SURVEY ON WILDLIFE DAMAGE AND ATTITUDES TOWARDS WILDLIFE (INCLUDING DEER) – Crop Year 2022

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PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTION(S) FOR THE TOTAL ACRES YOU (NAME ON LABEL) OPERATE.

1.	Did the operator operate land used for agricultural purposes in 2022? (Include woodland, cropland, parand vegetable, horticulture, nurseries, greenhouses, etc.) xxxx 1 Yes - Go to Item 2 3 No - Go to Item 50, Back Page	stureland, fruit
		ACRES
2.	In 2022, how many acres did this operation:	xxxx
	a. Own+	
		xxxx
	b. Rent or Lease from others or use Rent Free+	xxxx
	c. Rent to others?	AAAA
		XXXX
3.	Calculate item $2a + 2b - 2c$. then the total acres operated in 2022 is	
		ACRES
4.	Of the (Item 3) total acres, how many acres of farmed and unfarmed woodlands are on the area you operate?.	XXXX
		OFFICE USE
5.	In which county was the largest value of the operation's agricultural products raised or produced?	XXXX
	County:	

ô.	Of the (Item 3) total acres operated for agricultural purposes, how many acres were used to grow the following crops in 2022?	ACRES
	Crops III 2022.	XXXX
	a. Corn	XXXX
		AAAA
	b. Soybeans	
		XXXX
	c. Hay	
		XXXX
	d. Wheat	
	u. Wiledt	XXXX
	e. Oats	
		XXXX
	f. Orchards	
		XXXX
	g. Woodlands	
		XXXX
	h. Pasture	
	II. Fasture	XXXX
	i. Nursery	
	j. Other (Include barns, chicken or hog houses, greenhouses, etc)	XXXX
	(specify_xxxx)	
		ACDEC
		ACRES
7	How many acres on this operation were enrolled in government conservation programs in 2022? (Include CRP, WRF	
•	WHIP, etc)?	,
		ACRES
		XXXX
3.	Sum the acres in Items 6 and 7. This should be equal to Item 3	
	Which of the following represents the largest portion of this operation's 2022 gross income? (Check one)	
	xxxx ₁ Crop production	
	2 Livestock production	
	3 Hunting/fishing/wildlife	
	Timber production	
	5 Other (specify)	
).	What percentage of the operator's household income is derived from agricultural purposes? (Check one)	
	xxxx 1 None	
	Less than 25%	
	3 25% - 49%	
	4 50% - 74%	
	₅ 75% - 100%	

11.	What was the age of the operator on December 31, 2022? (Check one)
	Less than 18 years 1
12.	What is the gender of the operator?
	XXXX 1 Male 2 Female
13.	Did the operator live on the operation on December 31, 2022? xxxx 1 Yes 3 No

Section	2	- Damage	Caused	hy V	Vildlifa
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L4.	Was there any damage caused	d by wildlife (including deer) on the land	operated in 2022?		
	xxxx ₁ Yes – Continue	₃ No – Go to Item 22 on pa	ge 6		
		1	O		ACRES
15.		erated for agricultural purposes, how man		sed by	XXXX
16.	Of the (Item 15) acres with crwildlife?	op damage, how many acres can be attrib	outed to damage caused by the	e following	
		SPECIES	NUMBER OF ACRES AFFECTED BY LOSS		
		a. Deer	XXXX		
		b. Resident Geese	xxxx		
		c. Migrant Geese	XXXX		
		d. Bears	xxxx		
		e. Groundhog	XXXX		
		f. Other (specify: xxxx)	XXXX		
		Total Acres With Crop Damage Caused by Wildlife (Should match Item 15 above)			
					DOLLARS
					XXXX
17	. How many dollars were lost	due to damage by wildlife on this operat	ion in 2022?		
18	. Of the (Item 17) dollars in c	rop damage, what percentage can be attri	buted to the following wildlife	e?	
		SPECIES	PERCENT OF TOTAL LOSS		
		a Deer	xxxx		
		g. Deer	xxxx		
		h. Resident Geese	XXXX		
		i. Migrant Geese			

