

# NO TIME TO WASTE

## 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:

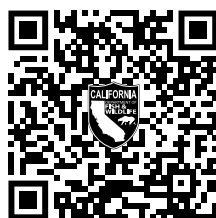
- Field dress your harvest and leave everything you can at the site of harvest, especially brain and spinal cord, unless taking head for sampling or taxidermy.

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

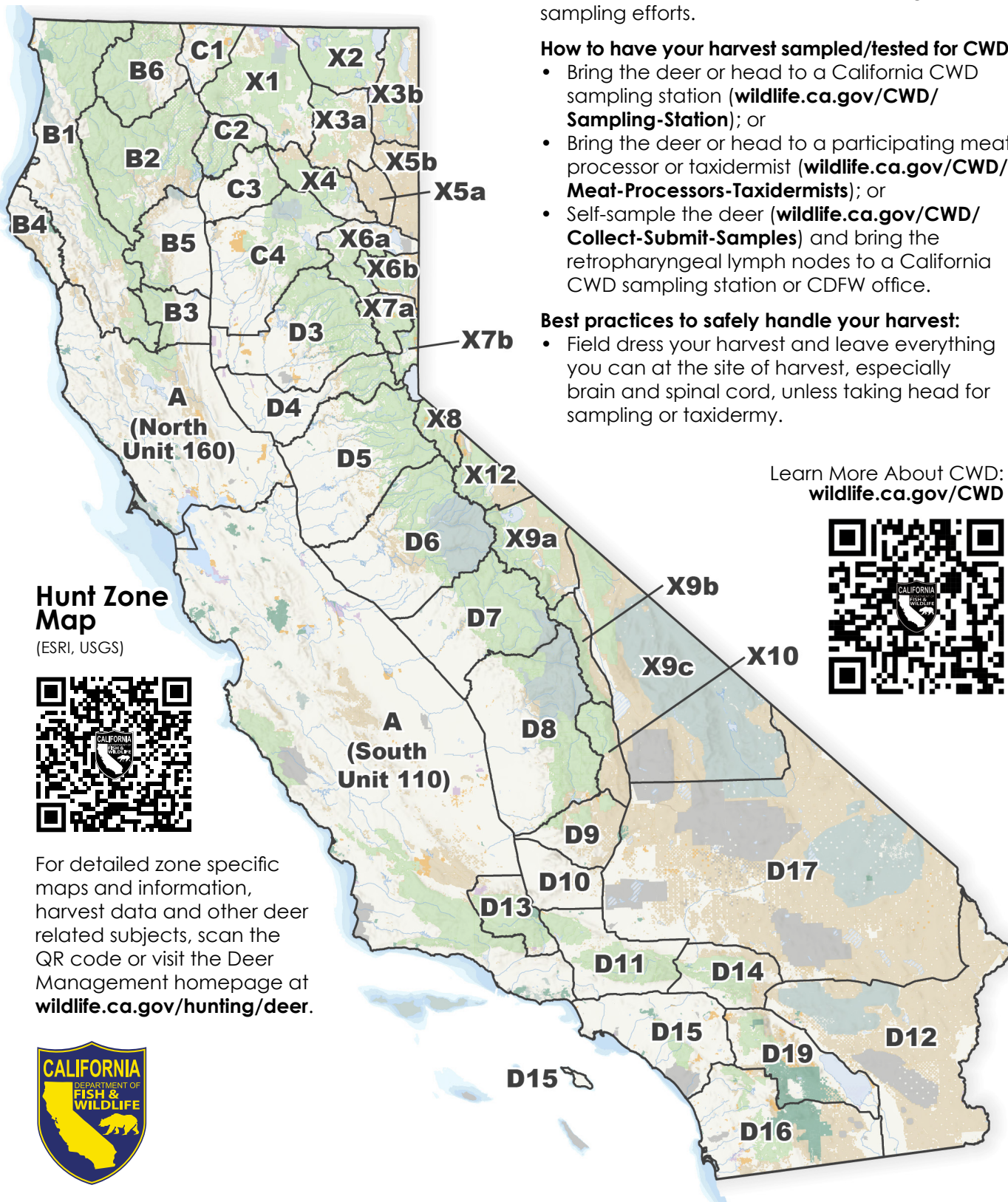


### Hunt Zone Map

(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).



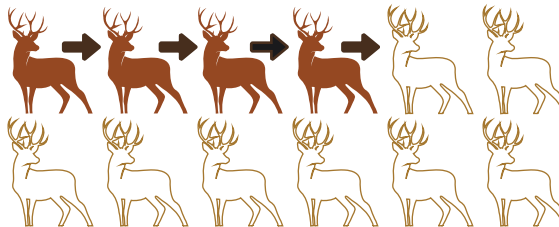
# Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD): What you need to know

## WHAT IS CWD?

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



## HOW DOES IT SPREAD?



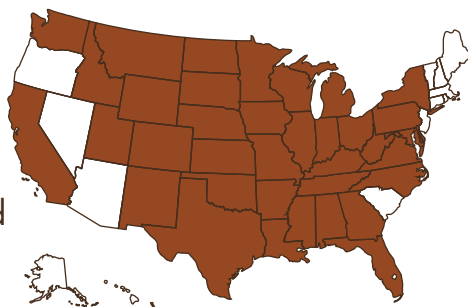
CWD spreads to cervids through contact with infected animals, tissues and environments.



## 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, 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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