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Division of Wildlife

Wildlife Damage Management Program - Overview

Keith Fisk, Wildlife Damage Program Administrator
Introduction

• Wildlife Damage Management (WDM) Program
  • Programs and services to landowners/producers
    • Coyotes, deer, elk, beaver, prairie dog, Canada geese, etc.
      • Mitigate wildlife damage and livestock loss
      • Maintain positive relationships with landowners

• 28 full-time employees
• Budget = approx. $3.5 million
• Revenue sources
  • Surcharge on hunting licenses
  • License fees
  • Non-refundable application fees
  • County appropriations
  • SD Dept. of Agriculture
Programs/Services

• Predator control
  • Ground techniques
  • Aerial predator control
  • Cooperative efforts
• Deer Depredation
  • Protective stackyards/panels and fencing
  • Hazing and intercept-feeding
• Prairie dog control
  • Direct control
2020 Program Changes

• External review
  • Immediate changes
  • Changes that take a few months

• Enhanced predator control efforts
  • 300 additional hours (aerial predator control)
  • Two additional FTE’s
  • Focused predator control efforts (Feb-June)
    • Pre-approved overtime
  • Thermal riflescopes and equipment
  • Work duty reprioritization

• Formal training program
Questions / Comments?
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