



Elk Damage Payments

Elk Damage Payments Made by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture FY 2015-2016

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Background

Wild elk are found in northwest Minnesota and can sometimes cause considerable damage to crops, fencing, and stored forage in this area. To help reduce the impact on area farmers, the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) manages the Animal Damage Compensation Program which provides up to 100% compensation with a minimum claim amount of \$100 and a maximum claim amount of \$20,000 per producer, per year.

This report is submitted in accordance with Minnesota Statute 3.7371 Subd. 8:

The commissioner must submit a report to the chairs of the house of representatives and senate committees and divisions with jurisdiction over agriculture and environment and natural resources by December 15 each year that details the total amount of damages paid, by elk herd, in the previous two fiscal years.

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Below are the payments made by the MDA for fiscal years 2015 and 2016 based upon the date the damage occurred, as reported by the producers.

The herd determinations are estimates made by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and are based upon location of the claims made.

Fiscal Year	Caribou-Vita Herd	Claims Paid (CV)	Kittson Central Herd	Claims Paid (KC)	Grygla Herd	Claims Paid (G)	Total # of Elk Claims	Total Claims Paid
2015	7	\$19,840.02	1	\$19,278	0	\$0	8	\$39,118.02
2016	8	\$22,052.40	4	\$25,894.90	0	\$0	12	\$47,947.30
Total	15	\$41,892.42	5	\$45,172.90	0	\$0	20	\$87,065.32