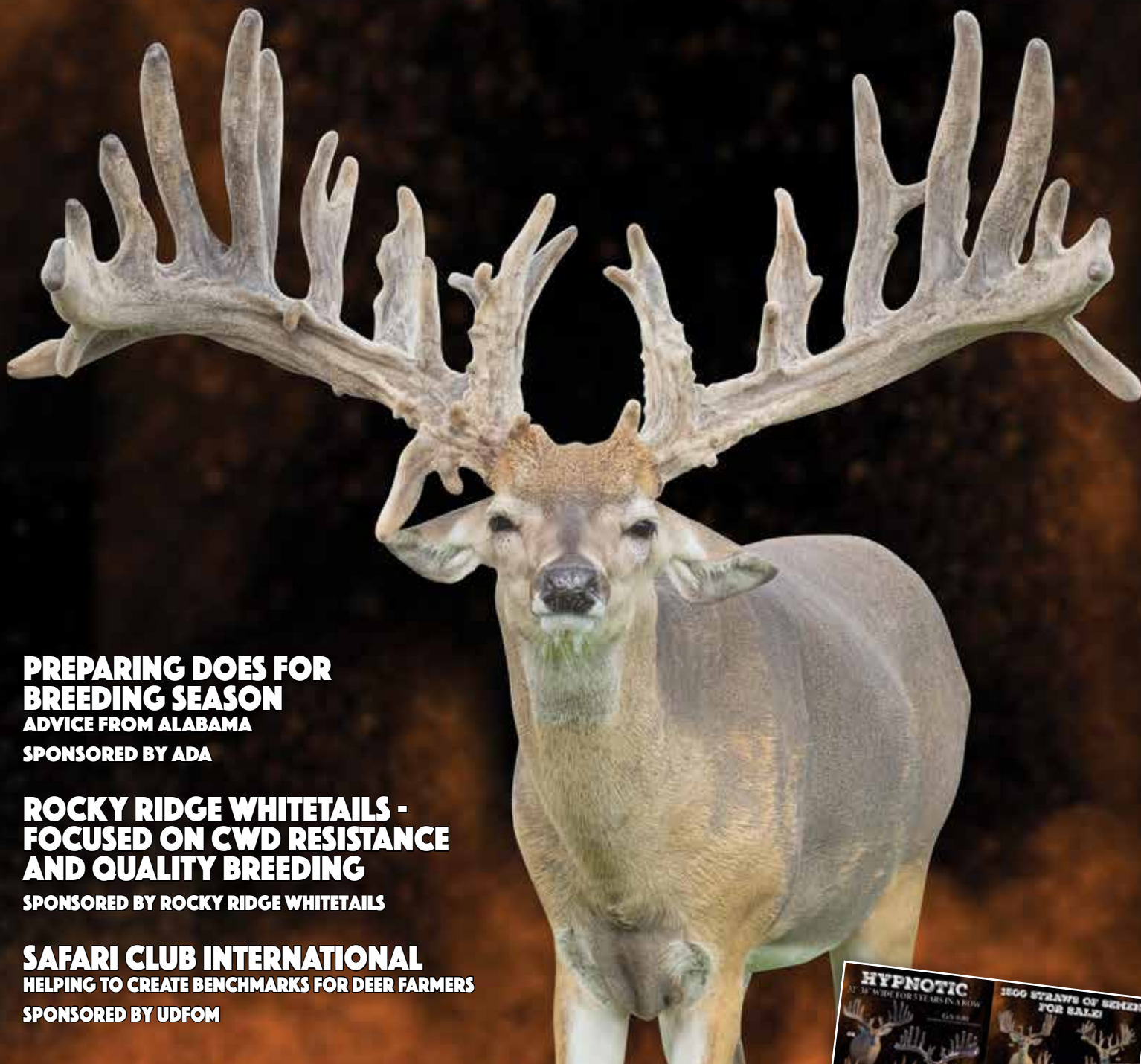




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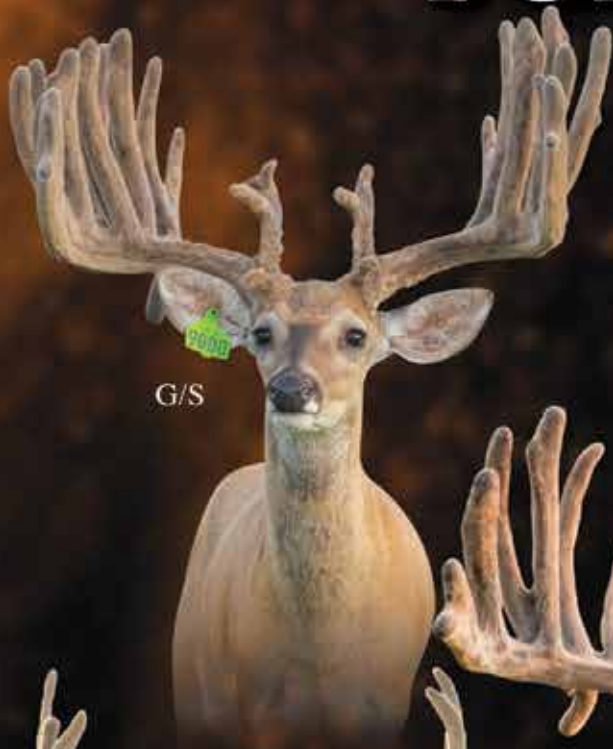
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Successfully getting your does from the weaning pens to the breeding pens can be considered somewhat of a science, perfected through the course of experience combined with a little trial and error. "Breeding plans can get complicated with everything you need to consider such as CWD resistance, pedigrees and antlers," explains Cameron Odom, owner of Five O's Ranch, a 41-acre spread begun in 2015 in Citronelle, Alabama. At Five O's Ranch, a farm which is currently home to 140 deer that is expecting close to 100 fawns in the spring, "we make every effort to make sure our does are as healthy as they can be and ready for breeding season."

