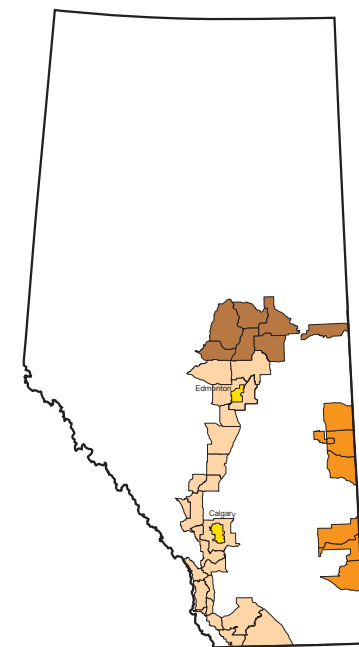


Deer hunters 2023

Surveillance of harvested deer heads for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD)



It is **MANDATORY** to submit **DEER** heads from WMUs 148, 150, 151, 200, 234, 236, 728, and 730.

For game management purposes, we also are interested in receiving:

1. **Any deer** head from 503, 504, 505, 506, 509, 510, 514
2. **Mule deer** heads from 108, 110, 212, 216, 221, 224, 246, 247, 248, 250, 300, 302, 303, 306, 308, 310, 312, 314, 316, 320, 402, 404, 508.

As always, the program accepts heads from deer harvested in non-mandatory areas.

Precise location of each kill is required, either GPS or Sec/Twp/Rng, in addition to the WMU.

A **CWD-labelling system** provides a unique identification number for each head submitted. Freeze head and, during rifle seasons, drop off at any of the CWD freezer locations. Some Fish and Wildlife or Environment and Parks offices also may accept frozen heads – call first to check. See page 13 of the *2023 Alberta Guide to Hunting Regulations* for office phone numbers.

Green CWD labels and instructions are available when you submit a deer head. **PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE EXTRA LABELS FROM OUR FREEZERS. TAKE ONLY THE LABELS FOR THE HEADS YOU ALREADY HAVE.**

Results:

When your results are available, a message will be sent to the email address in your AlbertaRELM account.

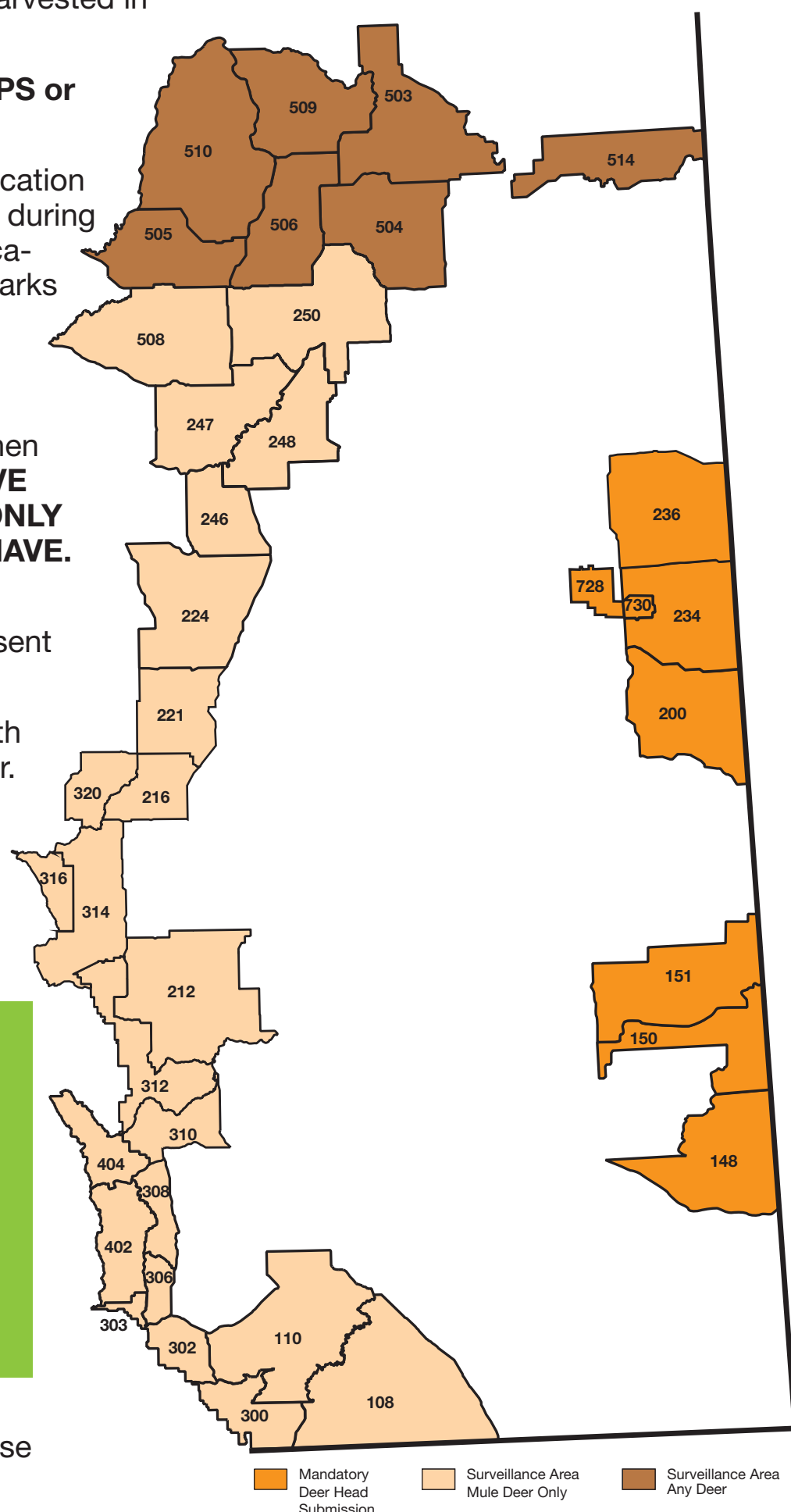
Although CWD is not known to infect humans, health authorities advise against eating CWD-infected deer.

For more information, including a map of 24-hr freezers available during rifle seasons, visit alberta.ca/cwd or contact Dr. M. Pybus 780-427-3462 (for toll free, dial 310-0000 first).

A usable sample consists of the intact head with or without the antler skull plate*.

Please provide all the information requested on **BOTH SIDES** of the green CWD label so that we can complete each data record and get results back to you in a timely manner. Precise location of the kill is required, either GPS or Sec/Twp/Rng, in addition to the WMU.

* Mature males with the antlers and skull plate removed are still usable for testing. If possible, please do not shoot deer in the head.



Thank you for your continued support of this important program.

