

# Chronic Wasting Disease



This buck was harvested within the Wayne County Deer Management Zone and while it appears totally healthy, it tested positive for chronic wasting disease. The Iowa DNR is committed to fighting the spread of this 100 percent fatal disease and harvesting infected deer is the best way to slow its spread. Infected deer may not display signs of illness, and testing is the only way to know if a deer is infected.

# Partnering to Fight Chronic Wasting Disease

Chronic wasting disease is an always fatal disease impacting deer, elk, moose and caribou, and has been confirmed in every state bordering Iowa. First detected in Allamakee County in 2013, chronic wasting disease has been slowly increasing its footprint to include 12 counties and 163 positive wild deer.

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) had been monitoring for the disease since 2002, then increased its effort in the immediate area surrounding any positive detections to help determine the presence and prevalence of the disease. A dynamic quota system has been used to focus increased sample collection in areas near where deer have tested positive, while still securing samples state-wide.

Hunters play a key role in the surveillance by supplying tissue samples to be tested. Lymph nodes near the tonsils from deer at least 1-1/2 years of age are needed. A video showing the collection is available at <https://youtu.be/DS1GcDHotsI>. Hunters willing to provide a sample are encouraged to contact their local wildlife biologist to arrange for the collection.

The Iowa DNR has created a number of special deer management zones that offer opportunities for hunters who are willing to harvest deer in specific areas.

These deer management zones (right) allow hunters additional opportunities to hunt in a priority area. Licenses purchased from the quota issued to each of these zones do not count against any other statewide or season-specific license choices, which allows hunters to hunt during more seasons. These deer management zone licenses are bonus tags, meaning they are in addition to any other deer season the hunter participates in.

A few areas within these management zones have January incentive hunts. Hunters must pre-certify to participate and purchase tags (see pages 4, 6 & 9). Certified hunters who harvest a minimum of three female deer during one of the January Incentive Zone Hunts earn an any-sex tag for their 2023 regular deer season of choice. Shed bucks, button bucks and spike bucks with no visible fork are legal quarry but will not count towards an incentive license. Hunters must provide tissue samples.

Hunters interested in having their deer tested after the sample quotas are met, or have a fawn or other lower priority deer, have the opportunity to get it tested on their own. Step by step instructions are available at <https://www.iowadnr.gov/Hunting/Deer-Hunting/Deer-Health/Chronic-Wasting-Disease/Hunter-Submission-Pathway>. Hunters will need to contact their local wildlife staff (p. 12) to begin the process.



The DNR will collect and submit the sample on their behalf. Hunters will need to complete the submission form online at <https://vdl.iastate.edu/portal/Submission/CWD>. There is a \$25 fee for the laboratory to run the test. Results should be available within seven days.

Though testing for chronic wasting disease is not a food safety test, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends when hunting in areas with chronic wasting disease to strongly consider having the deer tested before eating the meat. If the animal tests positive, do not eat that animal. For further recommendations, refer to information provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Hunters are encouraged to hold the deer meat separately until the test results are back.

## **All hunters play a critical role in the management of chronic wasting disease**

- Work with landowners and neighbors to manage deer densities on private lands through legal hunting.
- Submit samples from deer harvested near previously positive detections to make informed consumption decisions.
- Never concentrate deer around feed or minerals.
- Dispose of carcasses in a landfill or at the site where it was harvested.
- Continue to hunt safe, sharing your passion and knowledge.

### **Working with Taxidermists**

It is possible to collect a sample from a deer that has been caped and skull capped by the taxidermist. Be sure to let the taxidermist know you are willing to provide a sample.

### **Other ways hunters can help**

As a temporary measure, hunters can cover old mineral licks with pallets and surround them with fences to exclude deer. Permanent mitigation requires excavation and soil replacement.



*Old mineral site*



*Preventing deer from accessing site*



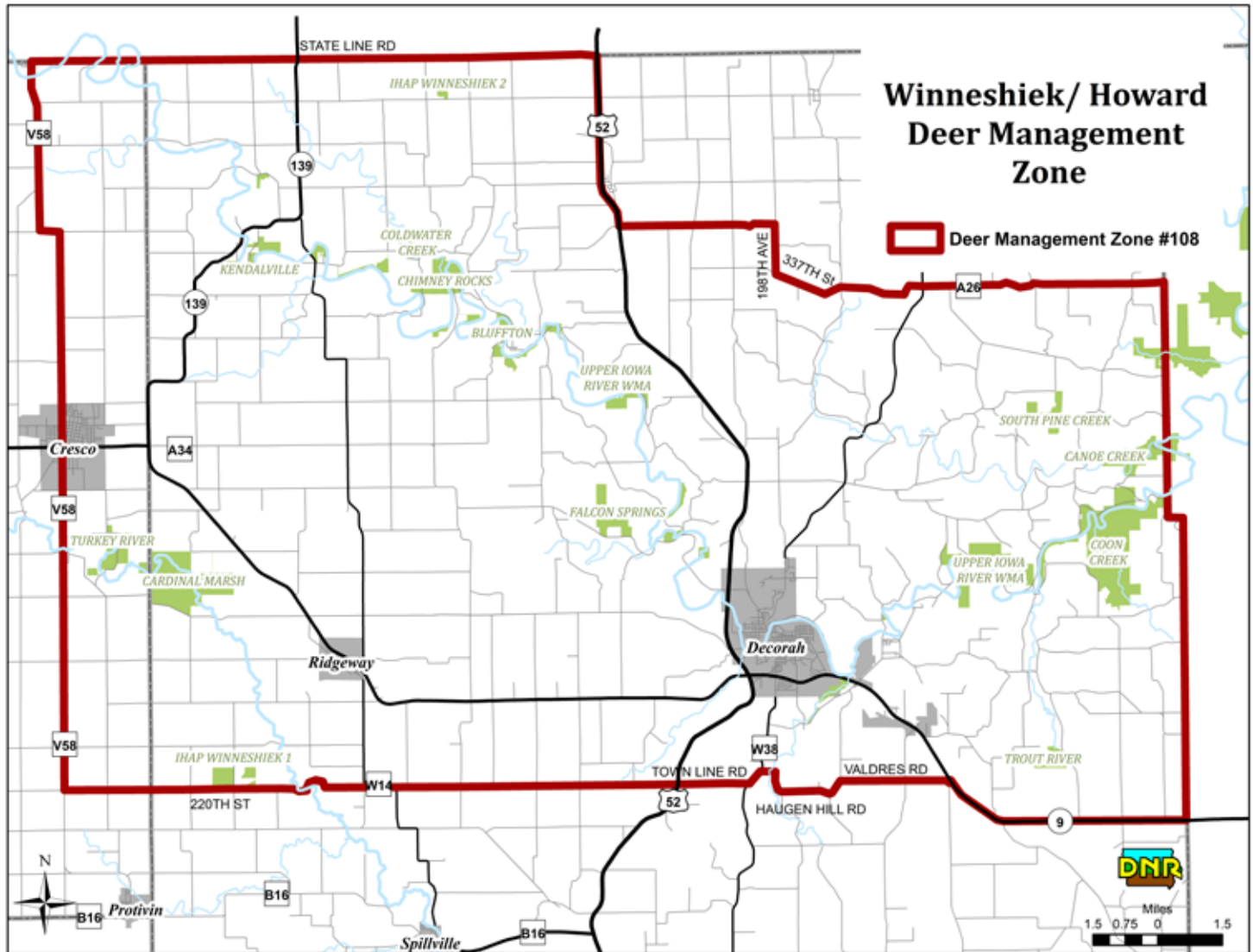
# Allamakee County Deer Management Zones



