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Abstract

The discovery of CWD in the Wisconsin deer herd in February 2002 was treated by the

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) to
abandon the hunting of deer in the affected area. After two years, no deer were found to be infected with CWD.
largely in response to the discovery of CWD in the deer herd. Hunters
years, no deer were found to be infected with CWD. Hunters
Hunters were allowed to hunt deer in the affected area.
remain in the affected area. Hunters were allowed to hunt deer in the affected area.
dropped significantly. The number of deer killed by hunters dropped
as more hunters were allowed to hunt deer in the affected area.
million in 2003. The number of deer killed by hunters dropped
hunting was better understood. The number of deer killed by hunters dropped
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