

The Pennsylvania Deer Farmers Association announces largest CWD funding initiative in the Association's two-decade history.

The PDFA continues to be at the forefront of the battle against Chronic Wasting Disease. The Association recognizes that solutions to the disease itself are the only way to change the regulatory environment and the burden that it places on our industry in the long term. Because of our leadership role over the past two decades, we are now in a position to introduce an exciting opportunity to our members—but you must act quickly.

CWD GPS—Genomic Predictive Service

CWD researcher Dr. Christopher Seabury from Texas A&M has developed a genomic evaluation test that is ready for commercial application. This test is the most compelling and comprehensive evaluation of CWD susceptibility that has ever been achieved. Knowing this, PDFA has established a cost-sharing program that will allow every Voting or Life member of the PDFA to participate.

PDFA has allocated up to \$50,000 for members to sample their animals using this technology. A total of \$500 per farm is allotted at \$50 per test. Tests will be submitted to The North American Deer Registry in a similar manner as DNA testing.

PDFA will have a detailed document available soon with submission forms and step-by-step guidance on the program.

Applications will be accepted starting Monday, August 2, 2021.

The program is only open to Pennsylvania deer farmers with a Voting or Life membership valid before July 31, 2021.

We encourage every non-member to sign up or renew his or her membership before July 31, 2021. If your sign up or renewal date is August 1, 2021, or later, you will not be eligible for this program.

For more information regarding CWD GPS, please find the “CWD” tab on the www.padfa.com website.