XXXX

XXXX

XXXX

100%

j. Bears

k. Groundhog

I. Other (specify:xxxx

Total Economic Loss

19. How would the operator describe the level of financial loss suffered by each wildlife species on the operation in 2022? (Check one box in each row)

SPECIES	No Financial Loss	Slight Financial Loss	Moderate Financial Loss	Severe Financial Loss	No opinion/ Don't know
a. Deerxxxx	1	2	3	4	5
b. Turkeysxxxx	1	2	3	4	5
c. Resident Geesexxxx	1	2	3	4	5
d. Migrant Geesexxxx	1	2	3	4	5
e. Rabbitsxxxx	1	2	3	4	5
f. Pheasantsxxxx	1	2	3	4	5
g. Beaverxxxx	1	2	3	4	5
h. Coyotesxxxx	1	2	3	4	5
i. Raccoonsxxxx	1	2	3	4	5
j. Bearsxxxx	1	2	3	4	5
k. Groundhogxxxx	1	2	3	4	5
l. Other (specify: xxxx)xxxx	1	2	3	4	5

[If any financial loss from deer was reported in Item 19a, then continue, otherwise go to Item 21.]

20. What level best describes the financial loss caused in 2022 by deer for the following crops produced on the land operated? (Check one box in each row)

CROPS	Did Not Plant Crop	No Financial Loss	Slight Financial Loss	Moderate Financial Loss	Severe Financial Loss	No opinion/ Don't know
a. Cornxxxx	1	2	3	4	5	6
b. Soybeansxxxx	1	2	3	4	5	6
c. Hay ^{xxxx}	1	2	3	4	5	6
d. Wheat/Oatsxxxx	1	2	3	4	5	6
e. Orchards ^{xxxx}	1	2	3	4	5	6
f. Tree Plantationsxxxx	1	2	3	4	5	6
f. Timberxxxx	1	2	3	4	5	6
g. Pasturexxxx	1	2	3	4	5	6
h. Nurseryxxxx	1	2	3	4	5	6
i. Other (specify: xxxx)xxxx	1	2	3	4	5	6

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21. During the five-year period 2014 through 202 operated increased, decreased, or stayed the xxxx 1 Increased Stayed the Same		ount of finan	cial loss fron	n wildlife (ind	cluding deer)	on the land
Decreased No Opinion/Don't Know						

Section 3 - Presence of Wildlife

22. How would the operator describe the number of each species on your operation in 2022? (Check one box in each row)

SPECIES	None	Low	Moderate	High	No opinion/ Don't know
a. Deerxxxx	1	2	3	4	5
b. Turkeysxxxx	1	2	3	4	5
c. Resident Geesexxxx	1	2	3	4	5
d. Migrant Geesexxxx	1	2	3	4	5
e. Rabbitsxxxx	1	2	3	4	5
f. Pheasantsxxxx	1	2	3	4	5
g. Beaverxxxx	1	2	3	4	5
h. Coyotes ^{xxxx}	1	2	3	4	5
i. Raccoons ^{xxxx}	1	2	3	4	5
j. Bears ^{xxxx}	1	2	3	4	5
k. Groundhogxxxx	1	2	3	4	5
l. Other (specify: xxxx)xxxx	1	2	3	4	5

23. How box)	would the operator describe the number of wildlife (including deer) on the land operated in 2022? (check only one?
xxxx	Too many About the right number Too few No opinion/don't know
[If any d	eer was reported in Item 22a, then continue, otherwise go to Item 27 on the next page.]
24. How	v would the operator describe the number of deer on the land operated in 2022? Too Few About the right number Too Many No Opinion
	ing the five-year period 2018 through 2022, has the number of deer on the land operated increased, decreased, or yed the same?
XXXX 1	Increased Stayed the Same Decreased No Opinion/Don't Know
	ing the five-year period 2018 through 2022, has the number of bucks on the land operated increased, decreased, or /ed the same? Increased Stayed the Same Decreased No Opinion/Don't Know