At the forefront of these preparations should be the constant monitoring for and prevention of EHD. The city of Citronelle, known since 1955 as the oil capital of Alabama and located 34 miles north of Mobile, has its fair share of annual rain and occasional hurricanes and along with that a higher prevalence of bacteria, midge flies and EHD.

"If a doe has had a bout of EHD close to breeding season, I highly recommend not putting her through the stress of A.I.," Odom, 48, said. "At our farm, we would breed her naturally instead through live cover."

To have the healthiest does, a diet high in quality hay, grain and minerals is recommended year-round, with an increase of those things during the winter and spring months as fawns are developing, born and raised (simultaneously along with future breeding plans and preparations.) "I feel this is something every farm should practice, along with regular wormings and vaccinations, to ensure their does have appropriate antibodies and that their body condition is good," Odom said.

Body condition and overall health also factors into weaning fawns. "If one of your does becomes sick in August or September, it's not recommended that you compound the situation by pulling fawns off," Odom said. "Wait a couple weeks



or so until she is healthy again. Remember you want your does as strong and as healthy as they can get as breeding season approaches."

A strong hunting economy, perpetuated by an abundance of state-wide preserves, means the demand for deer is high. In Alabama, a closed-border state, maintaining healthy deer herds is essential to the long-term success of every deer farm. "Essentially, good animal husbandry is the biggest key to success," Odom shared. "Knowing your herd and laying eyes of them every day, even twice a day, is an important part of this. Be vigilant and aware. Vaccinate and utilize A.I. whenever you can to increase hearty genetic variety while being mindful of your end market. Is CWD resistance important? Antler size? Negative GEBV markers? Or all of the above?"

Odom feels everyone involved in The Alabama Deer Farmers Association strives hard to stay abreast of the latest industry trends, and to be compliant with the regulations set in place by The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. "We have a great group of deer farmers operating well-run and well managed deer farms," Odom said. "We are grateful for the opportunity to do what we love with the support of our spouses, friends, family and customers."





# ROCKY RIDGE WHITETAILS

## FOCUSED ON CWD RESISTANCE AND QUALITY BREEDING

By: Gail Veley

When asking John Ervin Stoltzfus at Rocky Ridge Whitetails what he breeds for, his answer always begins the same way. "I don't take short cuts. I breed for super large mainframes, such as beam length, tine length, width, and solid mass," he said. He feels confident in his decisions and validated by the fact he is consistently winning antler competition awards at NADeFA. "I really like the "wow factor" when you get those antlers in your hands," he added.

John Ervin likes to breed a variety of deer for his customers to choose from, such as large clean typicals, large typical mainframes with extras to help increase score and give more character. Close to 15% of his herd he breeds for 500"+ and 600"+ giant nontypical's with a focus on large balanced mainframes. In addition to breeding for a variety of antler types, he also breeds for health, body size and proven "pass down" genetics. "All of these factors have been a high priority for many years at Rocky Ridge Whitetails and continues to be," John Ervin

emphasized. However, his focus has also shifted to another unavoidable trait in the quest to produce quality deer, breeding for CWD resistance.

Scientific research by experts such as Dr. Haley, Dr. Seabury and numerous research facilities like the one found in Aimes, Iowa has paved the way for a future potentially void of CWD. "I've always had a passion and fascination to study, breed, watch and follow genetics and pedigrees in whitetail deer," John Ervin said. "About 6 years ago when I heard about Dr. Haley's research in whitetails on CWD resistant genes, it got my attention. I always had a feeling that nature has a way of taking its course and the weak will die off. But the strong genes will survive and reproduce. If they could breed out sheep scrapies, then why couldn't deer farmers breed deer CWD resistant deer, since both are a prion disease."

John Ervin also feels optimistic about a genetic test first introduced three years ago by Dr. Seabury, a 50K Genomic Estimated Breeding Value (GEBV) test for CWD

resistance. Continued research will include updating this genomic test through CWD positive herd research. "I believe CWD research needs to be continued especially since it's a regulated disease," John Ervin explained. "I am grateful to Dr. Seabury and to NADR for updating GEBV research annually. NADR is now doing the GEBV and codon marker test." As a result of this test, recommendations now include breeding away from codon 96 GG and instead breeding the combination codon 96 SS and lower negative number GEBV's, which is proving successful in making deer less susceptible to contracting CWD.

John Ervin feels determining breeding markers is easy and while that itself may not take long, breeding lower and lower GEBV numbers will take a lot more time if your goal is to have your whole herd at the lowest GEBV numbers possible in spite of variables such as prion contamination exposure. "I find it very interesting on GEBV pass down," John Ervin said, and explains it just like breeding for antler size.

