

Northeast Deer and Elk Farmer News



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President's Paddock by Bob Root

Presidents Paddock

Spring; is in full bloom, and with it comes the commitment to do all of those things that winter would not allow. With a list of to-do's each day seeming to get longer and longer, how I long for that 1 job in a day that only winter could provide; clearing out a seven foot drift from a quarter mile of laneway. Yes your right; that isn't exciting, however Homer thought it a hoot, standing on hard pack, looking down from just inside his paddock.

Our 07 Annual Convention was hosted by Ken Swett and Tony Tuttle, in Augusta, Maine with a good time had by all, Hats off to Tony and Ken for a job well done.. These events are not a quick task, a few calls and all is done. To the contrary several trips to Augusta, arranging the facility for the meeting, meals, set up speakers and the coordination with their busy schedules. Then after all is arranged to keep tract of the event from start to finish, no easy task.

I, like many enjoy these events, and see them as an excellent chance to get away, to renew old acquaintances, and friendships, catch up on news, and meet new people who are joining this industry. For those who couldn't make it, read on we will try to update, as best we can. Next years convention will be hosted by Butch and Norma Mierke with help from Randy and Joann Ensign and Bob and Beverly Root, somewhere in central New York.

As stressed so often this industry is being challenged by organizations, and some officials, which us erroneous information to influence support from those who do not do the proper homework, but follow blindly. When these organizations are taken to task usually good information and honesty prevail. It is no secret that there are some bad actors in this business, and they in turn bring a cloud over the ones who are trying to follow and work with the regulatory agencies, the key here is work with. Often good minded law makers will push

for legislation which is meant to protect the public; however with help and information from those in the industry these rules can be changed to be more agreeable to all. Keeping in tune to what is going on is a must to all producers, following websites of organizations which support this industry, (there are several), keeping tract of your state legislature, to name a couple.

Sun's up, thunder showers called for later today, this will make the grass grow, lawn mowing, yet another task to add to the to-do list. Be involved, keep committed, share information, the old adage is true, many hands make light work.

Till later

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NDEF Annual Meeting

Augusta ME
 April 21, 2007

It was a beautiful weekend for the NDEF annual meeting and conference, held at the Senators Inn in Augusta, Maine. It was great for traveling and for getting together again with old friends and new. Friday evening provided an opportunity to register, check out auction items, and socialize while board members had their first meeting of the weekend. It also allowed members to rest up for what was to be a very busy Saturday.

Ken and Gladys Swett were the hosts for the weekend's events. After a very satisfying breakfast, Ken called everyone together to begin the day's program. Ken and President Bob Root welcomed everyone. The meeting was underway.

Bob represented the state of New York as he offered some updates on the CWD situation there. 8000 heads were tested in the containment area. They all came back negative, with no suspects. There have been no new cases found, and it is hoped that it won't be long before the state is declared CWD free.

Vermont now has both a new Secretary of Agriculture and a Deputy Secretary. According to Koran Cousino, a major issue in her state is that of hunting preserves. There are currently two. Under proposed new rules, those two would be grandfathered; any others would be prohibited.



Jim Neil reported from New Hampshire several proposed rule and legislation changes, a couple of them regarding on-farm slaughter. One rule had proposed that it could be done in nothing larger than a 15'x15' enclosure. Also, some proposed legislation was introduced to have the permittee or his designee be able to shoot a farmed deer or elk. The 15'x15' enclosure part is gone, but it was left that the only person who can shoot a farmed deer or elk on a farm is the person whose name is on the permit—not what was hoped for.

The Fish and Game Department also attempted to get a rule passed to require deer and elk farms to either be enrolled in a CWD monitoring program or put up double fence, 8' high, 10' ft apart and mowed in between annually. At the time of the meeting, a final decision had not been reached. However, borders are still not open for interstate transport of Deer or Elk.

Maine was represented by Tony Tuttle. He reported that the Maine Deer and Elk Farmers organization has been relatively inactive, although they did meet the Sunday before this meeting. Those that attended discussed the wish to have their borders opened. The state wants to initiate a CWD surveillance program. Some of the farmers expressed concerns about missing CWD test results from 2003-2006.