**ALLAMAKEE DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE** - 900 Antlerless Licenses - 2022-23 Regular and Population Management January Antlerless Deer Seasons Licenses: Barry's Minimart 563-586-2281, Portside One Stop 563-586-2557 or River N Ridge Outdoors 563-538-4188; or at the Wallace State Office Building in Des Moines. Successful hunters must call 563-379-5725 regarding tissue sample collection.

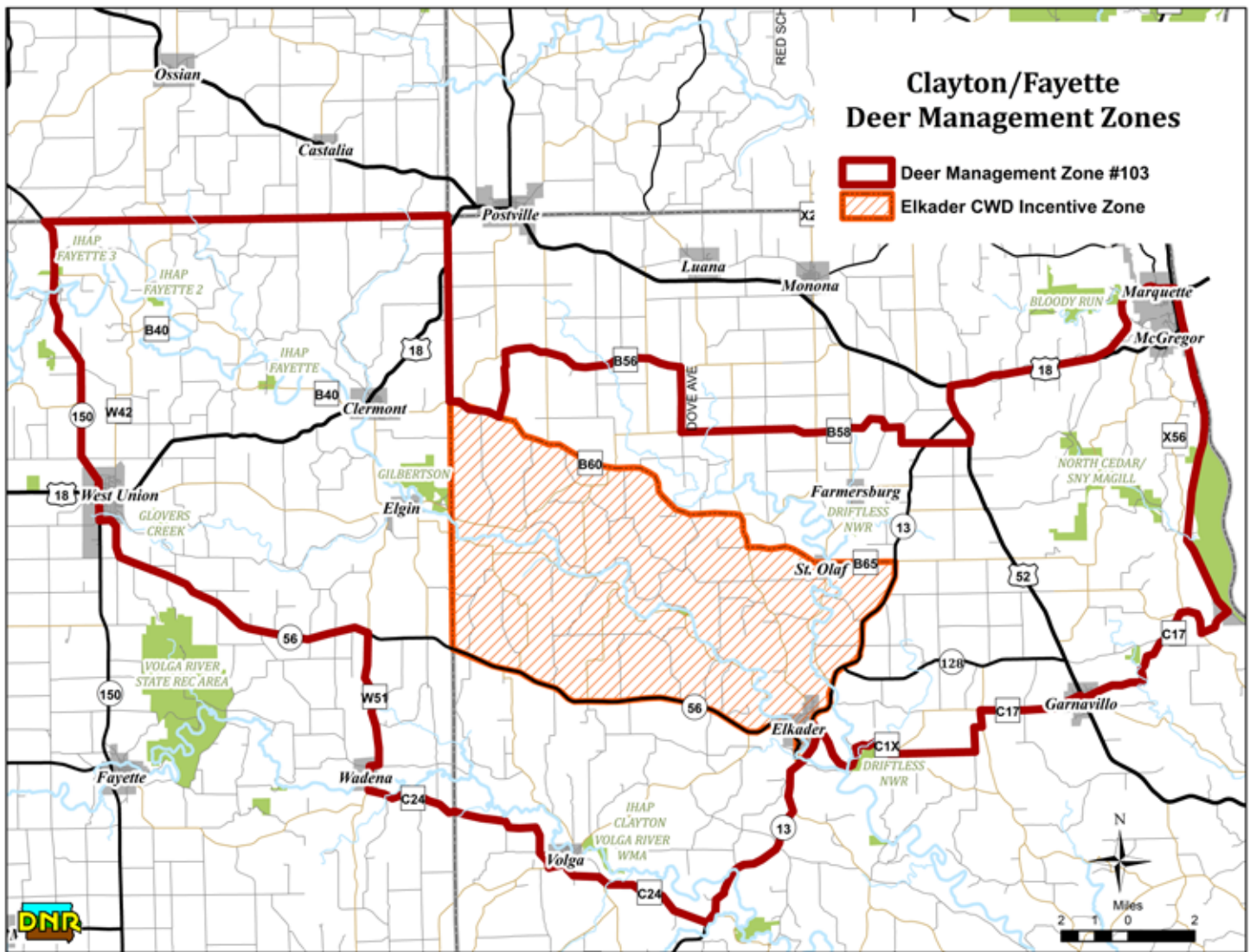
**HARPERS FERRY CWD INCENTIVE ZONE** - 300 Antlerless Licenses - Population Management January Antlerless Deer Season 11-22, 2023 Licenses: Hunter precertification required prior to license purchase. Call 563-379-5725 with inquiries.  
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# Winneshiek County Deer Management Zone



**WINNESHIEK DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE** - 400 Antlerless Licenses - 2022-23 Regular and Population Management January Antlerless Deer Seasons Licenses: Winneshiek County Recorder 563-382-3486, Decorah Fisk Farm & Home 563-382-8822; or at the Wallace State Office Building in Des Moines. Successful hunter must call 563-379-5725 regarding tissue sample collection.

