

Landowner Compensation Tag Protocol – Single Landowner with Multiple Enrolled Properties

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In an effort to ensure statewide consistency, maximum efficiency for agency personnel and equitable treatment of all program participants, the following procedures will be used when administering the Landowner Compensation Tag Program (LCT) in the circumstance of a single landowner enrolling multiple properties in one or more hunt units.

Multiple, Non-Adjacent Properties - Single Hunt Unit

Combined Counts

1. Counts on non-adjacent properties within a single hunt unit may be used cumulatively to qualify for compensation tags if:
 - a. A single Cooperative Agreement (Form 114) is completed including all properties to be combinedAnd
 - b. The non-adjacent properties are counted on a single day/night, or on consecutive days/nights
 - i. Scheduling conflicts may arise which necessitate the NDOW biologist to conduct counts with one or more days between
 - a) These situations shall be minimized as much as possible.

Non-combined Counts

1. When a landowner requests counts to be conducted on non-adjacent properties within a single hunt unit on non-consecutive days/nights, counts may not be used cumulatively to qualify for compensation tags
 - a. A separate Cooperative Agreement (Form 114) will be submitted for each property and corresponding count
2. Scheduling of independent count dates will not be approved if non-adjacent properties are near enough to one another that it is reasonable to complete all counts in a single day/night, and animals may feasibly move between properties on a comparatively regular basis.
 - a. Counts will be used cumulatively to qualify for compensation tags.

Multiple Properties - Adjacent Hunt Units

Combined Counts

1. Counts on properties within adjacent hunt units may be used cumulatively to qualify for compensation tags valid for BOTH units if:
 - a. The properties are adjacent (separated solely by unit boundary) or near enough to one another that it is reasonable to complete counts in a single day/night.
 - i. In an instance in which otherwise adjacent agricultural fields are separated by a unit boundary (i.e., a highway, creek, etc.), for tag to be valid for BOTH units:
 - a) animals must be present on property on BOTH sides of boundary at time of count
- OR
- b) The NDOW biologist must have knowledge that animals regularly use property on BOTH sides of boundary

Non-Combined Counts

2. Counts on properties within adjacent units may not be combined and may not be valid for more than a single unit unless they meet the criteria stated in 1. above.