

# Resolution #3

Title: Addendum to Crop Damage Tags

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## The Problem:

Crop damage tags are given out to farmers who register crop damage from deer. However, the managed access system allows for unscrupulous farmers to retain these tags for friends or family only, and to turn away or even extort would-be hunters into paying for the tags.

The fact that more and more public land is lost to hunters means that those who could hunt can be turned away by farmers "rigging" the system to gain more tags for themselves and for friends or family. This is greatly unfair to hunters without any private lands to hunt on, or wishing to try their luck elsewhere.

As such, it would be reasonable to suggest that any such issued tags carry over to the next year, and that those who receive these tags cannot receive new ones until all previously-issued tags have been filled. In this measure, it would actually encourage farmers to let other hunters fill the tags on their land, and thus reduce yearly damages incurred by deer.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Brown County on April 11, 2016 recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the department to take action to implement a carryover measure for crop damage issued tags so that recipients may not take unfair advantage of the system.

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