

Chapter NR 16

GAME FARMS AND EXHIBITS

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(Sections 29.574 to 29.578, 29.585 and 29.586, Wis. Stats.)

NR 16.01 Deer farm fence specifications. (1) Deer farm fence construction, replacement or repairs on licensed deer farms shall comply with the following minimum specifications:

(a) *Minimum size.* There shall not be less than ½ acre of land within the area enclosed as a licensed deer farm.

(b) *Fence height.* 1. 7 ft. 10 in. woven wire for deer farms licensed for white-tailed and larger species of deer.

2. 6 ft. woven wire for deer farms licensed for species smaller than white-tailed deer.

(c) *Posts (wooden).* Length—12 ft. Tops not less than 4 in. in diameter. Corner and gate posts with minimum of 6 in. tops.

(d) *Posts (steel or iron).* Length—11 ft.

(e) *Post spacing.* 12 ft. (or less).

(f) *Wire (woven) mesh and gauge.*

1. 14½ gauge, not larger than 36 sq. in. mesh opening.

2. 12½ gauge, not larger than 48 sq. in. mesh opening.

3. 11 gauge or heavier, not larger than 48 sq. in. mesh opening.

4. Adjoining strips or widths of woven wire shall be securely fastened together at intervals not exceeding 4 ft.

(g) *Staples.* Nine-gauge, one staple for each strand of wire.

(2) EXCEPTIONS. The use of materials, other than those herein specified, in deer farm fence construction may be permitted by the secretary if found to exceed minimum specifications and in fact sufficient to hold the deer therein.

**History:** Cr. Register, April, 1958, No. 28, eff. 5-1-58; renun. from WCD 16.01 to be NR 16.01 and am. (2), Register, April, 1971, No. 184, eff. 5-1-71.

NR 16.02 Game farm fence specifications. (1) Game bird and animal farm fence construction, replacement or repairs shall comply with the following minimum specifications: The area to be included within the licensed game bird and animal farm shall be enclosed with a woven wire fence not lighter than 20-gauge wire with mesh not larger than 2 inches. Such fence shall be not less than 47 inches high of which 6 inches may be laid in or upon the ground in a manner to prevent the passage of game at ground level. Fence specifications for bear and other large animals shall be as defined in subsection NR 16.10 (11).

(2) EXCEPTION. Variation in fence construction other than specified shall be submitted to the secretary and may be approved by the

secretary if found to comply with the intent and purpose of these rules.

**History:** Cr. Register, April, 1958, No. 28, eff. 5-1-58; cr. (1), Register, November, 1959, No. 47, eff. 12-1-59; am. Register, August, 1961, No. 68, eff. 9-1-61; renum. from WCD 16.02 to be NR 16.02, and am. (1) and (2), Register, April, 1971, No. 184, eff. 5-1-71.

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**NR 16.04 Tagging hand-reared game.** Hand-reared game shall not be released for hunting purposes within the boundaries of a licensed game bird and animal farm until there shall have been securely attached to the leg of such game, leg band or tag furnished at cost by the department.

**History:** Cr. Register, April, 1958, No. 28, eff. 5-1-58; am. Register, November, 1959, No. 47, eff. 12-1-59; renum. from WCD 16.04 to be NR 16.04 and am., Register, April, 1971, No. 184, eff. 5-1-71.

**NR 16.10 Wildlife exhibits.** (1) **APPLICATION.** This section applies to wildlife exhibits and wildlife exhibit licenses provided in section 29.585, Wis. Stats.

(2) **DEFINITIONS.** The following terms, when used in this section, shall be construed as indicated.

(a) *Pen.* "Pen" includes any cage, fenced-in plot, or other enclosure in which birds or animals are held under a wildlife exhibit license.

(b) *Adult.* "Adult" means any animal which has reached the age of one year.

(c) *Wild animals.* "Wild animals" are defined as any mammal, bird, fish or other creature of a wild nature endowed with sensation and capable of voluntary motion.

(3) **APPLICATION FOR LICENSE.** Applications for wildlife exhibit licenses shall be on forms prepared and furnished by the secretary and shall show:

(a) The name and address of the applicant.

(b) The location of the proposed exhibit, including a legal description of the land and the approximate area devoted to the entire exhibit. Traveling exhibits shall include their itinerary and dates of exhibition.

(c) The species and number of wild animals to be exhibited.

(d) The source from which wild animals are to be obtained. If already in possession, include the license number under which they are possessed.

(e) Specifications of the pens and shelters provided for each kind of wild animal.

(4) **TRAVELING WILDLIFE EXHIBITS.** Applications for traveling wildlife exhibits having pen specifications that do not comply with the minimums required in subsection (1) may be approved by the secretary provided all other rules of wildlife exhibits are complied with.

(5) **STOCK TO BE LEGALLY OBTAINED.** All animals and birds retained in a wildlife exhibit shall have been obtained in a lawful manner. Evidence of lawful possession, such as the receipted invoice, bill of lading or similar evidence of the source from which any wild animal was obtained, shall be presented for inspection to any department