

Supplemental feeding for Hunting on Private land

I Jordan Dilse am in favor of using supplemental feeding for hunting in North Dakota. One of the main discussions I get into with other hunters is being able to hunt over bait. Coming from where I am from in SW ND. We have done everything in our power to grow food plots/expand habitat to help recover our deer numbers. When we have gotten into a dry cycle our food plots didnt even come up and our deer ended up having no food later on in the year and we will find dead deer on our land from starvation. One of the main concerns of the public is if there are bait piles all the deer will come to one spot to eat and they will trade saliva. Is there any proof that a neurological disease can be spread by saliva? I have done extensive research into the matter and in fact there is no proven case that there has been a disease on record that can be. But if in fact it was able to be spread, would it not be worse to let the course of action we are on run its course? Hay yards will collect 1-500 deer per winter and they all feed out of the same hay yard. If everyone had their own bait pile or hay set aside on their property. There would be an abundance of food across the state and the deer wouldnt have to bunch up as bad anymore? Less starvation, less issues with deer getting worn out traveling so far for these hay yards. In fact we are able to use supplemental food to help keep deer on our property, but not able to hunt over it? Why would I be able to hunt over food plots then? We are still only allowed one deer per bow hunter for the state, and at that the success rate isnt great at all. So this causes me to believe this is more of an ethics stance than it would be a reason to fight against CWD. For that reason I am for the use of supplemental feeding in hunting.