"You would expect that in breeding a 200" class doe to a 400" buck, that the sons should be close to the middle at 300". But anyone that has been breeding deer long enough knows that isn't nearly the case, with some being under 200" and some being somewhere between 200" to 400". And sometimes you get that one that is even bigger and better then both parents. And, naturally the desire is to breed the bigger and better deer, if you are striving to improve and take your herd to the next level."

In the 27 years that John Ervin has spent raising whitetails, he has seen and appreciated the efforts of deer farmers striving to produce their next level of deer. He is hopeful the industry will see the same thing happen with GEBV's and that CWD will cease to exist on deer farms. He understands the numbers have continued to rise for CWD positives and CWD trace-out quarantines in his home state of Pennsylvania and for many other states. "There has been a lot of CWD found in the wild in the recent years and it seems to have an effect on many deer farms going CWD positive," John Ervin shared. "Our Pennsylvania Game Commission does a good job at supplying the records on tracking CWD in the wild herds, but they don't have a good solution to eradicate CWD. The following are reports on the Pennsylvania Game Commission's website for Bedford and Lancaster Counties.

Bedford County wild deer	#CWD tested	#CWD positive	Lancaster county wild deer	#CWD tested	#CWD positive
2012/2013 season 5% positive	20	1	2012/2013 season 0% positive	2	0
2013/2014 season 0.34% positive	581	2	2013/2014 season 0% positive	116	0
2014/2015 season 0.43% positive	462	2	2014/2015 season 0% positive	52	0
2015/2016 season 0.94% positive	636	6	2015/2016 season 0% positive	49	0
2016/2017 season 2.56% positive	678	18	2016/2017 season 0% positive	52	0
2017/2018 season 3.99% positive	1103	44	2017/2018 season 0% positive	67	0
2018/2019 season 5.23% positive	1223	64	2018/2019 season 0% positive	296	0
2019/2020 season 7.76% positive	1263	98	2019/2020 season 0% positive	290	0
2020/2021 season 14% positive	886	124	2020/2021 season 0% positive	245	0
2021/2022 season 22.15% positive	614	136	2021/2022 season 0% positive	199	0
2022/2023 season 32.54% positive	676	220	2022/2023 season 0% positive	202	0
2023/2024 season results still coming in and to this date percentage of CWD positive has increased again			2023/2024 season results still coming in with no CWD positives to this date		

While you can track each county on the PA Game Commission website for wild deer, John Ervin picked the first county (Bedford) where CWD was found in 2012 and his own county (Lancaster) where his farm is. While he is thankful no CWD was ever found in his county in wild deer to this date, he does understand that could change in the future with wild deer CWD positive appearing on the other side of his farm fence, and he wants to be prepared with a resistant herd if that would ever happen. And while his farm is double fenced, he understands as do all deer farmers, that there are also other ways to spread CWD. John Ervin also already seen a tremendous shift in those desiring CWD resistance genetics in the amount of

semen he sells, as well as his embryo and breeding stock sales. He has also heard first-hand from hunting ranches that while CWD resistance genes will not make a difference to hunters, it will make a difference for stocking preserves if CWD resistant deer lower the risk of bringing the disease onto their property. "Because

of this, I believe we have the potential for a very bright future and great opportunities for our next generation," he said. "I'm so happy to be sharing my passion with my wife Mary Ann and our five precious children, and to be meeting the genetic demands of my customers and their clients."



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Hello!

In the deer industry, we are in the midst of my favorite months of the year, January - March. Many of you might recall that I like to refer to these months as “Membership Drive Months”. Several of the state associations we service have renewal dates in this time frame and our team is here to help promote. As I reflect back on 2023 and look ahead in 2024, I'd have to say that because of our Membership Drive in 2023, that it was “the best year yet” for our ever strong and growing deer industry. Last year, we were able to raise more than \$5,000 worth of membership money to support 15 state associations. At most state association events, you will find our Multi State Booth, decorated in honor of every deer association we represent. That reminds me, I'd like to also give a warm welcome to Alabama and Ohio, the latest state associations to be taken under our wing, bringing our membership drive now to 17 state associations.

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It's hard to believe things could get any better. Yet, we are never surprised when they do! Let's all get excited for 2024 and for the adventures that lie ahead! And remember to renew your membership and advertising!! We are counting on you! Thank you!

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31	1	2	3 Quest for Michigan's Best Spring Deadline	4	5	6 SDDEBA ANNUAL MEETING ILDFA ANNUAL MEETING & LUNCHEON
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Whitetail Deer Farmers of OHIO ~ Spring Deadline	18	19	20
21	22 Earth Day	23	24 UpperMidwest Spring Deadline	25	26 Arbor Day	27
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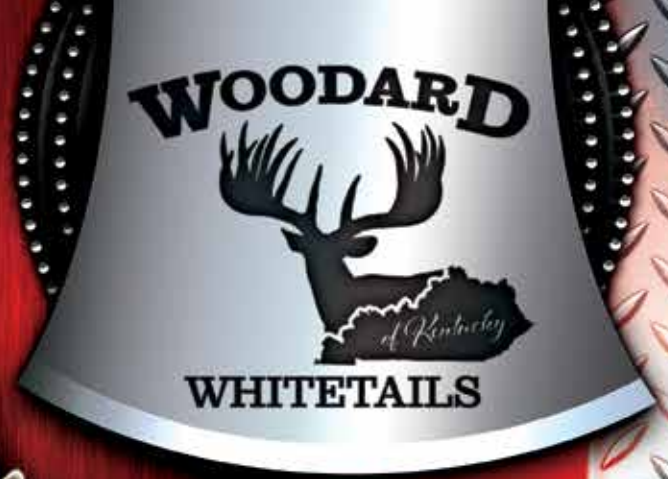
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5	6	7	8 Pennsylvania Summer Deadline	9	10	11
12 Mother's Day	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	1

