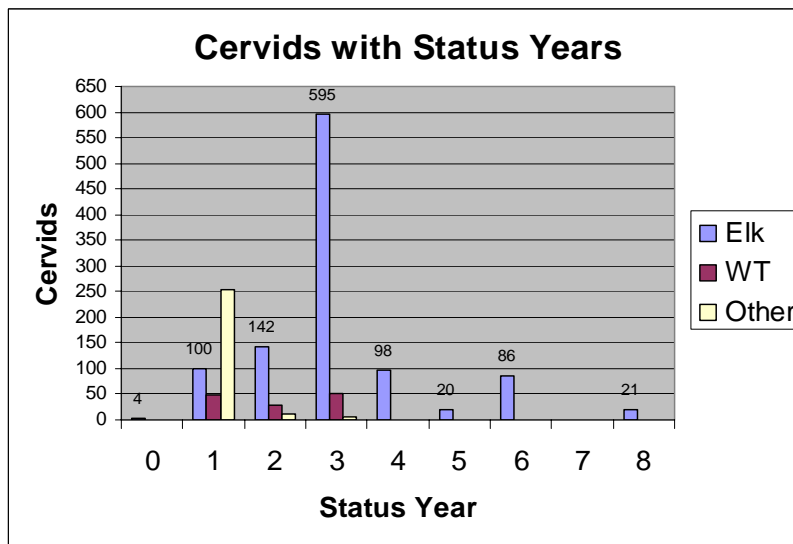


Mo. Dept. of Agriculture CWD Activity Report

Missouri Department of Agriculture (MDA) currently monitors 40 herds consisting of 1,467 captive cervids with a range of 0-8 status years. Within the past four months MDA and APHIS/VS veterinarians have conducted inventories on 27 herds with an addition of one herd, one herd sold and two herds dropped from the program. Permits, testing, interstate/intrastate movement and annual inventories are entered on a daily basis in an access database.

MDA Monitored Herds					
Status Year, Number and Type of Cervid					
Status	No. of Herds	Total Cervids	Type of Cervid		
			Elk	WT	Other
0	1	4	4		
1	9	403	100	49	254
2	8	180	142	28	10
3	18	651	595*	51	5
4	1	98	98		
5	1	20	20		
6	1	86	86		
7	0	0			
8	1	21	21		
Total	40	1467	1070	128	269

Over half of Elk population (595) with a Status of 3 years



Update of CWD Task Force Committee:

Missouri's State Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Task Force Committee is entering its fourth year of advisement and support to the Departments of Agriculture and Conservation and the cervid industry. The task force committee met on June 29, 2005 with an overview of the accomplishments of the past three years. The committee initiated a voluntary surveillance program and with the combined efforts of Departments of Agriculture and Conservation now monitors an estimated 167 captive herds. Currently the committee is

updating the contingency plan put in place in 2002, and will continue to look at CWD testing in Missouri cervids in captive herds, managed hunting facilities and whitetail deer on state owned property.

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