

571—116.6(483A) Duties of venison distributor. In order to continue participation in HUSH, the distributor shall enter into an annual agreement with the department for venison pickup from meat processors and distribution throughout Iowa, and for the administration of financial accounts with meat processors. The distributor shall make reports to the department. The distributor shall be compensated by the department at a rate per deer as determined annually by the department, with recommendations from the HUSH council taken into consideration.

116.6(1) *Venison pickup and distribution.* The distributor shall cause timely pickup of venison from meat processors and distribution of the venison to the distributor's member social service agencies.

116.6(2) *Payments to meat processors.* The distributor shall make payments to meat processors at the rate set by the department. Prior to receiving payment, a meat processor shall be required to provide the following: a record of each donated deer that includes information required by the department, an invoice from the meat processor, a copy of a completed donor form, and a supporting record of the venison pickup. Provided funding is available from the department, payments shall be made to meat processors within 30 days of submittal of a complete and accurate record.

116.6(3) *Reports to the department.* The distributor shall keep accurate records of the amount of venison picked up from meat processors and distributed to qualified agencies, including copies of receipts and invoices from venison pickups, and by April 1 of each year shall provide the department a report of each donated deer for which payment was made to a meat processor.

116.6(4) *Reimbursement to the department.* If any funding provided by the DNR is unused for venison processing or administrative costs, all unused funds shall be refunded to the department by May 1 of each year.