

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Subject Disposal of carcasses with chronic wasting disease		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

In the event that agreements could be reached with landfills this could save the state indemnity money provided for disposal costs for farm-raised cervids destroyed due to chronic wasting disease. Currently, herds destroyed due to chronic wasting disease are disposed of in a digester. This costs approximately \$0.30/lb plus transportation to the Wisconsin Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory where the digester is housed. If the carcasses could be land filled the costs would include transportation to a participating landfill and the tipping fee. The average tipping fee is \$50/ton, saving approximately \$550/ton on disposal. (this does not account for transportation costs)

It is impossible to estimate what the total annual cost savings would be. A few of the many variables that would effect this estimate include; how many landfills would be willing to enter into such agreements, where these landfills would be located, and how many farm raised cervids would be depopulated due to chronic wasting disease in any given year.

The DATCP is unable to speculate on the potential liability that may arise from these agreements.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications