

EXHIBIT C



Chronic Wasting Disease

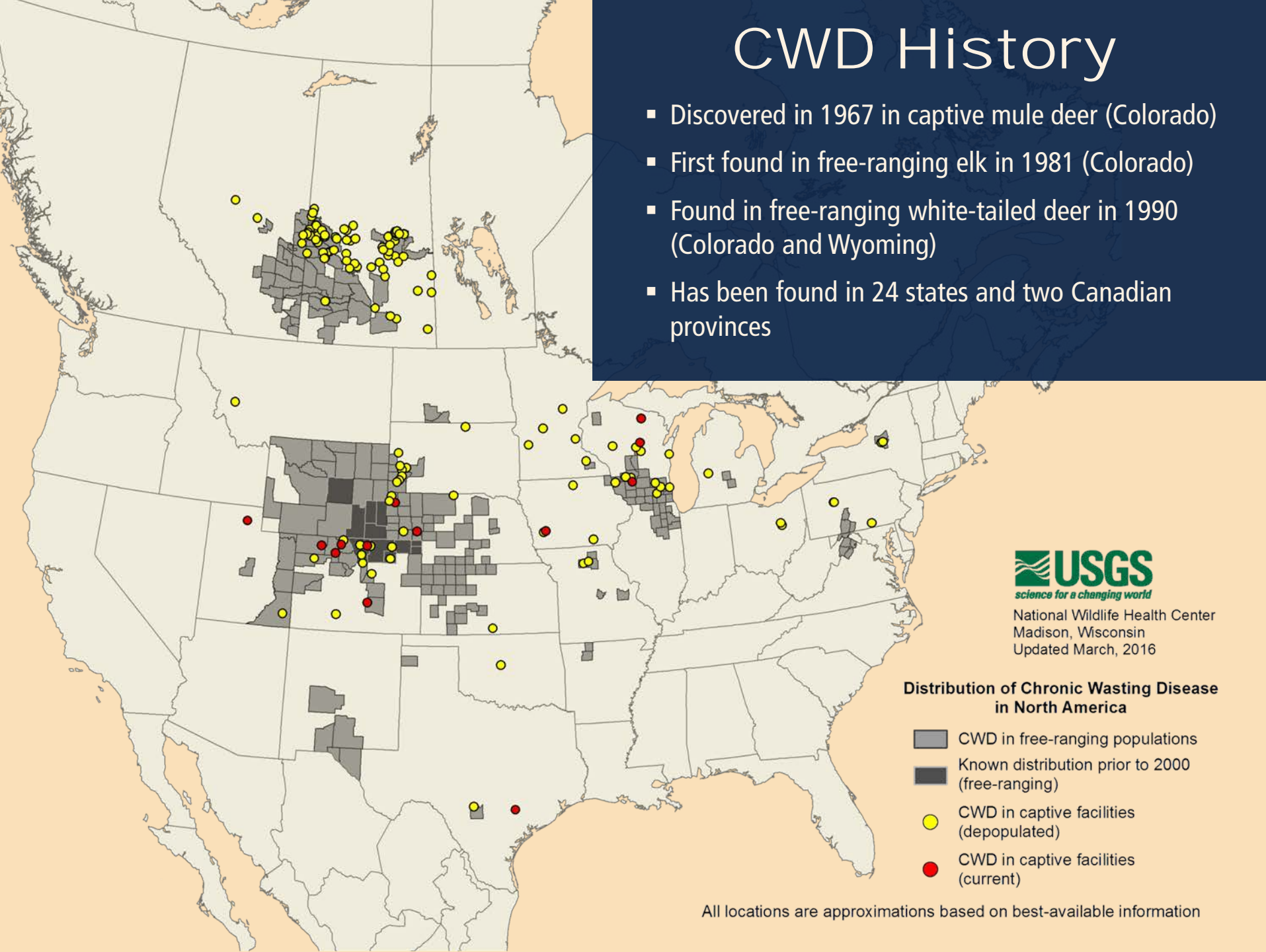
What is CWD?

