

Waupaca County's 2011 Wildlife Damage Program Participation - Hunting Access List

Wisconsin's wildlife damage program has requirements which farmers need to fulfill for program assistance. The core requirement of this program is hunting access. Hunting on lands not enrolled in the program, without permission of the landowner, is trespassing. Parking is restricted to designated areas; vehicular access is prohibited; and use of existing hunting stands or blinds is prohibited, unless the enrollee grants specific permission. Enrollees shall not charge any fees for hunting, hunting access, or any other activity that includes hunting the species causing damage. Hunting is only allowed for the species causing damage, unless authorized by the landowner. Each farmer has two options available to them for assistance. Each option has a hunting access requirement. The first wildlife damage program option is **Open Public Hunting (OPH)**. This option provides the farmer with all program services. Hunting access on the property enrolled is unlimited for the species causing damage, but the hunter must notify the enrollee of their plans to hunt. The hunter is responsible to limit their hunting only to properties enrolled in the program. The second wildlife damage program option is **Managed Hunting Access (MHA)**. Under this plan, the farmer's enrolled property is assigned a minimum daily hunting requirement. This hunting access requirement is the number of hunters that need to be allowed access, based on 2 hunters/40 acres of huntable land. The hunting access is based on "presence of" language. This means that enrollees may not deny permission unless their hunting requirement is met with hunters on the property at that exact time. Hunters must contact the participating farmer and obtain permission. The farmer is required to keep a daily hunting log to document the hunting access requirement. Farmers that receive a **Shooting Permit** for the species causing damage are required to enroll in the Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claims Program. Access hunters, who seek to hunt during the regular hunting season using their regular licenses and tags, may receive an extra tag under an enrollee's **Shooting Permit**. The farmer has sole discretion for **Shooting Permit** tag distribution. However, **Shooting Permit** tag denial is **NOT** hunting access denial.

<i>Participant</i>	<i>Program</i>	<i>Species</i>	<i>Telephone #</i>	<i>Township</i>	<i># Of Hunters At Any One Time</i>

If a hunter is refused access and feels that the farmer was not in compliance with the hunting requirement, or the farmer has charged some type of hunting fee for the species causing damage, a complaint can be filed with this office. Complaints should be in writing and contain the name of the farmer, the date and time of the violation, any circumstances relevant to the violation, the name and telephone and address of the hunter, and the hunter's signature. The county damage specialist or WDNR will investigate these complaints. Remember, farmers may deny access for reasonable cause to individuals who exhibit intoxication, vandalism, littering, reckless conduct, or property damage. Reasonable cause may not be based on age, race, religion, color, handicap, sex, physical condition, developmental disability, creed, sexual orientation or national origin. Complaints should be filed within 10 days of the denial. Direct complaints to: Waupaca County Land and Water Conservation Dept., 811 Harding Street, Waupaca, WI 54981. Phone 715/258-6245.