Section 4 - Management of Wildlife

27. Which of the following wildlife control methods were used on this operation in 2022?

CONTROL METHODS	Used on operation in 2022?	Did this action achieve desired results?
a. No control methods used in 2022	xxxx 1	
a. Electric fence	xxxx 1 Yes 3 No 2 DK	xxxx 1 Yes 3 No 2 DK
b. Wildlife proof fences	Yes 3 No 2 DK	xxxx 1 Yes 3 No 2 DK
c. Allow more hunters on your farm	xxxx 1 Yes 3 No 2 DK	xxxx 1 Yes 3 No 2 DK
d. Encourage neighbors to allow more hunting	Yes 3 No 2 DK	xxxx 1 Yes 3 No 2 DK
e. Chemical repellants	xxxx 1 Yes 3 No 2 DK	xxxx 1 Yes 3 No 2 DK
f. Changed farming practices to discourage wildlife	Yes 3 No 2 DK	xxxx 1 Yes 3 No 2 DK
g. Devices to scare wildlife away	xxxx 1 Yes 3 No 2 DK	xxxx 1 Yes 3 No 2 DK
i. Other (specify xxxx)	Yes 3 No 2 DK	xxxx 1 Yes 3 No 2 DK

		DOLLARS
28.		xxxx
	deer)? (Include frightening devices, repellents, fences only for wildlife control, etc.)	
29.	Are you aware of depredation programs offered by your State's Department of Natural Resources?	
	xxxx ₁ Yes ₃ No	
30.	During the five-year period 2018 through 2022, did you contact your State's Department of Natural Reso about wildlife damage (including damage from deer)?	urces offices
	xxxx ₁ Yes ₃ No	
31.	How do you feel about the way your State's Department of Natural Resources (or Department of Consemanages wildlife (including deer)?	ervation)
	xxxx 1 I am satisfied	
	2 I am not satisfied 3 No opinion/don't know	
	3 NO OPINION/GON EKNOW	
32.	Did you work with one or more of your neighbors to manage wildlife (including deer) on the land you ope	rated in 2022?
	xxxx 1 Yes 3 No	

Section 5 - Hunting				
33. Was anyone (including yo	urself) allowed to hunt wildlife (incl	uding deer) on this operation in	2022?	
xxxx ₁ Yes				
2 Don't know				
3 No				
If hunting was allowed in Ite	m 33, then continue, otherwise go to	o Item 41 on page 10.]		
34. Who was allowed to hunt	wildlife (including deer) on any of th	ne land you operate in 2022? (Ch	eck all that apply)	
xxxx The operator				
The operator's for	amily			
The operator's f	riends or neighbors			
	sk for no rent/fee			
xxxx Strangers who p				
xxxx Anyone regardle	ss of permission			
XXXX 1 Yes 3 No 36. Did the operator rent or lead XXXX 1 Yes	life (including deer) during in 2022 line (including deer) during line		g on any of the land operated in 2	:022?
3 No				
	rented or leased in Item 36, the following species did the operator	-		
	SPECIES	Rent or Lease	e Hunting Rights to Hunters	
Deer			xxxx	
Turkey			xxxx	
Waterfowl			xxxx	
	uail		xxxx	
Other Game			xxxx	
38. Did the operator charge	fees for access to hunt wildlife (in	ncluding deer) on any of the la	and you operate in 2022?	
		<i>y</i> , ,		
xxxx ₁ Yes 3 No				
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39. In 2022, how much wildlife was harvested on any of the land you operate in 2022?

SPECIES	NUMBER HARVESTED
a. Deer	XXXX
b. Turkeys	xxxx
c. Resident Geese	xxxx
d. Migrant Geese	XXXX
e. Rabbits	XXXX
f. Pheasants	XXXX
g. Beaver	xxxx
h. Coyotes	xxxx
i. Raccoons	xxxx
j. Bears	xxxx
k. Groundhog	xxxx
I. Other	xxxx
(specify:xxxx)	

1 U.	How did you manage wildlife (including deer) numing and narvest on any or the land you operated in 2022? (Check only one bo
	xxxx 1 I do not allow wildlife hunting 2 I restrict female wildlife hunting but not male wildlife harvest 3 I restrict male wildlife hunting but not female wildlife harvest 4 I restrict male and female wildlife harvest 5 I do not restrict the number or type of wildlife harvested 6 I do not make decisions about wildlife management
41.	Which of the following best describes how current antlerless permit availability impacts your ability to manage deer on the land you own/operate? (Check only one box)
	Current antlerless permit availability is appropriate and allows me to effectively manage deer on the land I own/operate. Current antlerless permit availability is too restrictive to allow me to effectively manage deer on the land I own/operate. Current antlerless permit availability is too liberal to allow me to effectively manage deer on the land I own/operate due to overharvest on neighboring properties.

