

# NCTIME TOWASTE

## LIMIT CWD'S SPREAD

# California Hunters, We Need Your Help.

Chronic wasting disease (CWD) has been detected in California's deer. Hunters can help limit the spread of CWD by participating in CWD sampling efforts.

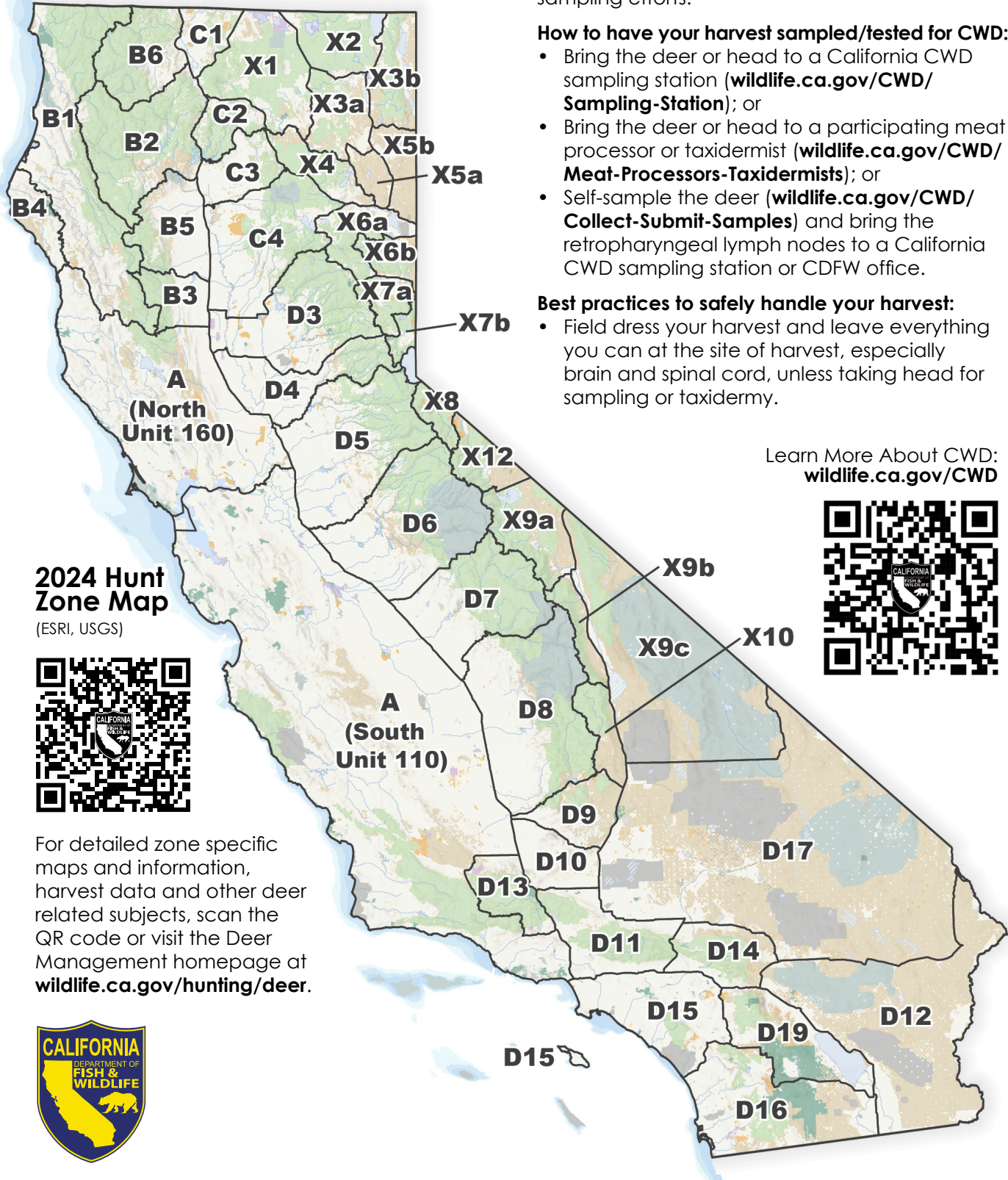
### How to have your harvest sampled/tested for CWD:

- Bring the deer or head to a California CWD sampling station ([wildlife.ca.gov/CWD/Sampling-Station](http://wildlife.ca.gov/CWD/Sampling-Station)); or
- Bring the deer or head to a participating meat processor or taxidermist ([wildlife.ca.gov/CWD/Meat-Processors-Taxidermists](http://wildlife.ca.gov/CWD/Meat-Processors-Taxidermists)); or
- Self-sample the deer ([wildlife.ca.gov/CWD/Collect-Submit-Samples](http://wildlife.ca.gov/CWD/Collect-Submit-Samples)) and bring the retropharyngeal lymph nodes to a California CWD sampling station or CDFW office.

### Best practices to safely handle your harvest:

- Field dress your harvest and leave everything you can at the site of harvest, especially brain and spinal cord, unless taking head for sampling or taxidermy.

Learn More About CWD:  
[wildlife.ca.gov/CWD](http://wildlife.ca.gov/CWD)



2024 Hunt Zone Map  
(ESRI, USGS)



For detailed zone specific maps and information, harvest data and other deer related subjects, scan the QR code or visit the Deer Management homepage at [wildlife.ca.gov/hunting/deer](http://wildlife.ca.gov/hunting/deer).



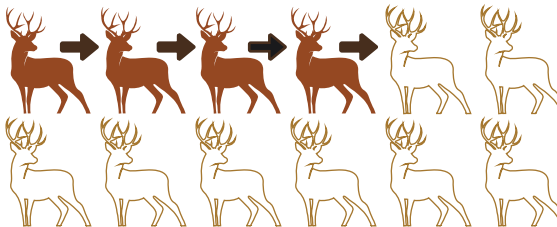
# Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD): What you need to know

## WHAT IS CWD?

CWD is a **fatal neurological disease** of cervids (i.e., deer, elk, moose and reindeer).



## HOW DOES IT SPREAD?



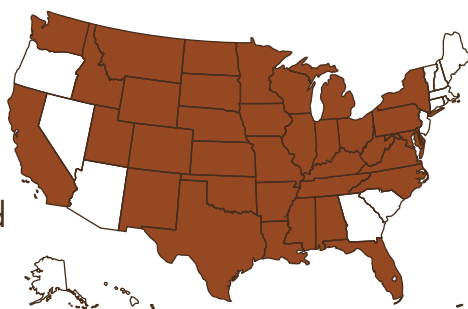
CWD spreads to cervids through contact with infected animals, tissues and environments.



## HOW CAN WE HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD OF CWD?

Testing deer samples helps us know if CWD is present and allows us to better respond and manage the disease.

## WHICH U.S. STATES HAVE DETECTED CWD?



■ States with detected cases of CWD

(Non-positive CWD states are OR, NV, AZ, SC, GA, ME, NH, VT, MA, CT, RI, NJ, AK and HI.)



Hunters can bring their harvested deer or elk to a California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) sampling station or regional office to be sampled for CWD. Alternatively, the head can be brought to a meat processor or taxidermist participating in CDFW's CWD Sampling Program. CDFW will collect paired lymph nodes, dime to quarter-sized tissues, located behind the jaw along the spine.



## OUT-OF-STATE HUNTING & HARVEST IMPORT



The California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 712 governs the importation of hunter-harvested deer and elk (cervid) into California. Only some parts of a harvested deer or elk can be imported, and no portions of the brain or spinal cord may be imported. Visit [wildlife.ca.gov/CWD](http://wildlife.ca.gov/CWD) to learn more.

For more information on keeping California's deer and elk herds safe and free from CWD, please visit CDFW's CWD web page: [wildlife.ca.gov/CWD](http://wildlife.ca.gov/CWD).



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