

17.452 FARM-RAISED CERVIDAE.

Subdivision 1. **Promotion and coordination.** The commissioner shall promote the commercial raising of farmed cervidae and shall coordinate programs and rules related to the commercial raising of farmed cervidae. Farmed cervidae research, projects, and demonstrations must be reported to the commissioner before state appropriations for the research projects or demonstrations are encumbered. The commissioner shall maintain a database of information on raising farmed cervidae.

Subd. 2. **Development program.** The commissioner may establish a Minnesota development and aid program that may support applied research, demonstration, financing, marketing, promotion, breeding development, registration, and other services for owners.

Subd. 3. [Repealed, 1997 c 7 art 2 s 67]

Subd. 4. **Farmed cervidae are livestock.** Farmed cervidae are livestock and are not wild animals for purposes of game farm, hunting, or wildlife laws. Farmed cervidae and their products are farm products and livestock for purposes of financial transactions and collateral.

Subd. 5. **Raising farmed cervidae is an agricultural pursuit.** Raising farmed cervidae is agricultural production and an agricultural pursuit.

Subd. 5a. **Other applicable definitions.** The definitions in section 35.153 apply to this section.

Subd. 6. [Repealed, 1Sp2005 c 1 art 1 s 98]

Subd. 6a. [Repealed, 1Sp2005 c 1 art 1 s 98]

Subd. 7. [Repealed, 1Sp2005 c 1 art 1 s 98]

Subd. 8. **Slaughter.** Farmed cervidae must be slaughtered and inspected in accordance with chapters 31 and 31A or the United States Department of Agriculture voluntary program for exotic animals, Code of Federal Regulations, title 9, part 352.

Subd. 9. **Sales of farmed cervidae and meat products.** Persons selling or buying farmed cervidae sold as livestock, sold for human consumption, or sold for slaughter must comply with chapters 17A, 31, 31A, and 31B.

Subd. 10. [Repealed, 1Sp2005 c 1 art 1 s 98]

Subd. 11. [Repealed, 1Sp2005 c 1 art 1 s 98]

Subd. 12. [Repealed, 1Sp2005 c 1 art 1 s 98]

Subd. 13. [Repealed, 1Sp2005 c 1 art 1 s 98]

Subd. 13a. [Repealed, 1Sp2005 c 1 art 1 s 98]

Subd. 14. [Repealed, 1Sp2005 c 1 art 1 s 98]

Subd. 15. [Repealed, 1Sp2005 c 1 art 1 s 98]

Subd. 16. [Repealed, 1Sp2005 c 1 art 1 s 98]

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