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25	26	27	28	29	31	1
2	3	4	5 IDEFA Journal Summer Deadline	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 Tri-State Associations Summer Deadline	13	14 Flag Day	15
16 Father's Day	17	18	19 Alabama Summer Deadline	20	21	22
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# KANSAS DEER FARMERS SHARE IF I KNEW THEN WHAT I KNOW NOW, WHAT I MAY HAVE DONE DIFFERENTLY STARTING MY DEER FARM

By: Gail Veley • Sponsored by KEDA

In the fifteen years that Joe Bisogno has owned and managed 3,500 acres of farmland at Timber Hills Lake Ranch in Mapleton, Kansas, he's learned one extremely valuable lesson. "Instead of you working your land, make your land work for you," he said. While Bisogno dedicates his life to raising whitetails, elk, fallow deer and buffalo, he notices a common trend among livestock farmers. "They tend to focus more on the animals rather than on the land," he explained. "An equal amount of attention should be spent on land management and keeping it fertilized versus letting areas grow up with weeds that are out of control and other things you don't want. Consider what you have and what you don't want more of. As animals eat and defecate, they drop seeds that could leave you with 10,000 sprouting seeds or saplings you don't want that could take a week or more to brush hog out."

"Knowing how to make your land work for you versus you working your land is one of the most important aspects of raising livestock," Bisogno emphasized. "It could save you considerable amounts of time and money." Perhaps just as important, timely soil sampling might help ensure that your deer or other livestock don't end up living

on mere dirt, and that the soil itself contains the essential minerals it needs to sustain future vegetation growth.

In addition, deer and other livestock actively seek out the cover and security that brush and trees provide, and benefit even more when vegetation of this type doubles as a viable food source. Although Jake Lamb of Sand Creek Whitetail in St. George, Kansas is more of a newcomer to the deer industry, he sees firsthand the shade and serenity the mulberry, oak and walnut trees in one of his pens provides to his whitetail and hopes to offer the same level of landscaping in every future pen he builds.

During initial pen design and building, proper mowing is paramount as ticks can become an unwelcome nuisance. In running their businesses, both Bisogno and Lamb have witnessed the wrath of ticks firsthand. "I've had fawns practically eaten alive by ticks," Bisogno said. As such, he makes a regular practice along with Lamb of feeding supplements to help deter ticks and other troublesome parasites. While parasite control, fastidious land management practices and proper pen design should be considered simultaneously, Lamb wishes he had also paid more attention to constructing

alleyways.

"Alleyways are key, and I should have done that first," Lamb said. Had he to do over "I would have visited more farms and would have gotten a couple handling facilities set up and ready to go before deer arrived."

Short term plans



at Lamb's farm include constructing a 14-foot alleyway between pens one and two using telephone poles and cutting down brush. Other farm plans include turning an existing shed into handling facility in order to be able to do "a little bit of everything," Lamb said. "I'm willing to put a handling chute in there for A.I. when the need arises."

"We started off small to limit our mistakes," Lamb said. "Like all deer farmers, we are looking to have a breeder buck at some point and breed for CWD resistance. We'd ultimately like to grow large-bodied typical deer." Through the help of his parents who own a neighboring 260 acres, Lamb would also like to create a hunting preserve, his ultimate dream. "I'm grateful to every veteran deer farmer (such as Bisogno and Karla and Mike Kretschmer along with many more KEDA members) who offer advice and mentoring and want to help you succeed," Lamb said. "I encourage everyone to stay involved in your state associations and stay connected. This way we can all support each other."







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# TOP 30 NORTH AND SOUTH AND CHUPP'S AUCTIONS OFFER VALUABLE NETWORKING VENUES

By: Gail Veley • Sponsored by Whitetails of Oklahoma

The annual Chupp Auction and the Top 30 North and South Auctions not only provide opportunities to promote a farm or product, they are vitally important to keeping the enthusiasm for the deer industry going. The Chupp Auction, thought of by some as the "springboard" to Top 30 "encourages farms to put their best stuff in," offers Ivan Hochstetler of Double D Whitetails in Dundee, Ohio. "It gives people the incentive to keep breeding 'up' with the best genetics they can afford and gets them more excited for Top 30."

According to Whitetail Sales and Service co-owner Chris Ezell "we had a great turnout this year at Top 30," he said. "We want everyone to realize how necessary it is to make time for events like these. This is almost as important as attending the annual NADeFA convention."

Hochstetler, who has spent the last 14 years breeding deer, has been in the Top 30 North auction for the past 10 years, offering an auction lot of three bred does. "I'm extremely happy with what I got this year for my lot," he said. "It's very meaningful to be included. We are grateful to Kevin Grace who started it all."

