



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 1501:31-19-03 Disease surveillance area regulations.

Effective: July 6, 2026

(A) The chief of the division of wildlife may establish disease surveillance areas within the state if chronic wasting disease or bovine tuberculosis is detected in a member of the cervidae family.

(1) A newly established disease surveillance area will include all areas within a minimum of six miles centering on the location of the detection of chronic wasting disease. Provided further, an established disease surveillance area may be expanded if there are additional detections of the disease.

(2) The boundaries of the disease surveillance area will be established by utilizing existing boundaries of political subdivisions of the state, roadways or rivers.

(3) A disease surveillance area will be established for a minimum of three years.

(B) Disease surveillance areas.

Disease surveillance area 2021-01 is hereby established and encompasses all of Allen, Hardin, Marion, and Wyandot counties, and the following townships:

(1) Crawford county: Bucyrus, Dallas, Holmes, and Tod townships;

(2) Delaware county: Marlboro, Troy, and Oxford townships;

(3) Hancock county: Delaware, Madison, and Van Buren townships;

(4) Morrow county: Westfield township;

(5) Union county: Claibourne and Jackson townships.

(C) The heads of deer taken from within a disease surveillance area during the first two days of the deer gun season in disease surveillance areas and the first two days of the statewide deer gun season established in rule 1501:31-15-11 of the Administrative Code will be delivered for inspection and sampling to an official division of wildlife carcass inspection station within the disease surveillance area where killed no later than noon the following day after harvest. The head may be detached from the carcass prior to presentation for inspection and sampling at an official carcass inspection station.

It shall be unlawful to fail to comply with paragraph (C) of this rule.

(D) It shall be unlawful within a disease surveillance area to place, expose, deposit, distribute, or scatter salt, mineral supplement, grain, fruit, vegetables or other feed whatsoever capable of luring, enticing, or attracting deer, except salt, mineral supplement, grain, fruit, vegetables or feed placed, exposed, deposited, distributed,



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or scattered as a result of bona fide agricultural operations or procedures, or as a result of manipulation of a crop or other feed on the land where grown for wildlife management purposes, provided that manipulation for wildlife management purposes does not include:

- (1) The distributing or scattering of grain or other feed once it has been removed from or stored on the land where grown;
 - (2) The aggregating or concentrating of grain or other feed on the land where grown.
- (E) It shall be unlawful within a disease surveillance area to hunt or take deer by the aid of or on or over any area where salt, mineral supplement, grain, fruit, vegetables or other feed whatsoever capable of luring, enticing, or attracting deer has been placed, exposed, deposited, distributed, or scattered.
- (F) It shall be unlawful within a disease surveillance area to hunt or take deer on or over any area where salt, mineral supplement, grain, fruit, vegetables or other feed whatsoever has been placed, exposed, deposited, distributed, or scattered for ten days following the complete removal of any salt, mineral supplement, grain, fruit, vegetables or other feed whatsoever.
- (G) Hunting over naturally occurring or cultivated plants, and over standing or harvested agricultural crops, is not prohibited. Notwithstanding paragraphs (E) and (F) of this rule, a person may hunt on lands where grain or seeds have been distributed or scattered as the result of bona fide agricultural operations or procedures, or as a result of manipulation of a crop or other feed on the land where grown for wildlife management purposes, provided that manipulation for wildlife management purposes does not include:
- (1) The distributing or scattering of grain or other feed once it has been removed from or stored on the land where grown;
 - (2) The aggregating or concentrating of grain or other feed on the land where grown.
- (H) All definitions set forth in rule 1501:31-1-02 of the Administrative Code apply to this rule.