



**Producer Responsibilities to Remain a CWD Certified Herd
(As required by 302 KAR 22.150)
January 2022**

1. **Renew Herd Permits** for the Chronic Wasting Disease Herd Certification Program which expire on December 31st of each year. The Office of the State Veterinarian shall not approve any application if the applicant owes fees or fines to the Kentucky Department of Agriculture.
 - a. Complete renewal application located at https://www.kyagr.com/statevet/documents/FC_CWDApplication.pdf
 - b. Submit current herd inventory list of officially identified animals. (Note, application does require total number of fawns but does not require them to be officially identified).
 - c. Complete CWD continual education course and quiz (**New 2021 Requirement**) **Contact program representative or website for additional information.**
 - d. Submit fees based on number of officially identified cervids listed in herd inventory.

Number of Cervids in Herd	Fee if paid before December 1	Fee if paid between December 1 - 31	Fee if paid after January 1
1-50	\$135	\$150	\$250
51-100	\$250	\$275	\$375
over 101	\$450	\$500	\$600

2. **Identify cervids within herd**

- a. Two forms of identification, which are unique to the animal, must be applied before annual physical inventory or before movement off the premises (whichever event occurs first).
- b. One form of identification must be an USDA approved **RFID official identification device** and one must be a visual tag.

3. **Maintain record for each individual animal**

- a. Must **maintain current inventory at all times** which includes official RFID identification number, visual identification number, any other ID, age, and sex. This record must be made available upon request by representative of the Office of the State Veterinarian.
- b. Herd Addition records to be maintained:
 - i. For Purchases- Name and address of person from whom cervid was purchased and the address of herd from which cervid was purchased. Date the purchased animal entered the herd and a copy of the CVI from the movement into the herd.
 - ii. For Natural Additions- Approximate date of birth
- c. Movement out of herd- Date of movement, person to whom it was shipped, place to which it was shipped and a copy of the CVI for that shipment.
- d. Death or Harvest- Date of death, apparent cause of death, cervid age, sex
 - i. Date and laboratory submitted for CWD testing if required
 - ii. Disposition of the carcass (if removed from premises- the destination and recipient)

4. **Maintain Herd Health Records**

- a. Maintain all individual CWD laboratory tests results that were conducted on cervids in the herd
- b. Maintain all records received from the herd veterinarian related to the veterinary services performed on animals within the herd.

5. **Required CWD Program Training**
 - a. Prior to initial enrollment and all persons with a HCP or HMP prior to 2021 regulation revisions shall complete one (1) hour of education training provided by the OSV.
6. **Perform Annual Physical Herd Inventory** between January and April of each year. (NEW 2021)
 - a. Owner responsible for assembling, handling, and restraining the cervids and for all risks and costs incurred to present the animals for cervid inspection.
 - b. Inventory includes observation of all cervids in an enclosed area, including physical or chemical restraint, if necessary, to reconcile all visible identification devices with available records. RFID devices to be recorded with an electronic reader by OSV representative.
 - c. Owner must coordinate scheduling of inventory with OSV representative.
 - d. Herds not inventoried by May will be placed under quarantine restrictions.
7. **Provide Herd Inventory Records** Upon Request by OSV representative
 - a. Herd inventory record inspections and reviews shall be conducted quarterly, at a minimum, by OSV representative.
8. **Report Changes in Cervid Herd Population- NEW 2021 Requirements**
 - a. Owner shall report ANY cervid that escapes, disappears and **ALL deaths** regardless of age (including unreported fawns and cervids killed by harvest or slaughter)
 - i. Escape or Disappear Cervids- Must Report within **48 hours** and provide an updated inventory to in writing to an OSV representative within **7 days** of an escape.
 - ii. Escapes that are re-captured **within 72 hours** may return to the herd. **After 72 hours** the producer must have **written permission** from OSV to reintroduce the escaped cervid to the herd.
 - iii. Cervids taken by Harvest- Report within 7 days
 - iv. Cervids that Die from illness or any other reason- Report within 7 days
 - b. Report shall include all identification (visual and RFID tag), date of death, disappearance or escape for each animal.
 - c. Forms for reporting https://www.kyagr.com/statevet/documents/FC_CWDDeadCard.pdf
 - d. All reports shall be emailed to statevet@ky.gov or mailed to Kentucky Department of Agriculture, Office of State Veterinarian, CWD Coordinator, 109 Corporate Drive, Frankfort, KY 40601
9. **Notify Veterinarian of Animal Showing Signs of CWD**
 - a. Herd veterinarian shall be notified within 24 hours of observance of a cervid with clinical signs suggestive of Chronic Wasting Disease.
10. **Testing Requirements**
 - a. **Any cervid that is 12 months or older that dies for any reason including harvest** shall be tested for CWD.
 - b. Owner is responsible for sample collection, submission and testing.
 - c. Samples shall be submitted to an approved laboratory within 7 days of death and collection.
 - d. **Required CWD samples shall be collected by an individual certified by the OSV or a licensed accredited veterinarian. (NEW 2021 Requirement)**
 - e. If required tissues from test eligible cervids are not submitted for laboratory diagnosis by the cervid owner, the state veterinarian shall revoke the permit or implement a mutually agreed upon Cervid Herd Plan.
11. **Maintain Perimeter Fencing**
 - a. Premises shall have a valid Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources Permit and shall maintain perimeter fencing meeting the requirements established.
12. **Non- Compliance consequence:** KDA may revoke or suspend a herd permit if individuals provide false information or fail to meet the requirements listed above.

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