- Fatal neurological disease similar to mad cow disease, but only found in cervids (deer, elk, moose and caribou).
- Not spread by a virus, bacteria or fungus, but by a type of mutated protein (prion) that withstands chemicals, enzymes, time and extreme temperatures.
 - Prions are found in saliva, feces, urine, blood and decaying carcasses of infected animals.
 - Once in a location, disease is present indefinitely.
 - Prions can be shed within six months of infection, but clinical symptoms typically don't appear until 18-60 months after infection.



CWD History

- Discovered in 1967 in captive mule deer (Colorado)
- First found in free-ranging elk in 1981 (Colorado)
- Found in free-ranging white-tailed deer in 1990 (Colorado and Wyoming)
- Has been found in 24 states and two Canadian provinces



CWD Detected in Arkansas



2.5-year old female elk harvested Oct. 6, 2015
CWD sample tested as part of annual surveillance



2.5-year old female deer found near
Ponca Feb. 2, 2016



Response Phase I

March 14-24

Determine how prevalent CWD is where it was discovered

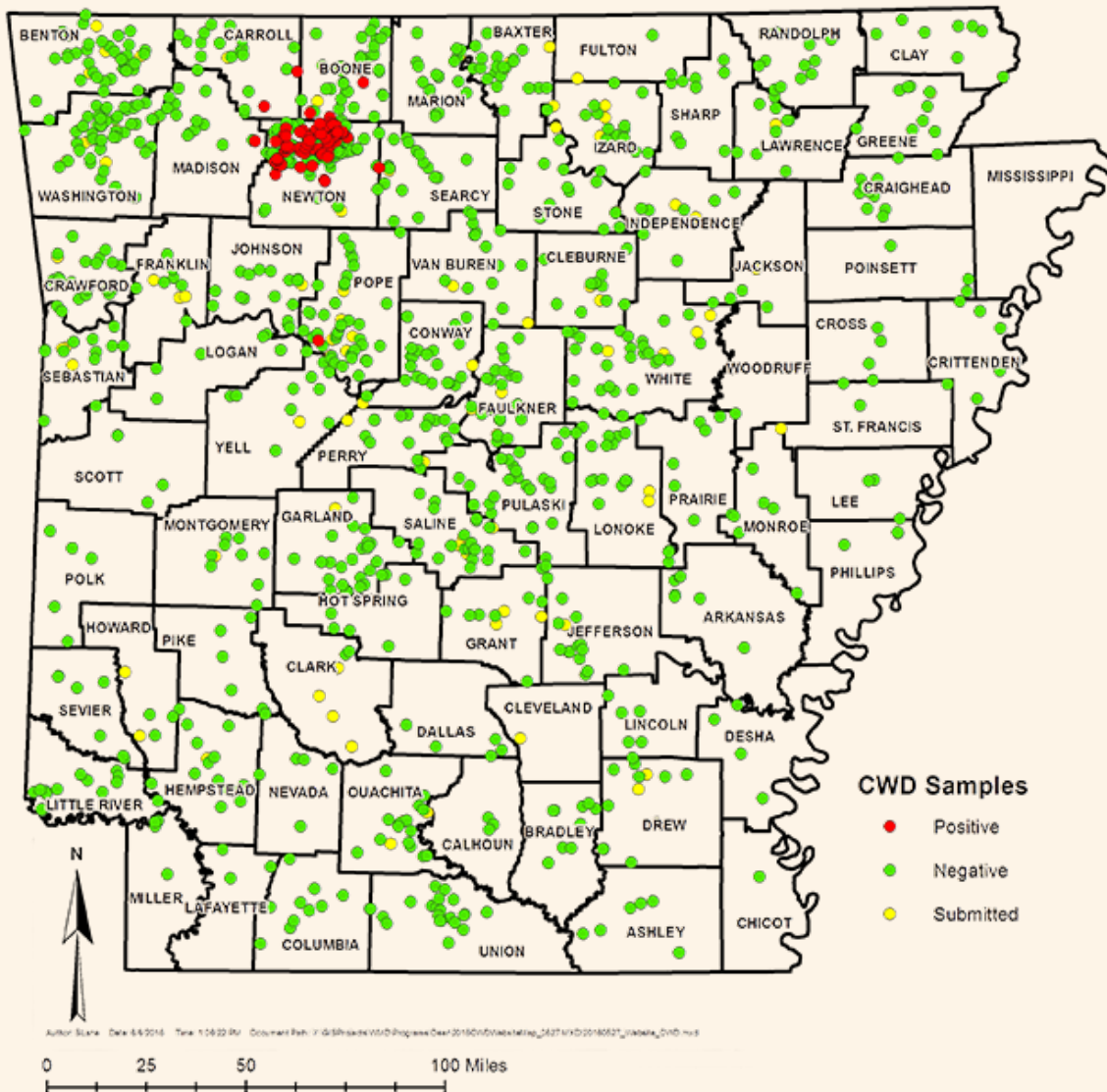
- 266 animals randomly tested in 125,000-acre focal area
- 23% observed prevalence rate

