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Division of Wildlife

# Wildlife Damage Management Program - Overview

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# 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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