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Sec	ction 6 - Attitudes Toward Wildlife							
42.	Would the operator prefer the number of wildl	ife (inc	cluding deer)) increase, deci	rease, or stay the s	ame on the lan	ıd operated i	n 2022?
	Increase greatly Increase slightly Remain the same Decrease slightly Decrease greatly							
43.	How does the operator feel about having wildl	ife (inc	cluding deer)	on the land o	perated in 2022?			
	I enjoy having them around I enjoy wildlife, but their presence constitutions I regard wildlife as a nuisance No opinion/don't know	aused s	some probler	ns at times				
44.	Which of the following best describes how cur wildlife (including deer) on the land operated				vest regulations in	npact your abil	lity to manaş	зe
	Current wildlife harvest regulations me to effectively manage wildlife of Current wildlife harvest regulations me to effectively manage wildlife of Current wildlife harvest regulations allow me to effectively manage wildlife harvest regulations allow me to effectively manage wildlife harvest on neighboring to opinion/don't know	on the last are too on the last are no differon	and I operate or restrictive and I operate of restrictive on the land I	ed. to allow ed. enough to				
45.	Please indicate to what extent you agree of	or disa	gree with th	ne following s	statements:			
			1 Strongly Agree	2 Somewhat Agree	3 Neither agree nor Disagree	4 Somewhat Disagree	5 Strongly Disagree	6 Don't Know
	Placement of feed and minerals unnaturally concentrates wildlife (including deer)	17 1						
	Placement of feed and minerals is important to maintaining healthy wildlife (including deer) populations	17 2						

	important to maintaining healthy wildlife (including deer) populations	17 2					
	Placement of feed and minerals can promote the spread of diseases like chronic wasting disease (CWD)	17 3					
46. xxxx	Did you provide feed for wildlife (including 1 Yes 2 Don't know 3 No	deer) i	n 2022?			POU	NDS
						XXXX	
	a. Approximately how much feed did you prov	vide in 2	2022?	 	•••••		

47. xxx	3					
	3110				_	POUNDS
	a. Approximately how much minerals did you provide in 2022?					xxxx
48	Regarding the wildlife (including deer) on and around the land the following?	you o	perated in	2022, how mu	ch of a pro	blem is each of
			1 Not a Problem	2 Somewhat of a Problem	3 A Great Problem	4 Don't know/ Not Applicable
	Crop/property damage	181				
	Hunters who trespass	182				
	Dogs running wildlife (including deer)	183				
	Vehicle collisions with Wildlife (including	184				
	Road hunting/spotlighting	185				
49.	Which level best describes the overall damage caused by wild xxxx 1 Insignificant (hardly noticeable) 2 Present but acceptable 3 Unacceptable 4 No opinion/don't know	ife (in	cluding dee	er) on the land y	you operat	ed in 2022?
50.	Which level describes the damage caused by wildlife (including	deer	on your o	peration in 202	2?(Check or	ne box in each row)

SPECIES	None	Damage was insignificant	Damage was acceptable in exchange for having deer around	Damage was unacceptable	No opinion/ Don't know
a. Deerxxxx	1	2	3	4	5
b. Turkeysxxxx	1	2	3	4	5
c. Resident Geesexxxx	1	2	3	4	5
d. Migrant Geese ^{xxxx}	1	2	3	4	5
e. Rabbitsxxxx	1	2	3	4	5
f. Pheasantsxxxx	1	2	3	4	5
g. Beaverxxxx	1	2	3	4	5
h. Coyotesxxxx	1	2	3	4	5
i. Raccoonsxxxx	1	2	3	4	5
j. Bears ^{xxxx}	1	2	3	4	5
k. Groundhogsxxxx	1	2	3	4	5
l. Other (specify: xxxx)xxxx	1	2	3	4	5

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52.	Survey Results: To receive the complete results of this survey on the release date go to
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