When Eddie Ray Borkholder and his wife Diane prepare to participate in the Top 30 North auction, loading up to come includes more than packing a suitcase and deciding which three of his treasured Patrick-line does will be sold. It also includes a production of baking "Fry Pies" started long before the actual auction date. "This year we brought 300 pies," Eddie Ray said. "We give them away at our booth. It's a half-moon glazed pie filled with blueberries, strawberries, coconut or apple. We never have any trouble attracting people to our booth. That's one of the best things about auctions like Top 30. Meeting all the people who attend. A lot of the guys in it back then are gone and it's a whole different group of people now talking about deer. We love it. We are very thankful to Kevin Grace and the Chupp brothers for starting these auctions, and to Chris Ezell and Lester Eicher for keeping it going."

Like Hochstetler, Eddie Ray, who has been participating in Top 30 North since 2001, was also extremely happy with what his auction lot brought in this year. "The atmosphere of the auction and the excitement of bidding might entice someone to pay more for what you're selling compared to if you

were just selling the same deer off of your farm," Ezell said. "That's another great aspect about being involved."

Getting into the Top 30 as a consignor is not quite as daunting of a task as it might seem, Hochstetler, 67, shared. Along with the Top 30 North or South is also the Select 20, a secondary group of auction participants. Each year, the top five Select 20 auction winners take the place of the lowest Top 30 auction participants when the next Top 30 Auction North or South occurs. "This makes way for newcomers and encourages everyone to bring their best," he added.

"Every deer farmer should do whatever it takes to be a part of these auctions," Ezell said. Dates, times and places for each and every auction (as well as advertising deadlines) can be easily found by visiting <https://www.whitetailsalesauctionllc.com>, or talking with Eicher or Ezell. A percentage of the profits from auctions often end up being donated to a worthy cause such as nonprofit organizations that support hunting or land conservation.





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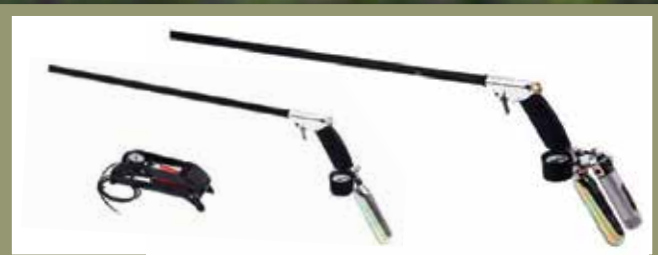


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- 1 Pound Ground Venison
- 1 Large Diced Roma Tomato
- ¼ Cup Chopped Cilantro
- 3 Tablespoons Lime Juice
- ¼ Cup Water or Broth (to help cook down the venison)
- 4-8 Tortillas
- Seasonings – 1 ½ tablespoon chili powder, ½ tablespoon cumin, ½ tablespoon paprika, ½ teaspoon salt & pepper, ¼ teaspoon garlic powder, and ¼ teaspoon onion powder



## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Sauté onion. In a large skillet or non-stick frying pan, heat 1 tablespoon of olive oil over medium-high heat. Once the oil begins to shimmer and gets close to smoking, add ½ cup of diced onion and sauté for 4 to 5 minutes or until the onion is translucent, tender, and fragrant.
2. Sauté venison. To the onion, add 1 teaspoon of minced garlic and sauté for an additional 30 seconds to 1 minute before adding 1 pound of ground venison. Then, loosely break up the venison and stir into the onion and garlic. Allow the venison to sear for 2 to 3 minutes, then flip and break up the venison as it browns.
3. Add seasoning. Once the ground venison is browned, add the seasoning, including 1 ½ tablespoon of chili powder, ½ tablespoon of cumin, ½ tablespoon of paprika, ½ teaspoon each of salt & pepper, ¼ teaspoon of garlic powder, and ¼ teaspoon of onion powder. Next, add ¼ cup chopped cilantro, 1 large diced Roma tomato, 3 tablespoons of lime juice, and ¼ cup of water. Stir the mixture until combined.
4. Simmer taco meat. Next, bring the ground venison taco meat to a boil, reduce heat to low, and then simmer for 5 minutes or until the taco meat reaches your desired consistency. When the taco meat is done, remove the pan from the heat and serve in about 4 to 8 of your favorite taco shells/tortillas. Top with desired condiments and serve!





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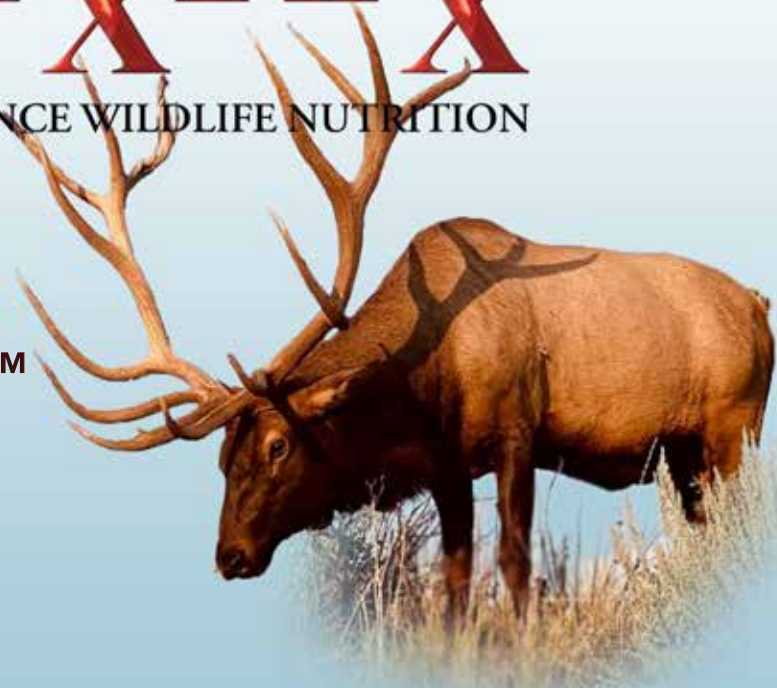
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## HELPING TO CREATE BENCHMARKS FOR DEER FARMERS