Response Phase II

March 25-Present

Determine how far CWD has spread geographically

- Ongoing roadkill and targeted sample testing (more than 1,300 samples so far)
- CWD detected in Boone, Carroll, Madison, Newton and Pope counties.



Causes for Concern

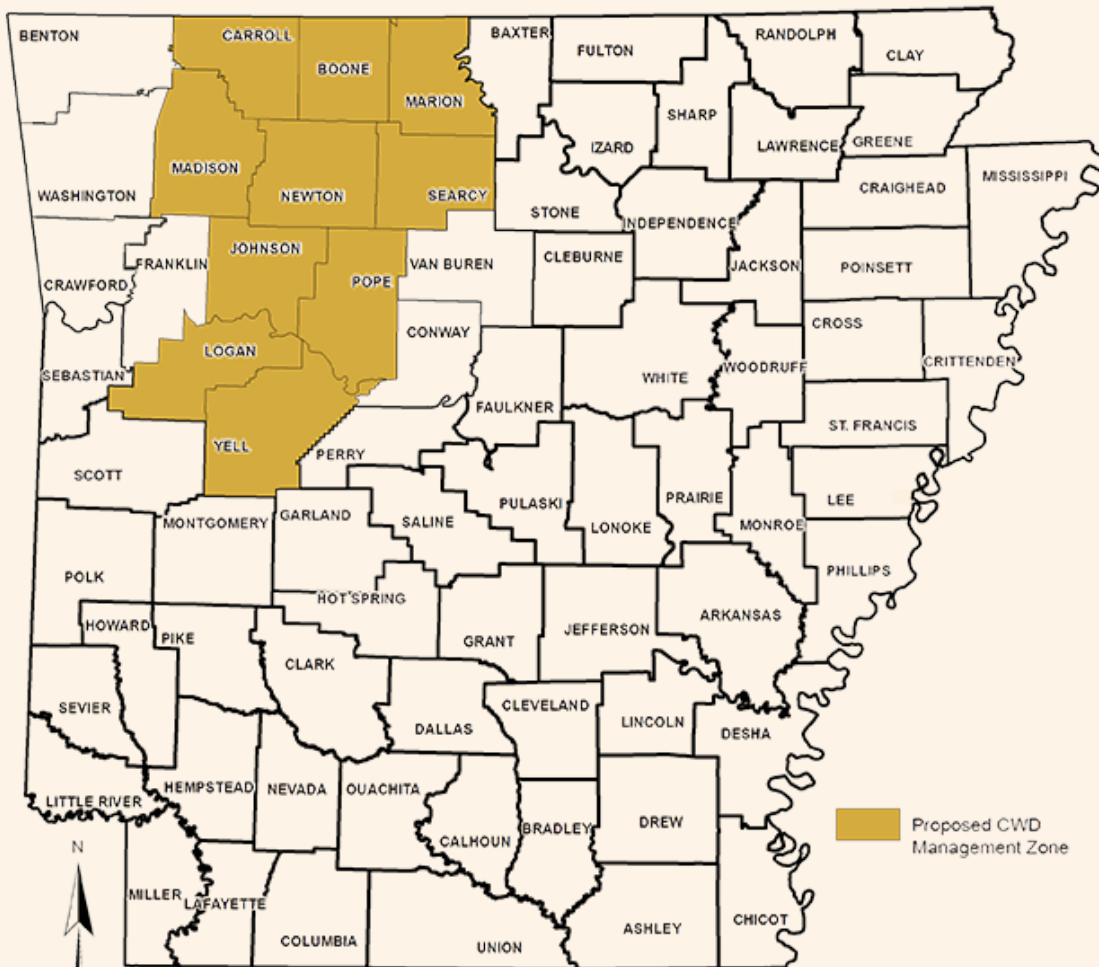
	Not Detected	POSITIVE	Totals	Prevalance
Doe	152	37	189	20%
1-1.5	13	3	16	19%
2-2.5	52	12	64	19%
3-3.5	22	10	32	31%
4-4.5	16	2	18	11%
5-5.5	33	6	39	15%
Fawn	16	4	20	20%
Bucks	52	25	77	32%
1-1.5	9	3	12	25%
2-2.5	16	12	28	43%
3-3.5	6	1	7	14%
4-4.5	1	1	2	50%
Fawn	20	8	28	29%
Grand Total	204	62	266	23%

- No state has been able to stop or eliminate CWD, just slow its spread
- CWD found in 20% of female fawns and 29% of male fawns in focal area
 - These deer could die from CWD before reproducing
- Extremely few bucks 4.5 years and older in focal area
 - Possibility that CWD is already impacting buck segment
- Uncharted territory
 - Only agency to start at such a high local prevalence rate
 - Only agency in East with CWD-positive wild elk and deer

Goals for Managing CWD

- Reduce concentrations of deer to slow the rate the disease spreads
- Reduce overall deer density to slow the rate the disease spreads
- Encourage hunters to harvest deer and elk that are the most likely to disperse and spread disease naturally
- Reduce chances of people moving the disease to new areas
- Increase monitoring to determine effectiveness of efforts

Proposals to Slow Spread of CWD



1. Establish a CWD management zone where CWD is confirmed or likely.
 - a. Landowners within zone will be issued extra tags to help decrease deer density.
 - b. Landowners will be required to submit samples of harvested deer for testing.
 - c. Deer and elk killed in zone must remain within zone, except deboned meat, cleaned skull plates, hides, teeth and taxidermy products.



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2. Prohibit feeding of wildlife within CWD management zone, except:
 - a. Allow baiting for deer on private land from Oct. 1-Dec. 31 for hunting
 - b. Allow food plots
 - c. Allow incidental feeding of wildlife during active livestock operations
 - d. Allow backyard bird feeding
 - e. Allow grain scattered or distributed from normal agricultural practices or soil stabilization practices
 - f. Allow feeding of wildlife by hand (i.e. ducks at the pond)
 - g. Allow bait placed for AGFC-approved management, research and control of wildlife



