

**Department of Natural Resources****Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules: 2023 Update to Prohibition on Placing Deer Feed and Using Deer Attractants****6232.4800 FEEDING AND ATTRACTING DEER PROHIBITED IN CERTAIN COUNTIES.****Subpart 1. Definitions.** For purposes of this part:

A. "attractants" means liquid food scents, salt, minerals, and other natural or manufactured products that are capable of attracting or enticing deer, including any product that contains or purports to contain cervid urine, blood, gland oil, feces, or other bodily fluid;

B. "feed" means grains, fruits, vegetables, nuts, hay, and other food that is capable of attracting or enticing deer; and

C. "place" includes to place, cause to place, distribute, or otherwise put on a person's property in an outdoor location accessible to deer or to allow another person to so place, distribute, or put on a person's property.

Subp. 2. **Applicability; prohibition; feed and attractants.** In Beltrami, Carver, Cass, Crow Wing, Dakota, Dodge, Fillmore, Goodhue, Hennepin, Houston, Hubbard, Itasca, Le Sueur, Mower, Norman, Olmsted, Polk, Rice, Scott, Sibley, Wabasha, Washington, and Winona Counties, a person may not place feed or attractants, except as provided in subpart 3.

**Subp. 3. Exceptions.**

A. The prohibition in subpart 2 does not include feed that is:

(1) intended to feed wildlife other than deer, if the feed is:

(a) arranged to exclude access to deer; or

(b) put at least six feet above the ground;

(2) present solely as a result of normal agricultural, forest management, or wildlife food-planting practices; or

(3) for livestock purposes if the feed is:

(a) for domestic livestock that are present and actively consuming the feed daily;

(b) covered to deter deer from accessing the feed; or

(c) stored consistent with normal agricultural practices.

B. A person may establish a bear bait station, as defined in part 6232.2600, subpart 3, in counties where placing feed or attractants is otherwise prohibited under subpart 2.

Subp. 4. **Cleanup.**

A. In addition to any other penalties imposed, a person must immediately remove any feed and attractants that have been placed in violation of subpart 2.

B. Failure to comply with this subpart is a separate violation from and in addition to a violation of subpart 2.

**REPEALER.** Minnesota Rules, part 6232.3200, subpart 8, published in the State Register, volume 47, page 83, August 8, 2022, and Minnesota Rules, part 6232.4805, published in the State Register, volume 46, page 745, December 27, 2021, are repealed.