By: Gail Veley • Sponsored by UDFOM

**T**hrough Safari Club International (SCI), farm-raised deer who win antler competitions can be included in the record books. "SCI truly appreciates a deer for what they can grow on their head," explains SCI Master Measurer Steve Uchtyl. "They have their own classification for farmed deer. Not all hunting clubs are like that. SCI allows qualified or "Estate" deer to be included in their record books." Having a deer in the SCI record books "is a great way to make a name for your farm," said Uchtyl, who began antler scoring in 2017. "As a deer farmer, it's fun to be involved in competitions and create benchmarks for improvement and to be competitive with other farms. Pedigrees don't matter and the better you can compete antler-wise, the better it can be for your farm."

For more than 50 years, SCI, headquartered in Washington, D.C., has protected the freedom to hunt and has promoted wildlife conservation worldwide. SCI has close to 200 chapters representing approximately 106 countries with a membership of 50,000 and growing. In addition to operating a 501(c)3 foundation, SCI has the largest record book of any hunting organization.

At trade shows such as NADeFA, as well as other deer association conventions, antler scoring competitions are one of the most anticipated events and can involve several antler scorers and their

assistants. For Randall Bush, 81, being an SCI Master Measurer for 34 years has been one of his greatest passions. His work has taken him to numerous events and states and even to places as far away as Mongolia. Through his work as a Master Measurer, he has witnessed firsthand how hunting organizations have changed lives and created lasting memories.

From involvement in wounded warrior hunting clubs from Texas to Alabama to helping handicapped children with guided hunts, Bush feels certain this was truly meant to be his life's work. Although he worked 47 years as a pharmacist and retired years ago, Bush can never see himself retiring from the deer industry. "SCI has been my life," he said. "I have more energy now than ever before."

Like Bush, Uchtyl also looks forward to the time he spends scoring antlers as events such as The Monster Buck Classic, The Whitetails of Wisconsin annual convention, The Minnesota Deer Farmer's annual convention and others. "I've probably scored about 2,000 racks," he said. "I guess one of my most fun experiences and memories was The Monster Buck Classic a few years ago. I scored 100 plus racks that day and had to teach a bunch of kids about it. I had no shortage of helpers that day."

In his time as an antler scorer, Uchtyl has handled between 50 to 120 racks in one day. Depending on the size of the rack, each one takes

an average of 20 or more minutes to score. "Some of the most interesting racks are mule deer," he said. "There aren't usually a lot of them. Some of their antler features are very different than whitetails."

As the deer industry continues to grow and hunting preserves further embrace their role in land conservation and stewardship, being active in organizations like SCI strengthens the voice of all those involved. "We need the SCI standing behind us, promoting ethical hunting, recognizing farmed deer for what they are and supporting the work that we do," Uchtyl emphasized. "We appreciate what they have allowed us in the deer industry to accomplish and thrive upon."





