

Please “help” your local deer, elk, wild turkey and other wildlife by not “helping” with handouts of food. It’s the responsible thing to do. Today’s abundant wildlife populations are not the product of individual piles of bait feed but rather a society that came together to regulate hunting, conserve habitat and manage species in sustainable ways.



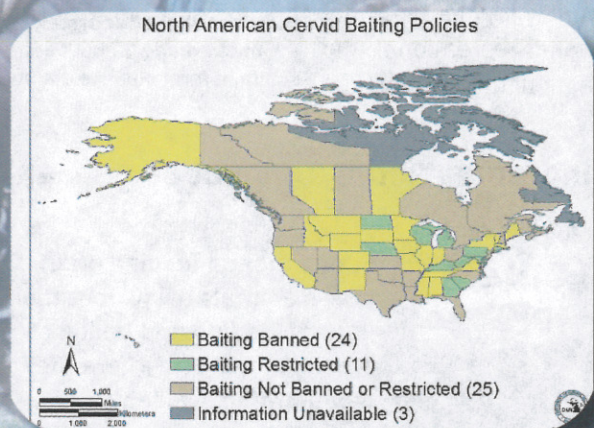
Big problems start with small handouts. Feeding deer makes them less wild, more vulnerable to disease and subject to population increases above the land’s carrying capacity.



More is not merrier. Deer that congregate in unnaturally high numbers tend to damage privately owned crops, vegetable gardens and ornamental plants. They also retard new forest growth by eating the buds of young trees.



Expensive and largely unseen, millions of taxpayer dollars are used each year to fund state and federal efforts to monitor, minimize and potentially eliminate diseases that affect public wildlife and private livestock.



Increasing international awareness has led many states and provinces to ban or restrict the baiting of deer, elk and moose. States that don’t restrict baiting are being confronted with hunting ethic issues, including rearing a future generation of hunters who don’t scout, identify deer sign or learn deer behavior.