

MN livestock producers are experiencing record losses of cattle due to wolf predation. I can tell you that most livestock producers are NOT being compensated for wolf damage/kills. The DNR work hard to put up road-blocks to see to it that the livestock killed by a wolf are not actually verified as a wolf kill. Then, when it is verified (rarely) as a wolf kill on livestock, the livestock producer still does not always get paid. Most livestock producers in this part of the state have become so discouraged that they have quit reporting wolf predation on livestock.

The deer population in many parts of MN has been totally destroyed. Deer hunting is a family tradition that is now being broken, as young hunters do not want to go hunting when they fail to ever see a deer. Our hunting heritage is being destroyed.

There have been many dogs, horses, and sheep that have also been killed by wolves. We need immediate relief from wolf predation, and we urge you to continue working hard at passing meaningful legislation that will give us relief from wolf predation.

Thank you,

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