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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
- Canada Goose Depredation
 - Kill permits
 - Fencing and Hazing
 - Buffer Strips
- Deer Depredation
 - Protective stackyards/panels and fencing
 - Hazing and intercept-feeding





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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