

Resolution

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Title: Revised Waterfowl Baiting Rules

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Last year during the regular Canadian goose season we were unable to hunt the fields we normally hunt, due to 480 acres of passed sweet corn because under the Federal Law it is considered baiting.

I would like to see a revision to the Waterfowl Baiting Rules. I do not feel that the Federal Migratory Baiting Rule should applied to the passed vegetable crop acreage such as sweet corn, because, it is a common agricultural practice that the canning companies do annually due to crops which are to mature, have insects and have worms. As farmers, we look forward to harvesting our total acreage planted. The acreage that is passed, is determined by the canning companies not the farmer. Should our crops be passed by canning companies, we chop, disk or deep till, meaning the crop is covered and not exposed.

I know the birds like to flock to these fields to feed, however, I feel here in Wisconsin with having a daily limit of two birds. I do not feel hunting these fields will have an impact on the bird population. Large cities like Wisconsin Rapids, Madison and Milwaukee have used silhouette dogs as well as hired sharp shooters to destroy these same birds that we hunters are not allowed to hunt in the fields that have been passed by the canning companies.

I would like to have placed in the legal rules:

- 1. E. Normal Agricultural practice that encompass disking over mature or passed vegetable crop acreage.

I feel this is an ongoing situation for years to come, with more fields being planted to vegetable crops and planting dates being later.

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