# Clayton/Fayette County Deer Management Zones

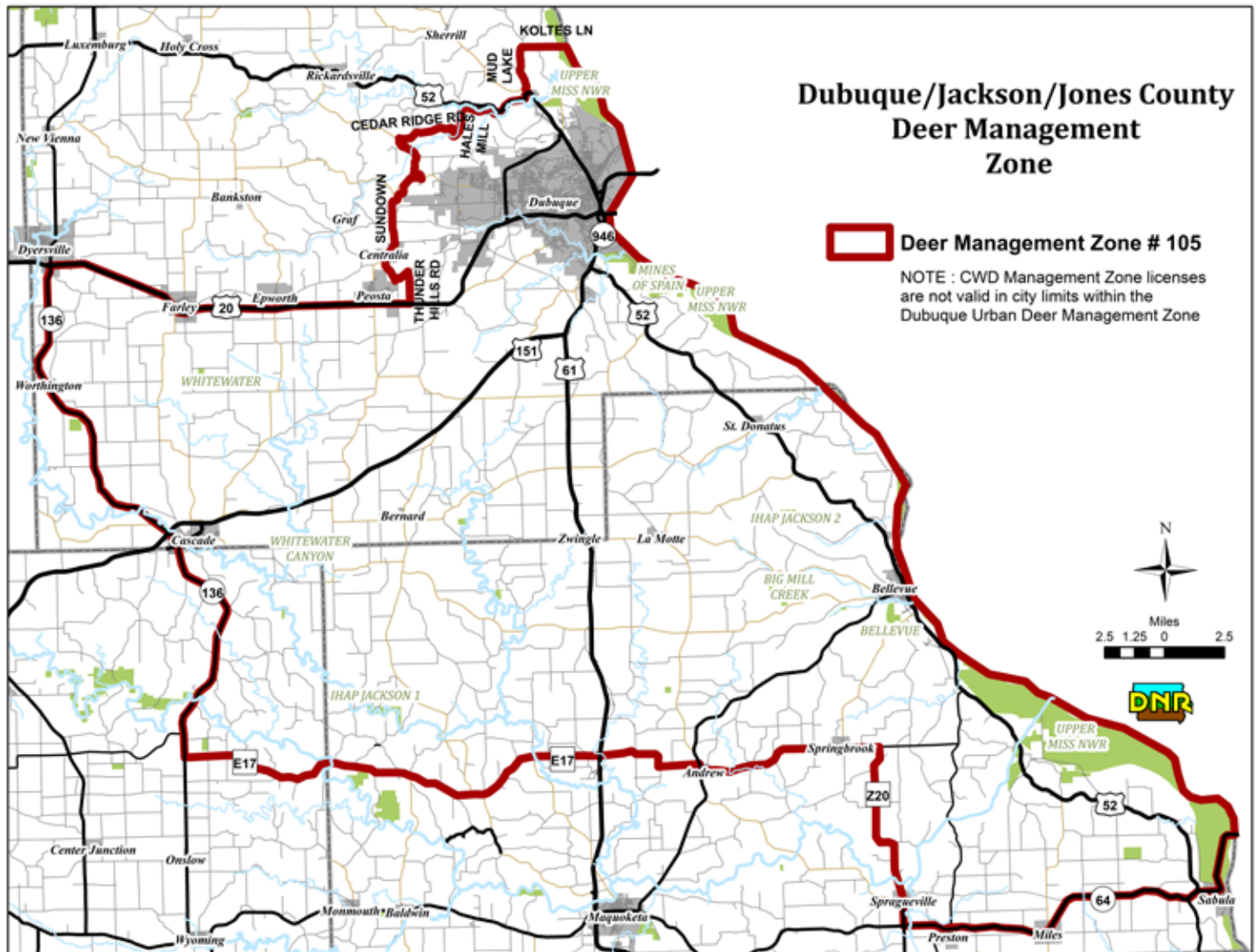


**CLAYTON / FAYETTE DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE** – 750 Antlerless Licenses - 2022-23 Regular Deer Seasons. Licenses: Highland Arms 563-245-2767, the Clayton County Recorder 563-245-2710, Fayette County Recorder 563-422-3687, West Union Hardware, 563-422-5646, Strahm Hardware, 563-426-5838 or at the Wallace State Office Building in Des Moines.  
Successful hunters must call 563-929-6001 regarding tissue sample collection.

**ELKADER CWD INCENTIVE ZONE – 450 Antlerless Licenses – Population Management January Antlerless Dees Season Jan. 11-22, 2023.** Hunter precertification required prior to license purchase. Call 563-929-6001 with inquiries. Licenses: Highland Arms 563-245-2767, West Union Hardware 563-422-5646, Strahm Hardware, 563-426-5838, Clayton County Recorder 563-245-2710 or Fayette County Recorder 563-422-3687. Successful hunters **must** call 563-929-6001 to arrange for tissue sample collection.

