

# Whitetails of Louisiana



Our organization is dedicated to providing information and education to our members and the public about the cervid industry. We promote growing and harvesting Louisiana Whitetail deer and other cervids while maintaining the highest ethical standards. Our goal is to educate the public about our industry, promote hunting to all ages and groups, and work with our legislative bodies to protect our industry.

# MISSION



- To promote the business of raising and marketing Whitetail Deer in the state of Louisiana.
- To promote high ethical standards in the care, handling, and harvesting of Whitetail deer.
- To provide educational opportunities for members of the corporation and other interested people through the sharing of information concerning whitetail deer.
- To serve as a collective voice in governmental issues that affect whitetail deer producers, so as to enhance the whitetail deer industry.
- To require members of the corporation to operate in a legal, honest and forthright manner with fellow members, other whitetail deer producers and the general public.

# ABOUT WHITETAILS OF LOUISIANA



- 150 Members (Farmers & Preserve Stewardship)
- Distribute 311 Magazines Quarterly
- 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention & Auction in Cajun Dome was held in July
- Annual Crawfish Boil and Convention had over 200 guests in attendance
- Annual Convention & Auction had 30 booth holders

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## Revisions to Cervid Regulations

I have served on the La Dept of Ag Board of Animal Health for many years. Since my first year my goal has been to revise the rules that govern our industry to make them fair, enforceable, and based on the latest available science. That mission has finally been completed. In November, 2016 our rule revisions became final and now govern all Cervids in Louisiana. I will highlight some of the major changes following. I will also be available at the spring WOL convention to answer any questions and hear your comments.

- 1) The definition and any mention of canned hunts has been removed from our regs.
- 2) The definition of CWD has been revised.
- 3) LDWF has been removed from our regulations except for their input in initial pen inspections. However only LDAG determines when a new pen can be permitted.
- 4) A delinquent fee of \$125 has been added for any existing license that is not renewed prior to August 31. Renewal fees are due prior to June 30 each year.
- 5) The minimum size of enclosures has been changed from 300 acres to 250 acres. However if a new pen to be permitted is less than 300 acres then 60% of the acres must be in brush or trees.
- 6) The maximum size of enclosures has been eliminated.
- 7) Insertion of an electronic chip for harvested animals is no longer valid. Each animal in a breeder pen must have an electronic chip.

- 8) Sale of all animals must be reported to LDAG within ten calendar days from the sale, including microchip ID for each animal sold.
- 9) Farm raised whitetail deer meat may be sold to an approved slaughter house.
- 10) Whitetail deer antlers and capes may be sold.
- 11) Rules for decommissioning an existing farm have been added.

These changes should allow our industry to grow and prosper. Please help us by obtaining a copy of the regulations and learn them. Copies will be available at our Expo in April or on our website.

I would like to personally thank Commissioner Dr. Mike Strain, Dr. John Walther, and Lindsey Hunter, attorney for LDAG for their help and patience working through these revisions. They have been most helpful and cooperative.

I remind you that our state is still under a temporary ban on importation of all CWD susceptible species which includes whitetail deer, Elk, Red Deer, and several other species.

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# SIZE & SCOPE OF WHITETAIL PRODUCTION

As of January 2017



- 219 Deer Pens in the State of Louisiana
- 78 Preserves in the State of Louisiana
- 12,688 Whitetail Deer in deer pens in the State of Louisiana

# PRODUCTION CYCLE



## Whitetails

- 1.5 Average on Production
- Can have fawns from 1.5 years old to 12-14 years old
- 190-210 day cycle

## Cover Buck

- Can handle 15-20 Does maximum (depending on age)

## Exotics

- Most are 1 per Animal (some are less and may have 2 in one year)
- 190-210 day cycle

# REQUIREMENTS & COSTS

## Deer Farmer

- Does range from \$ 1,500.00 to \$ 8,000.00 each
- The bottom side price *would* be no pedigree in the NADR and no CWD Certificate
- More expensive deer would be proven by genetics, paperwork and CWD status
- More expensive deer with paperwork and proven production produce 160-190 inch deer at 2 years of age
- Less expensive deer produce 130-160 inch deer by 3-4 years of age
- Need 2-10 acres to start and room to grow if needed
- Need pens on average of 1 acre and cost an average of \$25,000.00-\$35,000.00 for up to 3 pens

## Exotic Farming

- Does range from \$500.00-\$1,200.00
- Breeder Bucks range from \$1,500.00-\$3,000.00
- Age is 3-4 for mature Bucks
- Exotics can survive much like cattle and less feed
- Not prone to EHD and CWD. Therefore, not as much loss

## Preserver Owner

- Must have a minimum of 250 acres and high fence the entire property
- Deer Per Acre Regulations
  - 1 deer per 5 acres (fully supplemented with feed)
  - 1 deer per 15 acres (if natural foliage and supplemental feeding such as food plots and feeding during deer season)
- Purchase does and bucks to originally stock the preserve and continue to improve the genetics annually, if applicable
- Costs \$30,000.00 to clear one mile of property (\$5.75 per foot / 5,280 feet in one mile).



# DEER FARMER TO PRESERVE OWNERS



- The deer market consists of deer farmers raising stock to supply the hunting preserves and improve genetics in preserves
- Does and Bucks are sold to preserve owners and other deer farmers getting in the business
- Due to borders being closed in Louisiana, there is a lack of supply of bucks and does
- In 2016, we sold over 150 does and 200 bucks in the state
- 20-30 Million dollar industry in farming alone

# CHALLENGES OF DEER FARMING



- EHD (Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease)  
A disease that mainly affects white-tailed deer in the United States. This disease is caused by a virus that is spread by a biting midge.
- Knowledge (Need a Mentor)
- CWD (Chronic Wasting Disease)  
A fatal, neurological disease that affects members of the deer family
- Compared to Emu and other type farming in the past

# FUTURE OF DEER FARING AND PRESERVES



- Due to less regulations the preserve owners are growing every day
- 8-10 Preserves opened last year
- The new preserves will create a demand and lack of animals
- Exotic farming is a great opportunity
- Keeps hunters in Louisiana



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