**Game farms for deer:** Rainn Anderson, Andrew Beck, Kassidy Vaikness, Emma Lynch, Nick Moses, Alex Emke

# Introduction/thesis:

Game farms are defined as an agricultural property where game animals are raised as livestock for the purpose of hunting. Whitetail game farms are a controversial concept that goes against the North American Model of wildlife conservation with many negative astigmatisms yet have a historical and economic value that keeps them alive for the “American Sportsman”.

# Background:

Often used for the sale of antlers, velvet, urine, controlled hunts, and breeding stocks.

The topic of whitetail deer farms is a highly debated idea due to the blatant overpopulation of the species in the US. Paid hunting of whitetails provides an economic value yet at the same time

concentrates deer for a heightened risk of spreading CWD

# 3-5 Main Points:

1. CWD spreads more rapidly in game farms
2. Captive cervids have negative ecological consequences
3. Economic pros and cons
4. The stigma surrounding hunting on game farms

# Conclusion:

In conclusion, game farms provide economic and historic benefits, while also

contributing to ecological degradation and the spread of disease. They will remain a highly contested debate in the face of the North American Model.

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