Hank Dimuzio reported on the NADeFA annual meeting and their economic impact study. The study received a little more than 20% of the reports back, but it was felt that was a reasonable return for this first attempt. A couple of other interesting items that came out of the NADeFA meeting—One whitetail deer sold for \$102,000 at the auction. The other tidbit was that you can keep venison, vacuum-packed, at 32° for 30 days and still have it considered fresh, according to the USDA.

Ken lined up an impressive group of speakers. Clinton Giustra, Livestock Specialist with the Maine Dept of Ag, has been on board a relatively short time. But he has already begun to make farm visits to discuss things like the slaughter industry. He said that the ID program is voluntary, and that the Humane Slaughter Bill was changed to a resolution. He stated that farmers need to demand face-to-face meetings with their legislators, meetings that are result-oriented.

John Jemison from the University of Maine Co-op Extension spoke on which kinds of forage grasses do well in what kinds of conditions. Martin Stokes, from Animal and Veterinary Sciences, UMaine took those thoughts further and applied them to deer and elk nutritional needs at different times of the year.

After a really good lunch, Seth Bradstreet, Maine State Commissioner of Agriculture spoke, followed by Shelley Doak, Director of Animal Health and Industry.

John Olson, Executive Secretary of the Maine Farm Bureau introduced himself to us. He said that one of his most important jobs is to lobby for Maine farmers at the state legislature.

Dr. Dwight Bruno, who is with the New York State Dept of Agriculture and Markets, gave us a CWD update for his state. He seemed very upbeat about the direction the state is going in.

Continuing from the morning's discussion of forages and nutrient requirements, Gary Anderson, from UMaine Co-op Extension, got into the components of forages, such as you might see on your hay/forage reports when you have it tested.



Since the early part of 2005, members of NDEF have been involved in the many stages of a USDA Value-Added Producer Grant. This grant was to do a marketing study concerning the feasibility of producing velvet antler products for consumption by pets, primarily by dogs.

The application process, the announcement of the award of a \$40,362.00 grant, the steps required to become eligible to accept it (becoming incorporated, getting bonded, getting Plymouth State University graduate students involved, and many other steps) were just the beginning. The students gave their presentation at last year's NDEF meeting in New Hampshire.

To bring members up to date, Henry Ahern gave a synopsis of what has happened since then. In July, the steering committee posted an ad, received and reviewed applications, and hired one of the respondents for the position of Marketing Research Consultant. Members started sending their money and velvet antler donations. Susie Lordi, the consultant, spent time learning about velvet antler, then researching trade shows that would provide opportunities to hand out questionnaires, and making contacts to whom samples and other questionnaires and information would later be sent. She went to a show in No. Conway, NH; a holistic vet show in West Point NY; a pet groomer show in Warwick, RI; and a consumer-oriented show in Manchester, NH.

Finally, the grant came to an end in December, 2006. The questionnaire results had been compiled, and Susie's report, and job, were done.

The conclusion was that there is definitely a market for velvet antler products in the pet market. Many of the vets and their clients were excited about the positive results they saw in the "test" animals.

The next step is to have someone pick up the ball to create a separate company (NDEF as non-profit corporation cannot sell these products) with the goal of purchasing NDEF members' velvet antler at a price that makes it worthwhile to raise animals who produce good velvet antler and to harvest it. This entity would be responsible for purchasing the velvet and getting it processed. They would also have to have someone ready to market and sell the final products.

The last session for the day's program was led by Mark Drew and Mark Luce. They presented different perspectives on supplying animals to the hunt park/ranch market—what they are looking for in animals and the importance of good genetics. It was a lively discussion. It is a market many are interested in participating in, but with state borders closed, it makes it very difficult to get deer and elk for the parks.

The evening events began with a cash bar and venison dinner. The results of the Hard Antler Competition were announced. There were 24 entries in all, including fallow deer, red deer and elk. There is some impressive antler in this organization! You can see pictures of some of them elsewhere in the newsletter.

Ken introduced Henry Bascomb, Maine Humorist, our evening's entertainer. He was a firm believer in audience participation! Ayuh!

President Bob Root presented Henry Ahern the first Annual President's Award, for his outstanding contributions to NDEF.

A very successful auction followed. A successful bid even came in by phone from a member who could not attend this year. And the transient Bat Guano found yet another home!