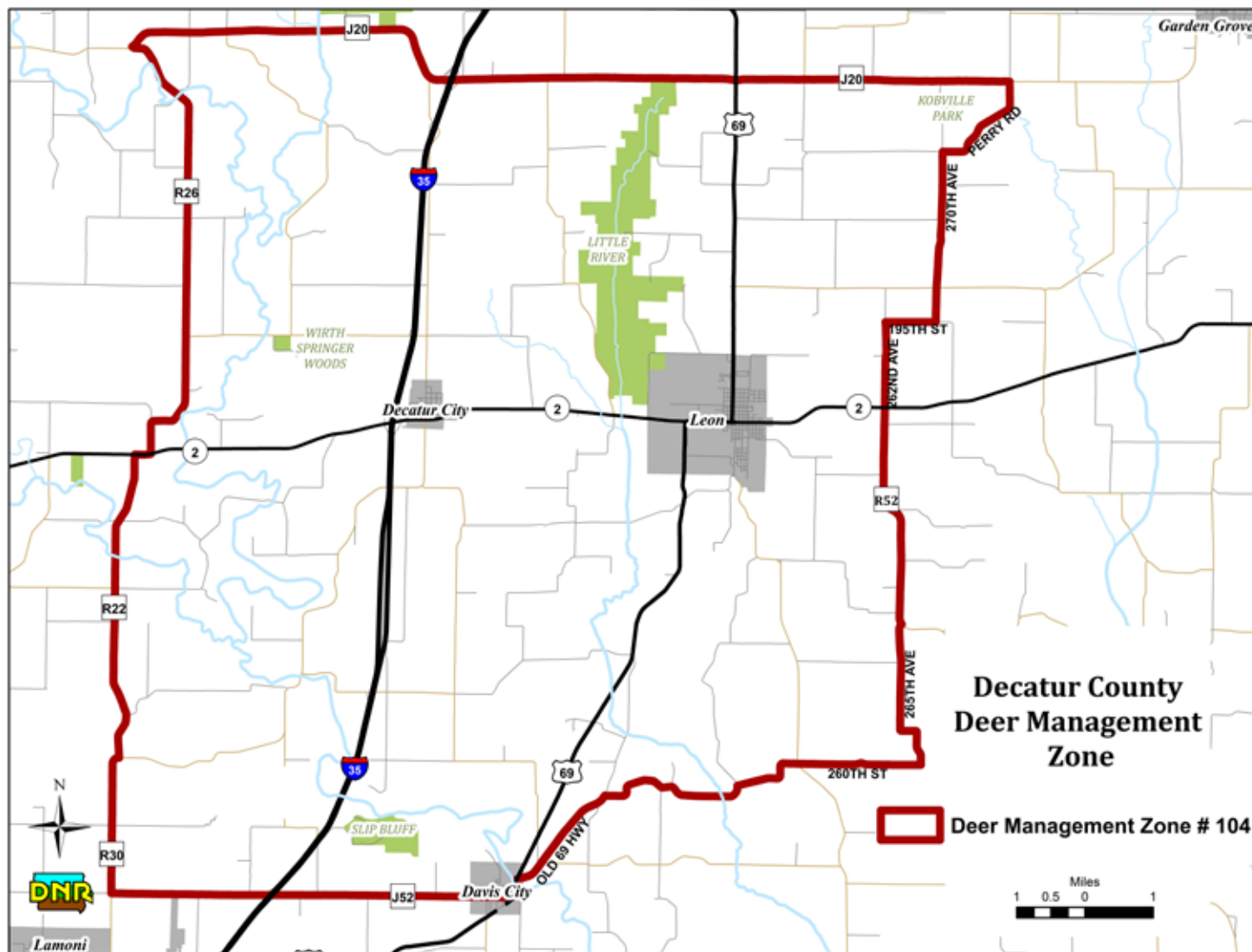


# Dubuque/Jackson/Jones County Deer Management Zone



**DUBUQUE/JACKSON/JONES DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE** – 600 Antlerless Licenses - 2022-23 Regular Deer Seasons. Licenses: Bait Shack 563-582-9395, Tri State Outdoors, 563-582-8514, Silker's Store 563-876-5575, Kueter True Value 563-872-4459, McDermott Oil, 563-852-3510; or at the Wallace State Office Building in Des Moines. Successful hunters must call 563-929-6001 regarding tissue sample collection.

