

Chronic Wasting Disease update to the Fish and Wildlife web pages <http://www3.gov.ab.ca/srd/fw/diseases/CWD/index.html> on the Sustainable Resource Development website.

Update

May 2004: Between September 1, 2003 and May 5, 2004 the Government of Alberta tested the heads of 840 wild deer and elk for chronic wasting disease. The large majority of these samples were hunter-killed animals, plus a number of road kills and animals found dead or in distress and dealt with directly by Fish and Wildlife staff. All target surveillance goals set for the hunting seasons last fall were achieved. Samples from the special quota hunt at Magrath are in this total as well. ALL HEADS TESTED WERE NEGATIVE FOR CWD.

To date, we have tested some 5000 wild deer and elk from Alberta and have not found any cases of CWD.

We would like to thank all those who contributed in any way to this successful program.