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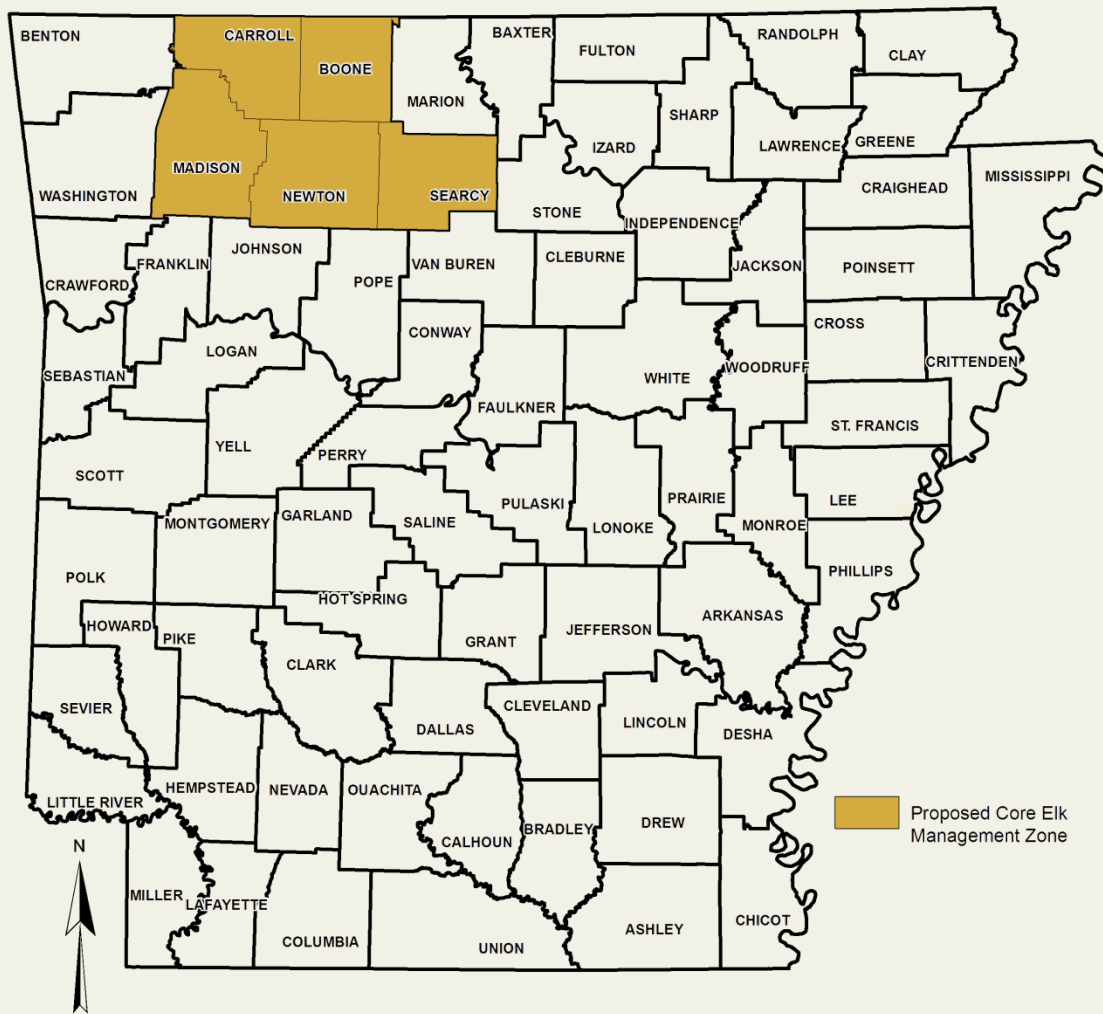
3. Liberalize season structure on public and private land where CWD is present
 - a. Increase bag limits to encourage more harvest.
 - b. Remove antler restrictions to encourage more harvest.



Proposals to Prevent New Areas with CWD

4. Prohibit the use of scents and lures containing natural deer urine statewide
5. Prohibit rehabilitation of deer statewide

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6. Create core elk management zone
 - a. Boone, Carroll, Madison, Newton and Searcy counties
 - b. Allow hunters outside of zone to take any elk they see during deer seasons with a limit of one elk, either sex.
 - c. Require all harvested elk inside and outside of zone to be submitted for testing.
 - d. Increase elk quota on private land within core elk zone to decrease elk density.



Proposals to Increase CWD Monitoring

7. Create a non-commercial hunting enclosure permit for high-fence deer facilities
 - a. Require CWD samples for all deer that die within facility
 - b. Require annual inspections
 - c. Require accurate harvest records
 - d. No new facilities permitted after July 1, 2017