

The Big Doe Contest is hosted by UF/IFAS Extension Holmes County. The mission of this contest is to involve youth in outdoor recreation and conservation by leading by example and teaching best management practices to grow good stewards of our natural resources.

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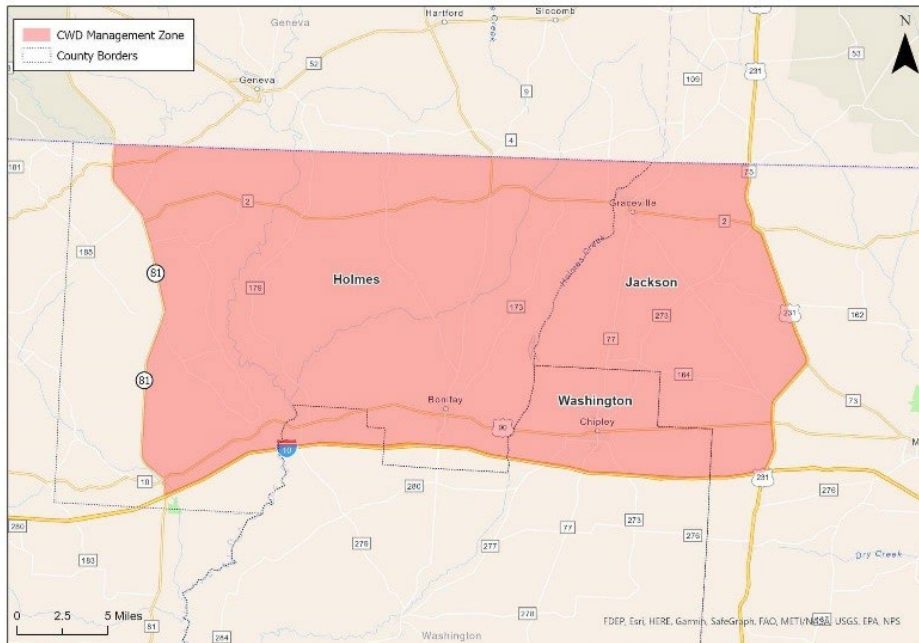
Official Rules and Regulations

1. Team Captain must be at least 18 years of age.
2. All teams participating are doing so at their own risk. Teams agree not to hold the University of Florida, Holmes County Board of County Commissioners, or any associated persons/sponsor liable for any damage, injury, or claims resulting from contestant's participation in this tournament.
3. Teams must comply with State Laws for hunting. Any violation of any State Laws will be grounds for disqualification.
4. No registration is required prior to the contest. Registration can be completed at weigh in.
5. Weigh in will be completed on a first come, first served basis.
6. Contest dates are: Saturday November 30, 2024 through Sunday December 1, 2024
7. Weigh ins will start at 8:00 AM CST and end at 6:00 PM CST. If you harvest a doe and will not make it to weigh-ins within this time please call Kalyn Waters at 850-547-1108 to make arrangements.
8. The contest will end at 6:00 PM CST on Sunday, November 26, 2023
9. Teams are allowed to hunt public or private land in the state of Florida. **FLORIDA DEER ONLY.**
10. **NO** high fence deer are allowed.
11. Only fresh harvested deer will be weighed.
12. Weigh ins will take place at the Holmes County Agricultural Center, 1169 East Hwy 90, Bonifay, FL 32425. Contact phone numbers for event are office: 850-547-1108
13. The winning team will be the team that weighs the largest doe. Each team member can weigh multiple does (two deer each), and the heaviest single doe will be used as the team's entry weight.
14. The team with the single heaviest doe will be declared as the winners.
15. In case of a tie, winnings will be split.
16. Any protest must be made, in writing with a \$50 non-refundable deposit, to the contest director within 30 minutes after weigh-in and must state rule or rules that were broken.
17. All adult team members are subject to a polygraph test.
18. Any team having a member who fails or refuses to take a polygraph test or whose condition does not permit administration of a test because of contestant's use of alcohol or drugs will be disqualified.
19. The use of alcoholic beverages is prohibited.
20. Unsportsmanlike conduct may be grounds for disqualification if circumstances require.
21. Decisions of Contest Director will be final.

Chronic Wasting Disease

The weigh-ins will take place within the CWD management zone. Thus, deer from within the management zone and from outside the management zone can be brought to the Holmes County Ag Center for weigh ins.

Because the weigh in will take place within the management zone, deer can be brought whole. Deer from outside the zone can be harvested and brought into the zone, then transported outside the zone without being cleaned.



Chronic Wasting Disease Management Zone