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Title- Recommendation to change the practices of issuing unlimited antler-less deer tags for the price of \$2.00 and "Earn-a-Buck" program.

Problem- "Earn-a-Buck" and \$2.00 tags allows individuals to purchase large numbers of tags and overkill large numbers of does and fawns. Being a dairy farmer in this area (22A) for forty-seven years, I feel I have an adequate perspective of our deer herd and how it has decreased due to these enacted practices. I can't say for certain, but I would think this applies statewide. If a dairy farmer were to kill his female animals he would soon be out of business. Likewise, if we eliminate much of the doe herd, the total population will diminish, does and bucks included.

Questions- If the earn a buck is to be stopped to help replenish the deer herd "why" would the \$2.00 tag's be continued. We know this practice is going on in 22a. And would like to see it stopped immediately.

Solution- Discontinue the "Earn-a-Buck" and \$2.00 tag programs and subsequently evaluate the deer herd population.

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