NATIONAL VETERINARY SERVICES LAB KIT ORDER REQUEST

NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
STATE BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH
SFN 60037 (12-2011)

Name			
Organization			
Street Address (No PO Box)	City	State	ZIP Code
Telephone Number			

CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE FIXED (formalin)

Quantity	
	Kit # 2 (12-180 ml jars)

***** Duplicate this form for your files *****

***Supply orders should be FAXED to NVSL Shipping at: 515-337-7378.**

****The NVSL shipping department can be reached by email at: NVSLshipping@aphis.usda.gov *OR* by telephone: 515-337-7530.**

CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE REMINDER

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Surveillance is mandatory in ND for all farmed white-tailed deer, mule deer, elk and their respective hybrids, 12 months of age or older, regardless of the cause of death. This includes slaughtered and hunted animals and animals moved out of state to be slaughtered. Samples must be accompanied by official identification when submitted to the lab. Submitters are encouraged to leave a small piece of ear tissue attached to the tag.

The **owner** is responsible for ensuring that the appropriate samples are submitted for testing, not the hunter, processor, or taxidermist. Sample collection kits are available at no charge from the National Veterinary Services Laboratory (NVSL) by calling 515-663-7530, or by sending a fax to 515-663-7378.

All samples should be shipped to the National Veterinary Services Laboratory at:

National Veterinary Services Laboratory
1920 Dayton Avenue
Ames, IA 50010

We were recently notified that, due to budget constraints, USDA plans to stop paying for CWD testing as of December 31, 2011. Producers who submit samples after this date will likely be charged for the cost of testing; however, please continue to write "CWD-PROGRAM" in red ink in the "Examinations Requested" box of the submission form. The submission form is available on our website at: http://www.nd.gov/ndda/files/resource/CWDReferralForm.pdf

CWD sample collection training is available from the state and federal veterinarians offices to producers and veterinarians. If you would like to receive training, please contact our office. During the month of November, producers can come to Bismarck and be trained using hunter harvested deer heads. During other times of the year, producers must provide at least three heads for training. If you have not been certified in the past, you must arrange for someone who has been certified to collect samples.

There are definitely circumstances that cause samples to be decomposed. However, if there is no documentation regarding the quality of the brain at the time of collection, it will be assumed that an unsuitable location report is the result of poor collection technique. Please note on the submission form if the animal was somewhat decomposed at the time of collection.

Retropharyngeal lymph nodes should be collected from all animals, especially when the obex is in poor condition. Lymph nodes do not decompose nearly as quickly as brain tissue. Although not recognized as an official test, negative results on lymph node tissue provide strong evidence that the animal is negative.

A significant number of unsuitable location reports will likely have a negative impact on a herds CWD status. Multiple unsuitable locations may make it more difficult to ship animals out of state and may even result in a quarantine and/or administrative action. You, as owners, and your veterinarian need to continue to work to obtain the best samples possible or to notify our office if samples may not be adequate. This needs to be done to provide assurance that ND has an excellent CWD status based on an adequate number of negative laboratory results. This is particularly important now that CWD has been diagnosed in wild deer in the state.