#### Minnesota Board of Animal Health



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# **Farmed Cervidae Fencing Plan Form**

# Premises ID: \_\_\_\_\_ Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Species of Cervidae on premises: \_\_\_\_\_\_

If you already have existing exclusionary fencing for the CWD endemic area or have started the construction of your exclusionary fencing, please continue to fill out the form. If you have a mixed herd containing white tailed deer, please contact the DNR for fencing requirements.

### Exclusionary fencing requirement §35.155. Subd. 4., effective September 1, 2024

Farmed Cervidae must be confined in a manner designed to prevent escape. All perimeter fences for farmed Cervidae must be at least 96 inches in height and be constructed and maintained in a way that prevents the escape of farmed Cervidae, entry into the premises by free-roaming Cervidae, and physical contact between farmed Cervidae and free-roaming Cervidae. The Board of Animal Health or commissioner of natural resources may determine whether the construction and maintenance of fencing is adequate to prevent physical contact or escape under this subdivision and may compel corrective action when fencing is determined to be inadequate.

#### Please note:

The "all new fencing installed, and all fencing used to repair deficiencies must be high tensile" requirement of Minn. Stat. §35.155., subd. 4, will be applicable to all new exclusionary fencing installed and all fencing used to repair exclusionary fencing deficiencies on and after the September 1, 2024, effective date.

Completing this form DOES NOT guarantee fencing plan will pass inspection. All forms will be reviewed by the farmed Cervidae fence plan advisory panel to determine whether a plan will satisfy the requirements for exclusionary fencing. All questions must be answered and supporting documentation must be submitted for the plan to be reviewed. Incomplete forms will be returned without review. Forms should be filled out and submitted for each premises if applicable.

## Supporting documents to submit along with the form:

- Aerial map of the premises outlining fencing. Include information regarding pens not in use, location of redundant gates, and type of fencing if your exclusionary fencing/method will not be the same all the way around your current 8-foot perimeter fence.
- Resources/documents to clarify types of materials or reasons why materials/fencing methods were chosen, such as research articles or product descriptions.

#### **Materials and Construction:**

Please choose your method(s) below and describe the materials and fence design you have or plan to use for your exclusionary fencing. If you need more space, please use the "Additional comments" field at the end of the document.

Double 8 foot (96 inches) high fencing at least 4 feet apart
Choose this method.
Fence material:
Post material: Post spacing: Post burial depth
Other details if applicable:
Secondary (coupled) fence attached to the outside of an existing 8-foot fence:
Choose this method.
<ul> <li>Secondary fence is composed of wire fence material with openings no larger than 2" by 4" that is minimum of four feet in height, parallel to the perimeter fence.</li> </ul>
Fence material:
<ul> <li>Spacers are attached such that they maintain a minimum of 12-inch space between the two fences.</li> <li>The bottom of the fence is 6" above the ground and the top is a minimum of 4' 6" above the ground.</li> </ul>
Other details if applicable:
Solid fencing as part of an existing 8-foot fence:
Choose this method.
Solid material such as wood, metal, or densely woven shade cloth.
Describe material:
<ul> <li>Solid material is be attached to perimeter fence no more than 6" from the ground.</li> <li>The top of the solid material is at a minimum height of 5 feet or 60 inches from the ground.</li> <li>Solid fencing should be thick enough to prevent physical contact between wild and farmed cervids. (i.e. prevents transfer of bodily fluids)</li> </ul>
Other details if applicable:
Electric fencing:
Choose this method.
Please fill out the fields below to describe fence construction:
Number of electrified wires: Height of top wire from ground:
Height of lowest wire from ground (must be electrified):
Maximum distance between electrified wires: Distance from perimeter fence:
Electrified 12.5 gauge or larger diameter fencing wire used to create an external barrier.
Describe wire material:
Describe fence construction, i.e. standoff device, post construction and spacing, etc.:

An industrial strength fencer with alarm notification and battery backup is utilized to electrify the fence and delivers a minimum of 5000 volts/8 joules throughout the length of the fence.

Choose this method	
Fence/barrier material:	Post material:
Describe construction of fence:	
Distance between posts	Distance between perimeter fence and exclusionary fence:
Any other details you would like to	note:

Additional comments on your chosen materials and construction: