

**TITLE 35. OKLAHOMA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD, AND FORESTRY**

**CHAPTER 15. ANIMAL INDUSTRY**

**SUBCHAPTER 44. FARMED CERVIDAE**

**35:15-44-21. Registration of Exotic Cervidae Species**

~~Any person owning, maintaining, or possessing any species in the cervidae family, other than whitetail deer, mule deer, elk, and red deer shall submit a registration form to the Department. This form shall contain the owner's contact information, species owned, and location of the animals. Facility licensing shall not be required of these species. Any person or facility already licensed by the Department, the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, or Animal Care Division of the United States Department of Agriculture shall be exempt from registration.~~

**35:15-44-22. Chronic Wasting Disease Genetic Improvement Program (CWDGIP)**

(a) The CWDGIP is only available to white-tailed deer producers who are Oklahoma Farmed Cervidae licensees.

(b) Producers choosing to participate in the CWDGIP shall register with the Animal Industry Services Division (AIS) of Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry (ODAFF or The Department) and remit a fee of \$100 per year, payable no later than January 1.

(1) A late fee of \$100 will be assessed for payment after February 1.

(c) An inventory of all participating deer shall be submitted to AIS at the time of registration.

(1) Participating deer shall be identified with an official USDA ear tag.

(2) Genetic testing information for the individual deer shall be submitted at the time of registration.

(3) Details of the alleles at Codon 96 and the Genetically Estimated Breeding Value (GEBV) of offspring of participating does shall be submitted to AIS upon receipt of the testing results.

(d) Beginning February 1, 2026 and ending April 15, 2026, white-tailed deer does of any age and bucks that are less than 24 months of age, born and raised in Oklahoma by registered CWDGIP producers may be released onto private land pursuant to the landowner meeting the requirements of Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation's regulations as outlined in Section 1. D. of 2024 Oklahoma House Bill 3462.

(1) White-tailed deer shall be released only if:

(A) Their genetic testing proves they have the SS alleles at Codon 96;

(B) Their GEBV is at or below -0.0560;

(C) They are identified with one (1) orange bangle ear tag in each ear that is at least 2" X 1 5/8" in size and the previously applied USDA official ear tag shall remain in place; and

(2) The White-tailed deer that meet the genetic traits in (1) of this section may be released during the same time frame in subsequent years.

(e) All White-tailed deer imported into Oklahoma Farmed Cervidae facilities or Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation licensed Commercial Hunt Areas shall have the SS alleles at Codon 96 and have a Genomic Estimated Breeding Value meeting or exceeding -0.056.

(1) Male White-tailed deer imported into Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation licensed Commercial Hunt Areas are exempt from the above requirements.

(2) A certificate verifying the SS alleles at Codone 96 and the GEBV meeting or exceeding -0.056 shall be attached to the import permit application.