

**170.1 Definitions.**

As used in [this chapter](#), unless the context otherwise requires:

1. “*Chronic wasting disease*” means the animal disease afflicting deer, elk, or moose that is a transmissible disease of the nervous system resulting in distinctive lesions in the brain and that belongs to the group of diseases that is known as transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSE).

2. “*Department*” means the department of agriculture and land stewardship.

3. a. “*Farm deer*” means an animal belonging to the cervidae family and classified as part of the dama species of the dama genus, commonly referred to as fallow deer; part of the elaphus species of the cervus genus, commonly referred to as red deer or elk; part of the virginianus species of the odocoileus genus, commonly referred to as whitetail; part of the hemionus species of the odocoileus genus, commonly referred to as mule deer; part of the nippon species of the cervus genus, commonly referred to as sika; or part of the alces species of the alces genus, commonly referred to as moose.

b. “*Farm deer*” does not include any unmarked free-ranging elk, whitetail, or mule deer. “*Farm deer*” also does not include preserve whitetail which are kept on a hunting preserve as provided in [chapter 484C](#).

4. “*Fence*” means a boundary fence which encloses farm deer within a landowner’s property as required to be constructed and maintained pursuant to [section 170.4](#).

5. “*Landowner*” means a person who holds an interest in land, including a titleholder or tenant.

[2003 Acts, ch 149, §4, 23](#); [2005 Acts, ch 139, §1](#); [2012 Acts, ch 1095, §58, 59](#); [2024 Acts, ch 1170, §242](#)

Referred to in [§10.1, 167.22, 169A.1, 169C.1, 189A.2, 190A.2, 423.1, 481A.1, 481A.134, 481A.135, 673A.3, 715E.1, 716.7, 716.7A, 716.8, 716.13, 716.14, 717.1](#)

Subsection 2 stricken and former subsections 3 – 6 renumbered as 2 – 5