positive deer was removed through targeted shooting in March 2022. To monitor prevalence and implement regulations to slow the spread of the disease, a Disease Surveillance Area (DSA) was established in June 2021 and has been expanded in 2022 to include all of Wyandot, Hardin, and Marion counties.

PROTECT OHIO'S DEER HERD

Properly dispose of a deer carcass. Be sure to double-bag all high-risk parts (brain, spinal cord, eyes, and lymphoid tissues) and dispose of them with your household trash.

It is illegal to bring high-risk carcass parts into Ohio from anywhere outside the state, or to remove high-risk carcass parts from a disease surveillance area, unless the animal is delivered to a Division of Wildlife certified processor or taxidermist within 24 hours (see Deer Carcass Regulations on page 9).

Contact a Division of Wildlife district office or state wildlife officer if you see a deer that appears sick, is acting abnormally, or has a visible ear tag.

The Division of Wildlife has a Disease Surveillance Area (DSA), 2021-01, which includes all of Hardin, Marion, and Wyandot counties.

DSA RULES INCLUDE:

The placement of or use of bait (salt, minerals, or any food) to attract or feed deer within the Disease Surveillance Area (DSA) boundaries is prohibited, as is the hunting of deer by the aid of bait.

Normal agricultural activities, including feeding domestic animals, as well as hunting deer over food plots, naturally occurring or cultivated plants, and agricultural crops are not prohibited in the DSA.

PRECAUTIONS FOR HUNTERS

A deer infected with CWD typically does not immediately show signs of the disease. As the disease progresses, the animal begins to lose body condition and stagger, carry its head and ears lowered, drool excessively, and show little fear of humans. They will eventually lose body condition and appear weak and emaciated.

- Wear rubber gloves when field-dressing and thoroughly wash your hands and instruments after field-dressing and butchering.
- Bone out the meat from your animal and minimize the handling of brain and spinal tissues.
- Do not eat the brain, spinal cord, eyes, spleen, tonsils, and lymph nodes.
- Do not consume meat from any animal that tests positive for CWD.
- Hunters may have a harvested deer tested at the Ohio Department of Agriculture's Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory. Call (614) 728-6220 for more information.