# Decatur County Deer Management Zone

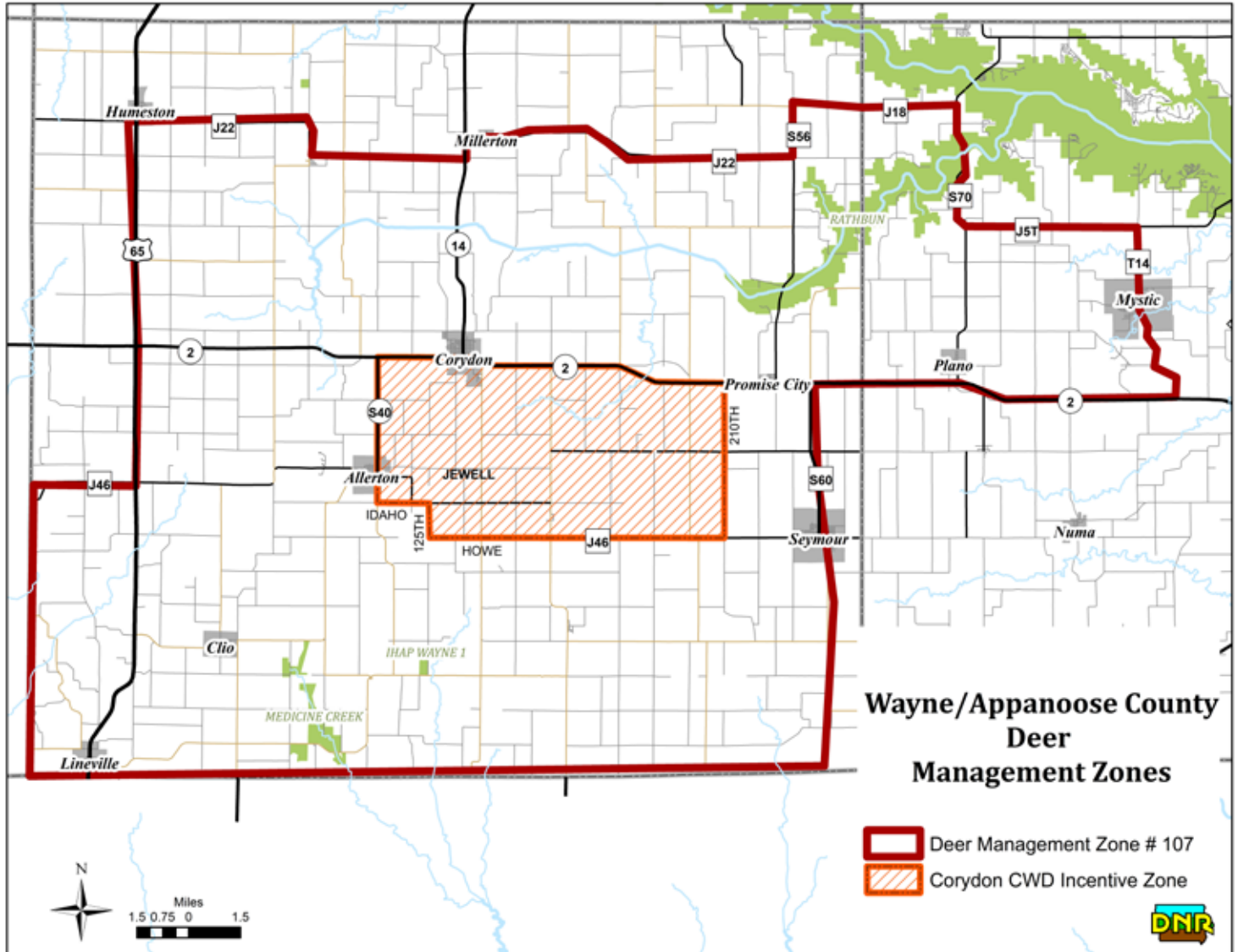


**DECATUR DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE** – 500 Antlerless Licenses - 2022-23 Regular and Population Management January Antlerless Deer Seasons. Licenses: Leon Hy-Vee 641-446-6132, Decatur County Recorder 641-446-4322 or at Wallace State Office Building in Des Moines. Successful hunters must call 515-975-8318 or email [andrew.kellner@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:andrew.kellner@dnr.iowa.gov) regarding tissue sample collection.



# Wayne County Deer Management Zone

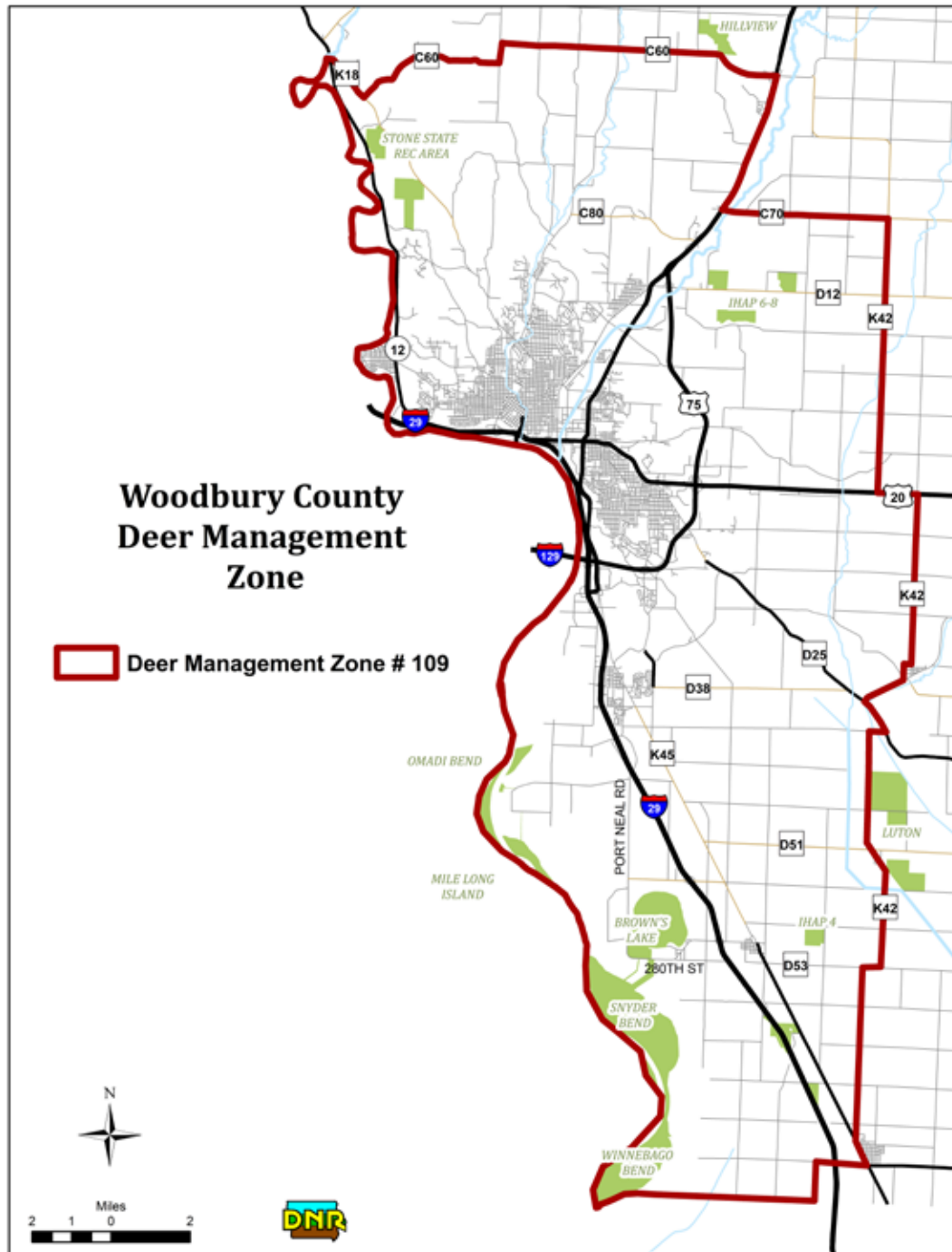
## Corydon Incentive Zone



**WAYNE DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE** - 50 Antlerless Licenses - 2022-23 Regular and Population Management January Antlerless Deer Seasons. Licenses: Corydon Hy-Vee 641-872-1564, the Wayne County Recorder's Office 641-872-1676; or Wallace State Office Building in Des Moines. Successful hunters must call 641-203-2970 or email [helga.offenburger@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:helga.offenburger@dnr.iowa.gov) regarding tissue sample collection.