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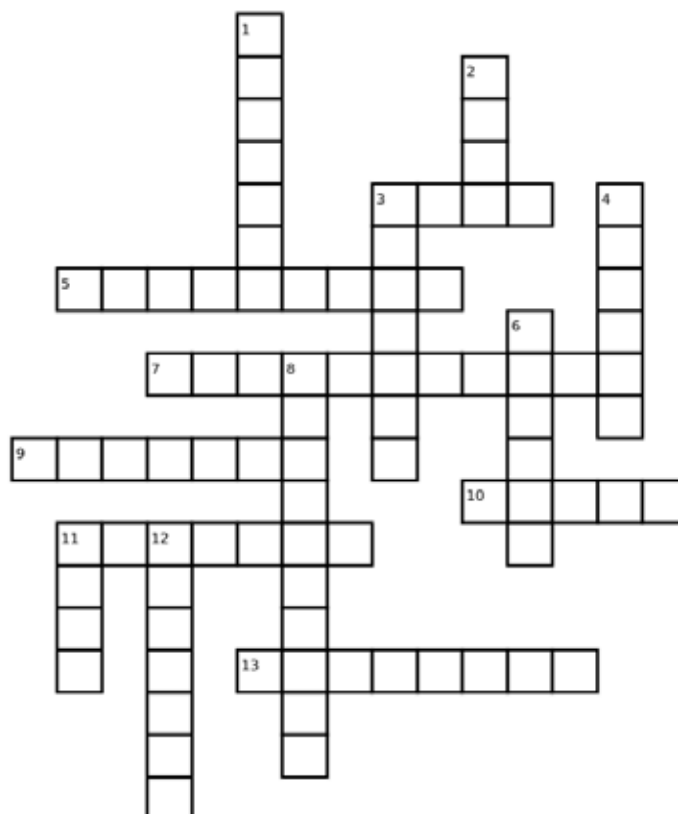
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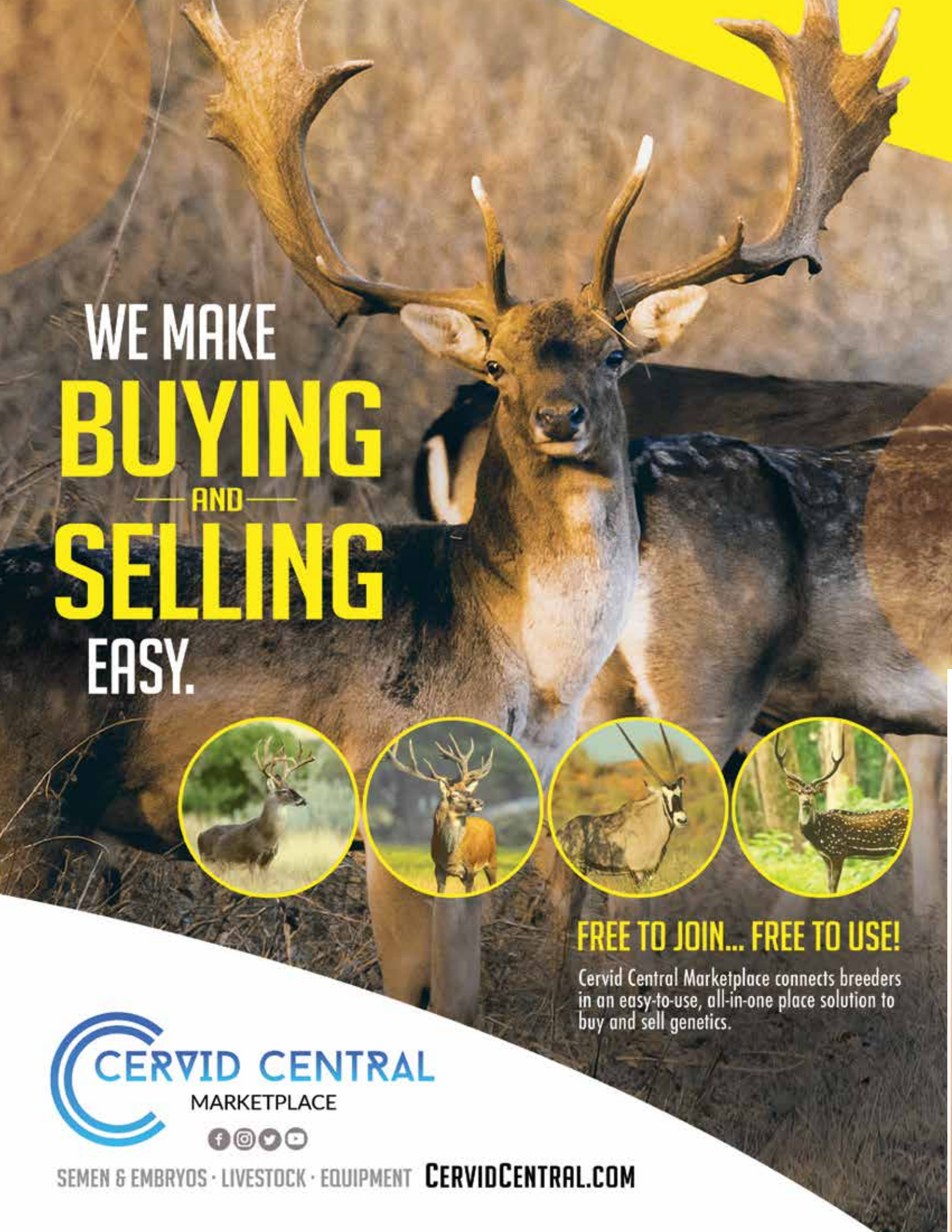
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