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CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE (CWD)

CWD HAS BEEN DETECTED in Louisiana

100% FATAL TO DEER

Spread by contact with infected saliva, blood, urine, feces, food, water and soil. It can be transmitted from live animals or carcasses, and creates holes in the brain tissue of infected animals.

Symptoms

Symptoms show 16 months or more after infection, making immediate detection difficult. In early stages, infected animals can have a normal body condition. Symptoms vary by individual and disease stage, including but not limited to: weight loss, excessive salivation, teeth grinding, head tremors, difficulty swallowing, excessive urination and thirst, incoordination, splay leg stance, lowered head and ears, fixed stare, fainting, and lack of awareness.

Other common diseases, such as Bluetongue, have similar symptoms.

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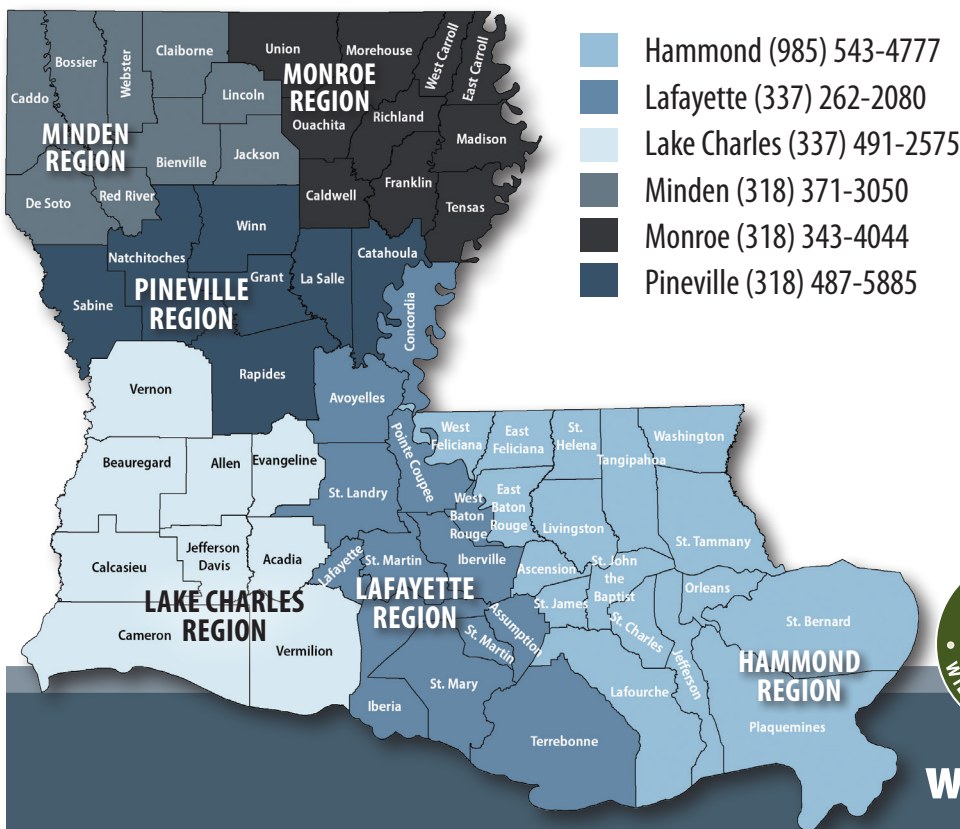
Consuming Meat

CWD has not been shown to be contagious to humans. However, the CDC and USDA discourage eating CWD infected animals.

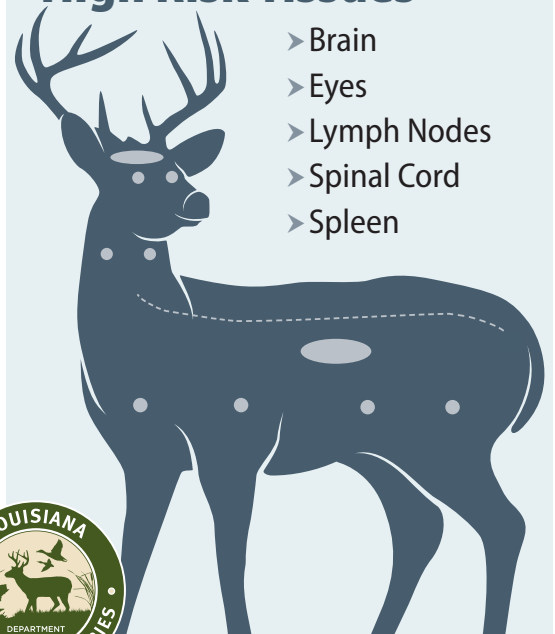
We Need Your Help

Detection of CWD is more likely in mature bucks and/or animals with symptoms.

If you would like to have a deer tested for CWD, or see an animal showing symptoms, please call your local LDWF Field Office.



High Risk Tissues



- Brain
- Eyes
- Lymph Nodes
- Spinal Cord
- Spleen



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