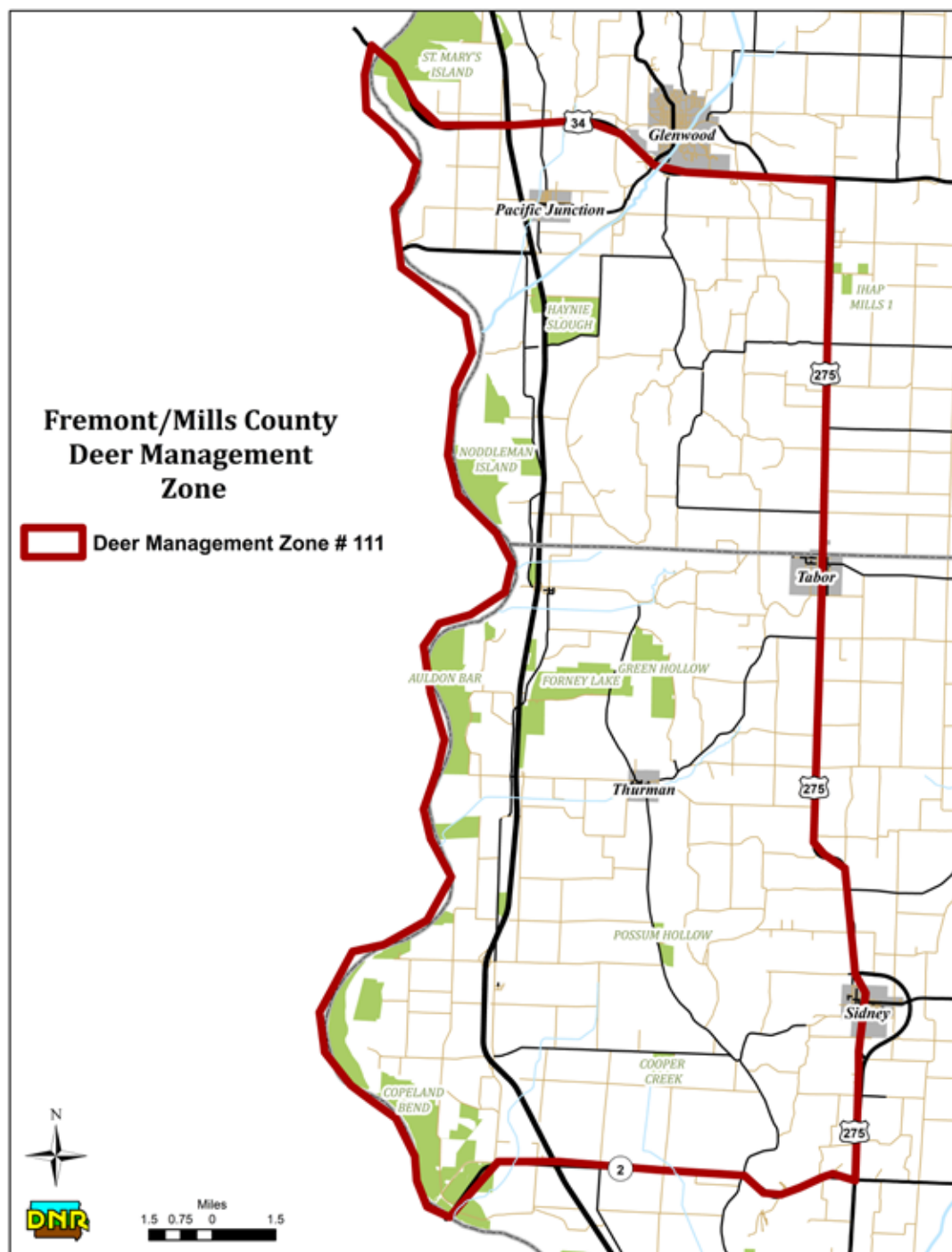
**CORYDON CWD INCENTIVE ZONE** – 350 Antlerless Licenses – Population Management January Antlerless Deer Season Jan. 11-22, 2023. Hunter precertification required prior to license purchase. Call 641-203-2970 with inquiries. Licenses: Corydon Hy-Vee 641-872-1564, or the Wayne County Recorder's Office, 641-872-1676 Successful hunters **must** call 641-203-2970 or email [helga.offenburger@dnr.iowa.gov](mailto:helga.offenburger@dnr.iowa.gov) to arrange for tissue sample collection.

# Woodbury County Deer Management Zone



**WOODBURY DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE** - 200 Antlerless Licenses – 2022-23 Regular Deer Seasons  
Licenses: Fleet Farm of Sioux City 712-454-7306, Scheels 712-252-1551, Dunham's Sports 712-274-8844, Woodbury County Southwood Conservation Area 712-889-2215, Little Sioux Park 712-372-4984, Woodbury County Recorder 712-279-6528, or at Wallace State Office Building in Des Moines.  
Successful hunters must call 712-420-2437 or email [doug.chafa@iowa.dnr.gov](mailto:doug.chafa@iowa.dnr.gov) regarding tissue sample collection.

