

# 2020 BIGGEST YEARLING BUCK CONTEST

## Whitetails of Wisconsin & Wisconsin Cervid Farmers Foundation Biggest Yearling Contest

Whitetails of Wisconsin (WOW) and its foundation, the Wisconsin Cervid Farmers Foundation (WCFF), will be sponsoring our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual “Biggest Yearling Buck Contest.”

The contest will consist of two categories; one for the largest non-typical yearling and one for the largest typical yearling. The way to participate is to **win or purchase** a straw of semen or a live animal at the Whitetails of Wisconsin 2020 annual meeting. The semen or live animal will be bred Fall 2020. (Unborn fawns and adult bucks are not included.) The buck fawns that are born in 2021 out of registered 2020 breeding declarations will stay in the competition until their yearling racks are scored at the 2023 WOW Banquet.

Donated straws of semen or live animals can be purchased on the silent or live auction or won at various games held at the 2020 WOW meeting. Donors can choose to have their straw of semen or live animal placed in the auction or placed in a game/raffle. This will be the donor’s preference.

\$2000 will be awarded to the winner in each category. The winner of each category will also receive a free full page ad and an article featuring their farms in the Whitetails of Wisconsin newsletter.

The donors that helped produce the largest yearlings in each category will receive a free full page ad and an article featuring their farms in the Whitetails of Wisconsin newsletter. The donors will also receive a lifetime membership to Whitetails of Wisconsin or a \$500 cash prize. If the winning buck’s sire of donated semen or buck fawn is not currently DNA’d, donor will be required to supply DNA sample prior to the DNA test and prior to receiving their cash reward or the cost will be retained from said cash reward.

### Rules for the contest:

1. Semen or live animal will need to be used in the 2020 breeding season.
2. A maximum of 3 does can be bred per straw of semen. (**SUGGESTION: If your does are not already DNA’d, pull their hair samples at time of breeding.**)
3. All animals will need to be declared by completing the attached Doe Declaration form and providing it to the WOW/WCFF Office with each doe’s official tag number, secondary tag number and pedigree and submit it prior to or at the 2021 Annual WOW Banquet.
4. Any “farm credit” or “choice straw” purchases must include receipt showing straw or animal chosen and submitted with their Animal Declaration.
5. Doe DNA numbers need to be registered with the WOW/WCFF Office by **August 1, 2021.**
6. Each winning yearling buck will need the buck’s antlers DNA certified in order to be eligible for the contest payout. The cost to DNA certify the antlers will be absorbed by WOW.
7. No limit on the amount of entries per farm/ranch.
8. Buyers of semen or animal who do not AI can partner with someone else who does AI or can AI the doe at another farm.
9. The contest is not limited to Wisconsin buyers and is open to everyone.
10. Scoring of the antlers will be done at the 2023 WOW Banquet by an official SCI scoring panel.
11. All semen donated to WOW or WCFF cannot be resold.