Put a tentative mark on your calendar for next year—in central New York somewhere, and probably early April. See you there!

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NDEF 2007 Review

If you did not attend the 2007 Annual NDEF Meeting in Augusta, Maine you missed a *Wicked Good Time*.

The hotel accommodations were top notch. The speakers had a lot of good information for us and the way the venison was served Saturday night was one of the best presentations I have had at a NDEF meeting.

We had 20 NDEF member farms represented who have 2777 deer behind the high fence.

Everyone learned how to talk like a *Mainer* with Henry Bascomb, Humorist. After putting on a *Wicked good show* with a lot of audience participation, Henry Bascomb then was the Auctioneer. There was \$3964.00 raised during the auction. And the priceless Bat Guano made it through another year.

See you all in New York State in 2008.

Kenneth Swett
Ash Hill View Deer Farm
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Vermont News

By Koran Cousino

On Monday April 16th Vermont NDEF Members Hank Dimuzio, Richard Frost, Koran Cousino and Punky and Diane Rowlee had a meeting with Vermont's new Secretary of Agriculture Roger Albee and new Deputy Secretary Anson Tebbetts. The purpose of the meeting was to get to know them and get an idea of how they feel about cervid farming in the state. It was the intention of the group to educate the New Secretary and Deputy Secretary about cervid farming in general as well as specific issues in the cervid industry. The main issue being, opening borders for movement of live deer and elk in the Northeast. Secretary Albee told the group that he would like to speak to his counterparts in the Agency of Natural Resources before giving us real hope for live cervid importation in the near future. Vermont NDEF members suggested to the Agency that they speak to the Secretaries or Commissioners of Agriculture in the other Northeast states to discuss a regional border opening and get on the same page about this issue.

On another note the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Board is still in the process of implementing new Rules Governing the Importation and Possession of Animals for Taking by Hunting. Currently there is a draft of the rules that has undergone a first vote and a public comment period as well as a public hearing. At the Fish and Wildlife Board meeting in February one of the attorneys representing a hunt preserve owner questioned whether the Fish and Wildlife Board was going beyond the scope of its authority and the legislative intent in drafting this rule. After speaking to their attorney the Fish and Wildlife Board decided it would be best to request that the Vermont Attorney General give the Board an opinion on this matter before taking further action. The next Fish and Wildlife Board meeting is scheduled for May 16th when the Board will find out if an opinion has been issued by the Attorney General.

News from New York

Seems to be a quite spring until today; May 15, 07 the canned hunt bill is raising its ugly head again. Bill No. A.2612 (Glick) will go before the Environmental Conservation Committee in Albany, this is basically the same bill introduced by Sen. Padavan with a few modifications. When in Albany with the NYFB lobby group we sat in their office and were assured that the wording did not pertain to our hunting preserves, however as you know that wording is always up for interpretation.

The NYFB Cervid Lobby group was lead By Jeff Williams from the NYFB, also in attendance were Martha Goodsell, Les Armstrong, Dave Vanderzees, Mark Serapica, and Bob Root. The negative impact that this bill will cause is in the millions of dollars, there are over 500 deer and elk farms in New York State with an estimated livestock worth of \$43 million dollars and a hunt preserve sale income of \$7 million. If you want to throw in the total business investment including, land, livestock, fencing, etc. it is approximately \$4.3 Billion. We cannot afford to have legislation which will close down or impede hunt preserves; they are a needed part of our business, like selling meat, cervid products, breeding stock, start up animals, and interstate trade. As before mentioned these bills are written with good intention by honorable people who do not have the full story, or may not have thought through the outcome to those that are, or may be affected.

Bob Root



Recipe of the Issue

Served at the Convention

Appetizer- Senator House Salad with mixed greens, toasted walnuts, mandarin oranges and blue cheese with an orange-ginger vinaigrette.

For dinner- Pavé of Venison with Blueberry & Port Wine Sauce, served with Baked Potato with Sour Cream, Fresh Seasonal Vegetable, and French Rolls with Butter.

For dessert- Black Beast- A dense chocolate cake topped with hazelnuts.

Pavé of Venison with Blueberry and Port Sauce

The most indulgent cut of Venison, on a rich blueberry and port sauce bed, will make an excellent choice for a spectacular diner.



For the Blueberry and port Sauce:
4 tablespoons sugar
1 tablespoon balsamic or sherry vinegar
150 ml (1/4 pint) red wine
250 g (8 oz) fresh blueberries
3 tablespoons ruby port
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
Four Venison steaks (pavé)
Deep-fried sage leaves, to garnish

Put the sugar in a small saucepan and melt over a gentle heat then bring to the boil to caramelize. When a good golden colour, pour in the wine mixed with the vinegar. It will hiss and splutter. Stir over a gentle heat until any lumps are dissolved. Bring to the boil and boil fiercely until reduced by half. Add the blueberries and simmer for 2-3 minutes until they begin to collapse and thicken the sauce. Remove from the heat, stir in the port and season with salt and pepper. Keep warm.

Heat a ridged griddle pan until smoking hot. Put the Venison on the griddle to sear for 2-3 minutes then turn the heat down to medium and griddle without moving for another 2-3 minutes. Turn over and cook for a further 3 minutes. This is for rare meat, cook for 2-3 minutes longer for medium rare. Lift onto a plate, cover with foil and leave to rest for 10 minutes to allow the Venison to relax.

Serve the steaks with the sauce, with some deep-fried sage leaves as a garnish.

AND WE WERE WORRIED ABOUT CWD!

By Punky & Diane Rowlee,
Hollandeer Farm

Last summer we were riding high. Our best crop of fawns yet. 46 total including our bottle fed fawn, Sunny. Around the end of August we were getting ready to bring in the herd to vaccinate and remove antler so we could set out our breeding pens. Just before we brought the deer in, Punky found a fawn dead in the pasture. Since his mother never came for grain, we thought maybe he died for the lack of the necessary nutrients he wasn't getting from her. Didn't think too much about it. Of course we get upset whenever we lose an animal, but "it happens".

Brought the animals in for shots and Cydectin drench, separated out the who goes where and let the stags in where they belong. Several days later we find several more animals dead. This time we are really unnerved. We call the vet, they come, do a necropsy and don't have any answers. Samples sent to lab. Several days go by and no answers yet. Meanwhile several more fawns are found dead. Same symptoms. Black runny stool, upon necropsy find runny bloody intestines. Again, call the vet, do another necropsy and this time they send the samples to Cornell for testing. Vet suggests we redo vaccinations so we bring in the animals once again. Since we are now into about of month of finding dead animals we decide to remove the stags in order to not stress the animals any more then they already are. Some time goes by and still no results from Cornell and animals keep dying. Mostly fawns, but not entirely. Some of our best breed stock and yearlings are dying.

Vet suggests we give D&T shots. So we bring them all in again. Meanwhile our baby, Sunny gets sick. Since we can handle her, Punky brings her into the barn and gives antibiotics and she seems to get better in a couple of days. Vet suspects Clostridium of some kind but not sure where it is coming from. We research since we always give Ultrabac 7 twice a year for Clostridium. We test the grain, we tried to get the hay tested but couldn't find anyone who can do this. Still no different word from Cornell. Finally they say they think it is Clostridium A and send us a vaccine. Bring the herd in again.

So time goes on and losses keep happening. We did a total of 5 necropsies. We also lost Sunny after she went back with the mob and got sick again and this time we could not save her. This leaves a big hole in our hearts and frustration at not being able to stop the losses. January comes with warm weather and the deer start shedding! Then weather turns colder, Valentines Day storm comes and goes and leaves more dead animals. This time we don't know if it is the same thing or the weather.

To make a long story a little shorter, out of 46 fawns, we have 8 left. We lost 7 or 8 of our best breeders and several yearlings. Oddly enough none of our stags showed any signs of illness.

What have we found out since?...A combination of things contributed to this disaster. We have had two very wet years and our pastures are not in the best shape. We were unable to fence in an additional field to help with rotational grazing and with 150 some odd animals the green feed was very poor. The grain we were getting custom formulated did not contain enough copper and other minerals as it was suppose to have so the animal's immune system was not up to snuff. Last but not least, the hay we bought and was supposed to be dry, was not. We tried wrapped hay this year and since it was not dry and there was a lot of mud mixed in due to the wet spring, the bacterium was allowed to grow and mutate. The theory is, the Clostridium A came from the hay. No way to prove it, but that seems to be the best explanation. We are currently getting our hay from Canada and things seem to be on the up-swing.