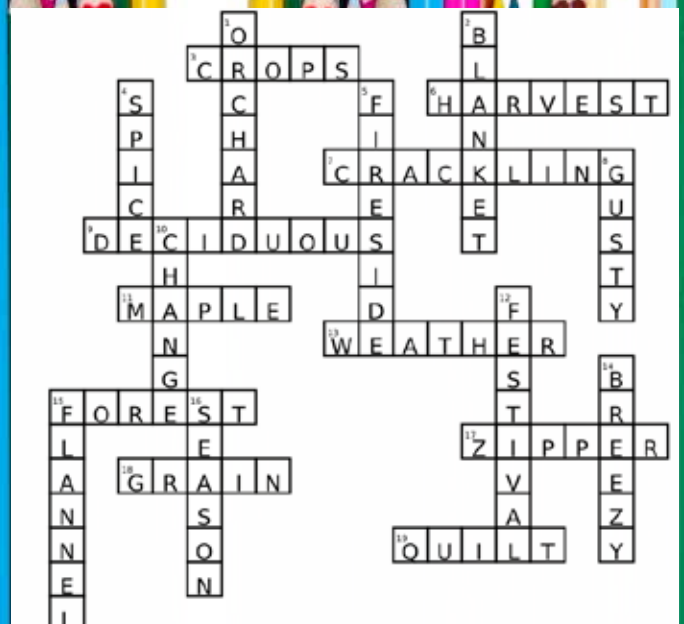
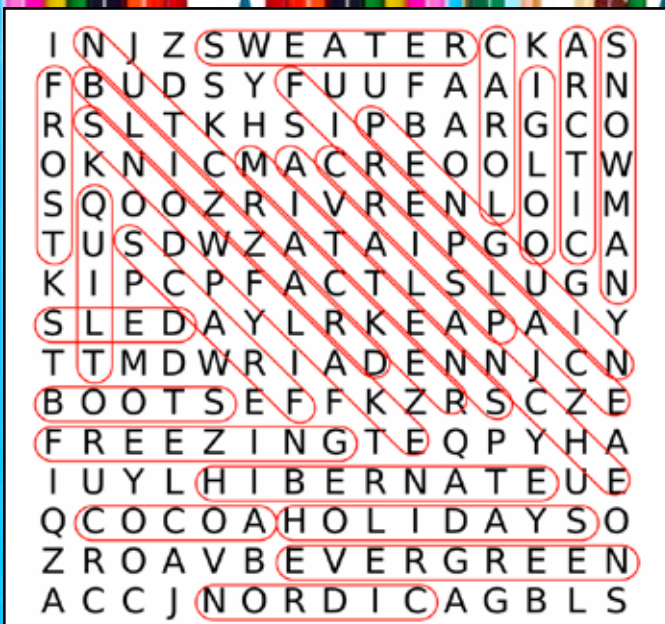
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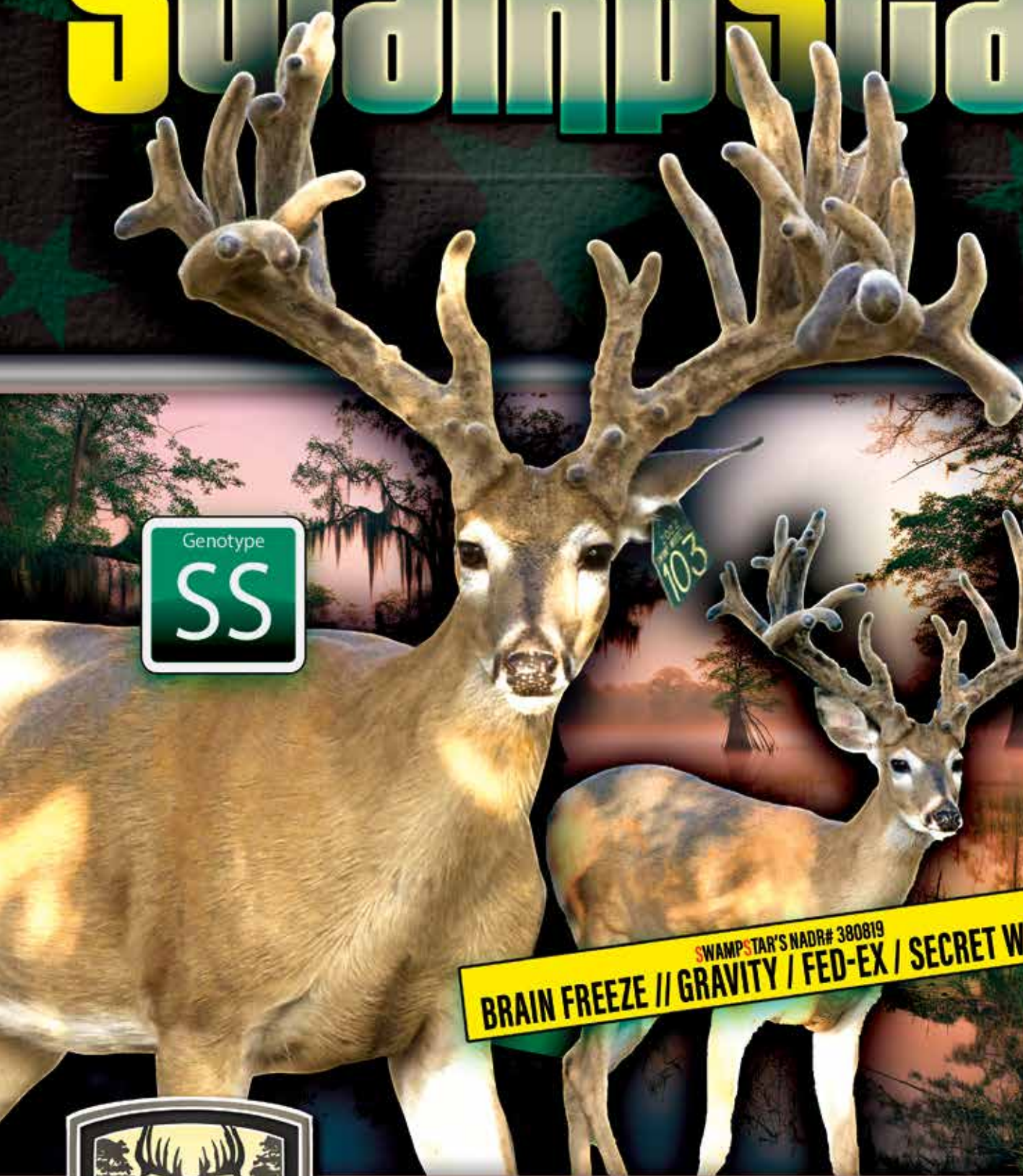
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