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Title: No buck sticker given for shooting an antler less buck

The Problem: The Earn a Buck (EAB) system was designed to harvest more does, the animals that do repopulating of the herd to bring down the deer numbers not the buck fawns. Although one may argue that the buck fawns are not specifically targeted, in an attempt to acquire a buck sticker many are taken. There are several ways one can identify a buck fawn besides the nubs on its head. The tarsal glands on a buck fawn are dark brown or almost black like older buck, there head is more block like than a doe fawn and his neck will be swollen during the rut like older bucks. A bow hunter in most cases will be close enough to see this and with rifles being allowed in all CWD zone and much of the state most of which have high power scopes in which one could see these things prior to taking the shot. The hunter has already shot one buck and then receives a buck tag to shoot another all while not helping to achieve the goal. In an effort to increase hunter satisfaction in the future we need to come up with a plan to protect more young bucks.

Another alternative could be a 2 or 3 buck limit regardless of how many buck stickers someone has or even an owe-a-doe plan.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting in Walworth County on April 13, 2009 recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the Department to take action to correct this situation by introducing rule changes that a buck sticker will not be given when an antlerless buck or buck fawn is registered.

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