We don't know what fawning will bring this spring since we only had our stags with the "girls" for about a month. Also since they struggled thru the winter we don't know if any aborted or just didn't take. We'll let you know.

We have hopes for a better summer this year and have changed many of things we use to do. We no longer feed hay on the ground. We had the grain reformulated and we will not buy wrapped hay again. Hope this helps other farmers. As a side note, our vet has told us he has several cattle farms that have had the same problems this year with their hay and loss of animals.





April 27, 2007

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The NAEBA Board of Directors would like to thank you for your donation to help fund the Vision Media project. Our goal is to promote & educate the general public on the elk industry.

The final video is complete & is in the TV airing & distribution process. We will notify the NAEBA membership on the airing information. The National 2-minute segment will air between 7-10Pm. There will also be regional TV distribution as well as syndicated & public TV distribution. We look forward to sharing this video with our membership.

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Get ready...it's going to happen! **Our first fund raiser!** Couldn't wait to share the initial details with you! The event schedule and details below are tentative so check our website www.NYDEFA.org or e-mail us at NY-DEFA@NYDEFA.org to see how our plans are shaping up! We have so much in the works already!

New York Deer & Elk Farmers Association's First Benefit Fund Raiser

Saturday, August 18, 2007

Niagara Falls, New York

On the brink of and in walking distance of Niagara Falls, Niagara Reservation State Park, Maid of the Mist, Cave of the Winds, Goat Island, Great American Balloon Ride, Niagara Aerospace Museum, Hard Rock Café, Seneca Niagara Casino, National Helicopters-Niagara Ultimate Air Adventure Tours and more.

Short drive from Historic Lewiston, Artpark, Old Fort Niagara, New York Power Authority's Power Vista, Canada, Buffalo and more.

**Auctioneers: Kevin Grace, Whitetail Sales & Service
and Steve Schupp**

Tentative Agenda: Friday ~ Check-In

Check-In Friday and see the free fireworks display at 10p over Niagara Falls!

**Saturday ~ 8a-9a Breakfast & Silent Auction starts
9a-?? Live & Silent Auctions**

Breakfast and buffet lunch will be included in admission price.

If you'd like to make a donation to help New York Deer & Elk Farmers Association with their first benefit fund raiser, call Pati at 716-759-1515, 9a-10p EST.

Rancher 7 Review

If you are looking for a computer program to help you keep track of your deer or Elk herd her is an article I found at www.deerfarmer.com. Although it was written in 2003 the information is still current.

From: **Deer Farmers' Library** (www.deer-library.com)

BUSINESS Records, records and more records

By Deerfarmer.com
Jul 25, 2003, 17:34

I know you would rather be out in the pens looking after your deer and elk rather than sitting at a computer updating your livestock records. However, you better get used to spending more time keeping detailed records!

There are five major reasons why good livestock records must be maintained:

1. *Regulations* - most jurisdictions that license game farms also require detailed records be kept. These records must be submitted to the regulatory agency (e.g., inventory) and may be subject to inspection and audit. Penalties are often in place for non-compliance.
2. *Herd management* - this includes keeping track of animal inventory, health records, and performance data.
3. *International/domestic health management* - with concerns about CWD and FMD, health records are now mandatory in order to export animals and cervid products.
4. *Marketing* - people are interested in pedigree data on breeding stock and semen.
5. *Consumers* - health conscious consumers want to know where their products came from - "from pasture to plate".

Data is simply numbers e.g., birth weights, dates, breeding and exposure, antler measurements, sires and dams and treatment dates. In itself, data is not very useful.

Information is structured and analyzed data, e.g., weight gains, antler scores, cost analyses, health summaries, progeny summaries and so on. It is information that can be used to improve your herd and the

profitability of your operations. For example, good information can help you cull your herd of poor producers, e.g., open does, single births, below average weights. Good information can be used to select breeding stock, e.g., above average characteristics, strong weight gains, superior antler scores.

What type of data should you be keeping? Here are some suggestions.

Animal Data

Basic data that you collect and keep on each deer or elk should include:

1. Animal name
2. Tag number id
3. Herd number id
4. Microchip or tattoo id
5. Other id
6. DNA profile
7. Species
8. Purity
9. Date of birth
10. Gender
11. Sire
12. Dam
13. Source farm id - if purchased
14. Disposal date
15. Disposal reasons (sold, slaughtered, died).

Due to the paranoia about CWD and other diseases, any animal that dies without obvious causes on your farm should be sent in for a post mortem. This is required if you are part of a CWD Surveillance program anyway. Record the reason(s) for death and keep a copy of the lab report on file.

Performance Data

Unlike other livestock industries, we really don't have standard performance characteristics that we measure in deer and elk. Most producers are interested in antler scores in deer and velvet production in elk. Therefore, the typical performance data that most collect includes:

1. Birth weight
2. Weight at specified ages
3. Antler score at specified ages
4. Velvet production at specified ages

Medication and Health Data

With increasing public pressure on livestock practices, society is demanding that farmers show they are responsible food producers. Producers can use medication records to evaluate and improve production while showing good management for food quality and safety.

Good medication records are essential to:

1. Identify problem areas - you can't manage what you can't measure.
2. Determine the costs of diseases and assess whether it is cheaper to prevent or treat or dispose of the animal.
3. Help you and your vet to determine optimal dosages, treatment intervals and duration of treatment. (Especially important with cervids since we don't have much research data and most drugs are "off-label".
4. Show prudent use of antimicrobials. The livestock industry is being pressured to reduce the use of antibiotics to avoid the increase in superbugs.

Medication records are also necessary to receive certification in on-farm food safety programs and various branded programs. This information should also include:

1. Vaccination records
2. Treatment records
3. Feed medication formulations
4. Drug inventory
5. Pesticide-herbicide use on crops and pastures
6. Veterinary prescriptions and use of products such as altering the dose, frequency, route, location, species, disease and withdrawal period.

Everyone who owns livestock and uses drugs should keep records on the use of vaccines, antibiotics, parasecticides and pesticide-herbicides. Information should also be tracked as to the method of administration, e.g., orally in the feed or water, injected or by implant, ear tag or oiler.

Any producer concerned about liability should keep written records on animal health products and pesticide-herbicide. If a trace-back occurs because of a chemical residual problem, these records will help identify the source and responsibility for the problem.

Medication records can be as simple as writing which animal was treated with what drug on the calendar or in a note book. A better choice is computerized records as mentioned below. Medication records should be kept for the life of the animal or for at least two years after the animal is sold into the food chain.

How should your records be kept? Although you can probably do an adequate job keeping paper records, a computerized record keeping system is the way to go. You have several options here. You can use standard software such as spreadsheets, word processors or databases. Unfortunately, standard office software does not have the capability to perform complex and useful analyses of the data.

A better solution is to use one of the specialized livestock software packages such as **The Rancher** (<http://www.ranchernet.com>), **Game Master** (<http://www.keltecsystems.com>), or **Deertrax** (<http://www.deertrax.net>). The advantages of these packages is that they provide: a) a data model, b) accessibility, c) data organization, d) time savings, and e) detailed and complex analyses.

Another advantage of using these software packages is that they are capable of electronic data exchange - sending selected data elements to the regulatory body or transferring the records to a purchaser of your animals. (Alberta Agriculture's new cervid inventory system will have the option for deer/elk producers to update their government records electronically over the Internet). If you are using computerize records, remember to back-up, back-up and back-up your data files! You can't afford to lose them!

If you don't have a proper records management system in place yet for your deer or elk farm, don't procrastinate much longer. Sooner or later you will need to have such a system in place - so you better do it soon!

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The reason I wanted to pass it on to you is I have just upgraded to The Rancher Version 7 and it contains all of the options you can possible want.

You can find it at www.ranchernet.com. Click on the software link. After filling in the questioner you are led to the download page. Then select version 7. You need a high speed internet connection as the program is 32mb in size. Download and save the zip file to a file you can easily find afterward. Click on the setup program and follow the instruction.

You get the full blown package not a striped down demo, but it has a 45 day timer on it.

The Rancher 7 is a diverse software package designed to manage and maintain information for any (and as many) type of species as desired. Although The Rancher 7 is targeted at the diversified industries of Elk, Bison and Deer, it will work very well for most any species. Use the help button to get the information on how to enter data and use the program features.

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