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Deer a problem?

Come to the Quality Deer Management Association session on February 5, 2011

Ed Kee, Delaware Secretary of Agriculture, is inviting farmers, landowners, hunters, and other interested guests to attend a Quality Deer Management Association (QDMA) session on **February 5, 2011** at the State Fairgrounds in Harrington, DE. The session will be in the Exhibit Hall from **9 AM until 1 PM**. This educational session is designed for farmers, landowners and hunters to help manage deer populations mitigate crop damage and improve hunting opportunities. Topics will include deer biology, reproduction, feeding habits, migration and deer behavior. Habitat management, population dynamics and many other deer related topics will be covered. There will be time for participants to ask questions pertaining to their individual operations. The session is free and open to all interested persons. Young people who are interested in hunting and/or agriculture are welcome. No reservations are necessary.

Kee said, "I am really pleased to welcome our team of experts to Delaware: Joe Hamilton and Kip Adams of the QDMA, Dr. Mark Conner of Chesapeake Farms, and E.W. Grimes of the Maryland Branch of QDMA. These gentlemen will discuss in detail how farmers and hunters can best work together to set and attain goals for managing deer to maximize farm profits and improve recreation opportunities."

The event is Co-sponsored by the Delaware Department of Agriculture, Delaware Department of Natural Resource and Environmental Control, and the Quality Deer Management Association. During the session, QDMA will give away two door prizes: Roundup Herbicide and a Cuddeback deer scouting camera.

Program outline follows:

- Welcome
 - Ed Kee, Secretary, Delaware Department of Agriculture
 - Chip West, President, Quality Deer Management Assn., Delaware Chapter
 - Pat Emory, Division of Fish/Wildlife Delaware Department of Natural Resource And Environmental Control
- Deer Management, Biology and Habitat Management
 - E. W. Grimes, President, Quality Deer Management Assn., Maryland Chapter
 - Dr. Mark Conner, Chesapeake Farms, DuPont Inc.
 - Kip Adams, Biologist/ Northern Director of Education and Outreach Quality Deer Management Association
 - Joe Hamilton, Biologist/ Founder Quality Deer Management Association
 - Joe Rogerson, Deer/Furbearer Biologist Delaware Division of Fish/Wildlife

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