# Fremont/Mills County Deer Management Zone



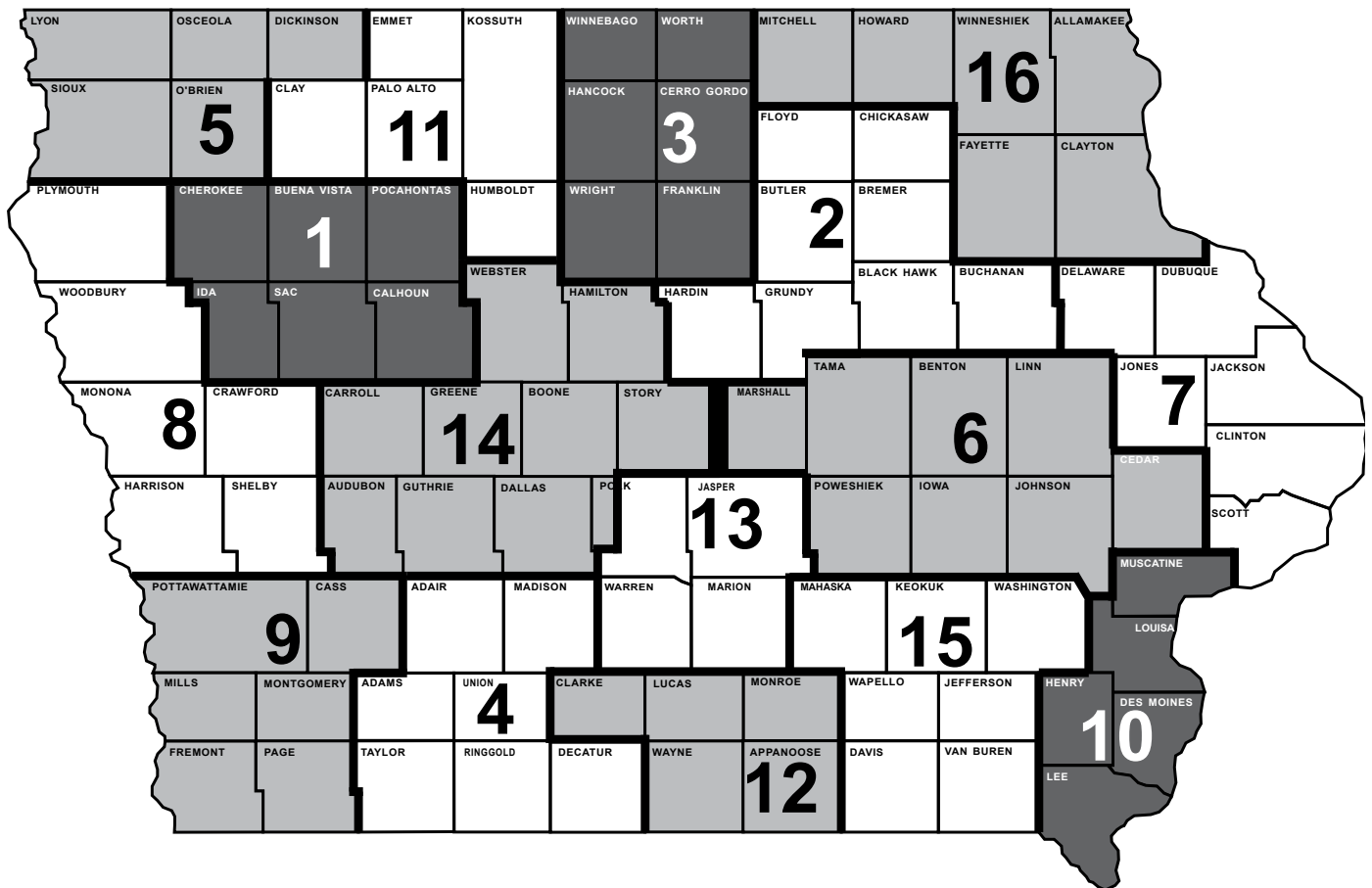
**FREMONT / MILLS DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE - 100 Antlerless Licenses – 2022-23 Regular Deer Seasons**

Licenses: Mills County Recorder, 712-527-9315, Fremont County Recorder, 712-374-2631, Meg's Burgers and Brews in Tabor, 712-629-1185 or at Wallace State Office Building in Des Moines.

Successful hunters must call 712-350-0147 or email [matt.dollison@iowa.dnr.gov](mailto:matt.dollison@iowa.dnr.gov) regarding tissue sample collection.



# WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BIOLOGISTS

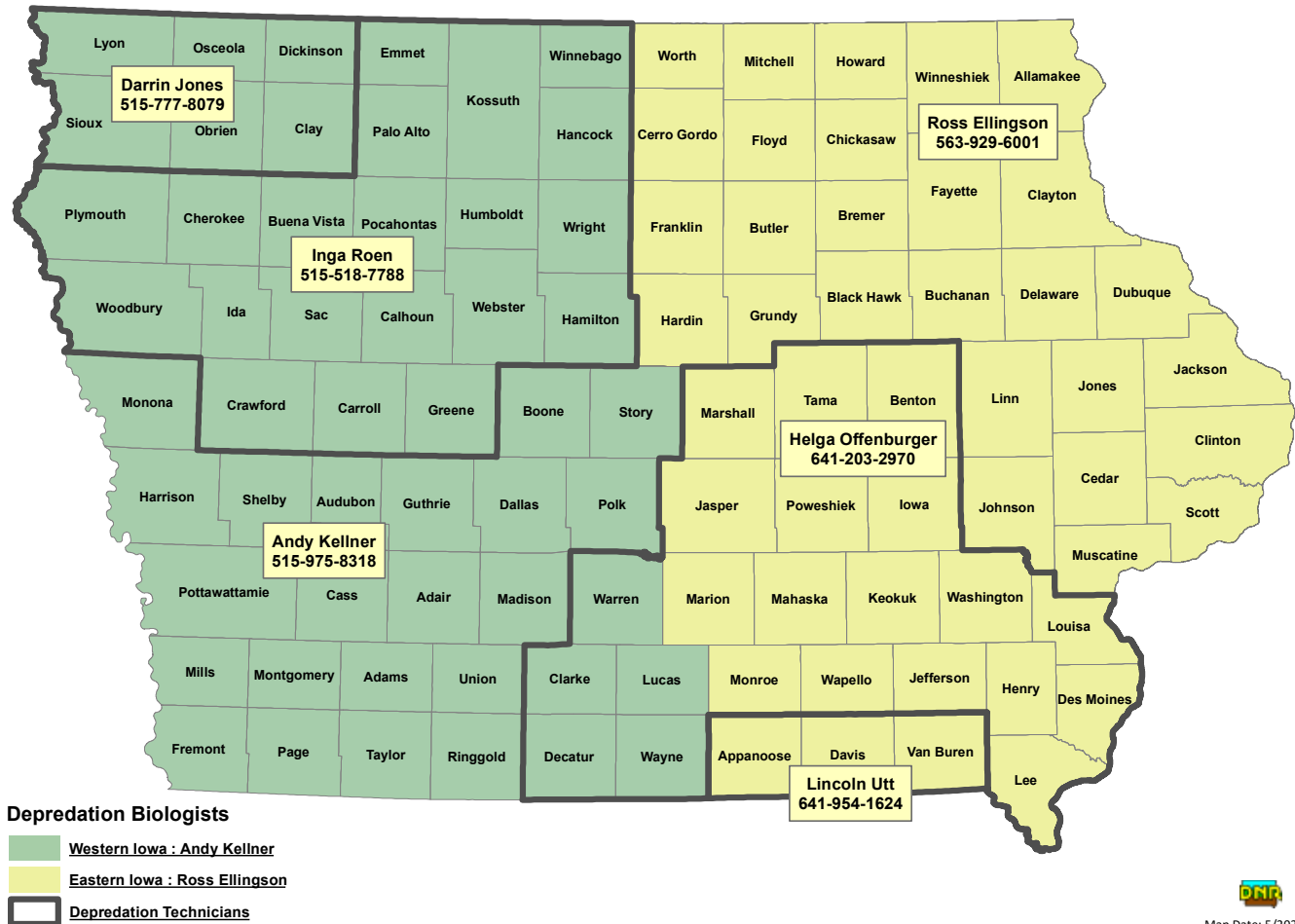


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| 3. CLEAR LAKE UNIT .....641-425-2814  | 11. PRAIRIE LAKES UNIT ...712-330-2563 |
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| 5. GREAT LAKES UNIT.....712-330-4543  | 13. RED ROCK UNIT.....515-238-6936     |
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# WILDLIFE DEPREDATION STAFF

For questions concerning wildlife damage to private property, contact the depredation staff for your county, listed on the map below.

## IOWA DNR WILDLIFE DEPREDATION PROGRAM STAFF



### Western Iowa

Andy Kellner - 515-975-8318

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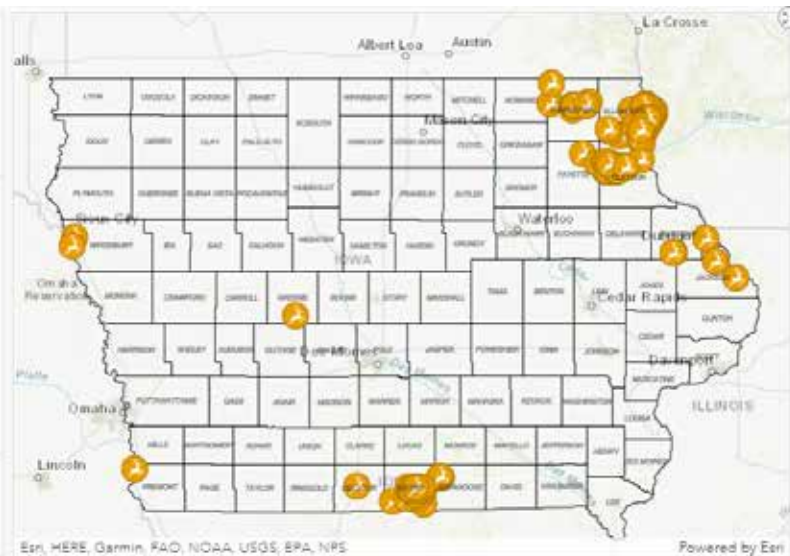
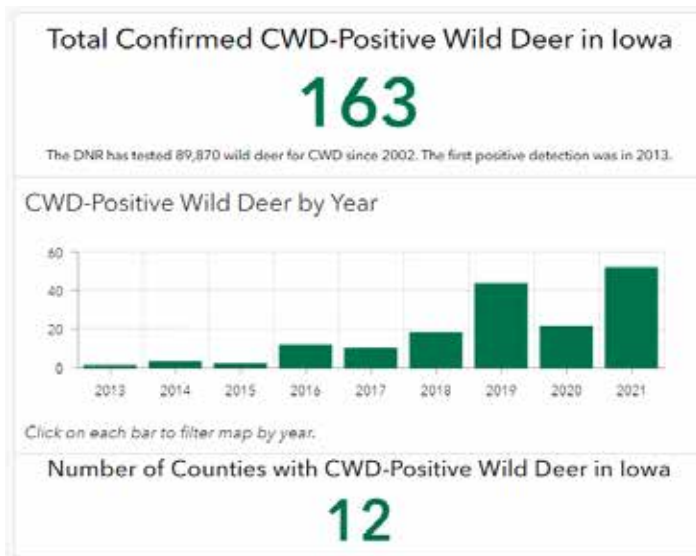
Darrin Jones - 515-777-8079

### Eastern Iowa

Ross Ellingson - 319-330-5578

Helga Offenburger - 641-203-2970

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Office of Diversity and Inclusive Workforce Management,  
MS: ODIWM, Attention: Public Civil Rights,  
5275 Leesburg Pike  
Falls Church, Virginia 22041  
(or via email at [publiccivilrights@fws.gov](mailto:publiccivilrights@fws.gov))

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If you need accommodations to access the DNR's programs or services because of a disability, requests may be made by contacting your local field office or the department's ADA coordinator at 515-725-8200.

This information is available in alternative formats upon request by contacting the DNR at 515-725-8200. TTY users - Contact Relay Iowa at 800-735-2942.



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