

# 2022 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 8<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 either a straw of semen or a live animal at the Whitetails of Wisconsin 2022 annual meeting. (Adult bucks are not included.) The buck fawns that are born in 2023 out of registered 2022 breeding declarations will stay in the competition until their yearling racks are scored at the 2024 WOW Banquet.

Donated straws of semen or live animals can be purchased on the silent or live auction or won at various games and raffles held at the 2022 WOW meeting. Donors can choose to have their donation placed in the live auction or silent auction to be purchased or placed in a game or raffle to be won. This will be the donor’s preference.

\$2000 will be awarded to the winner in each category. The winners 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.

DNA samples will be collected from the top three contest winners of both typicals and non-typical to avoid any delays in confirming and announcing the true winner if, for any reason, a DNA sampling does not match up as thought.

### Rules for the contest:

- 1. Semen obtained at 2022 WOW Auction:**
  - a. The semen must be used within the Fall 2022 breeding.
  - b. A maximum of 3 does can be bred per straw of semen used. **(SUGGESTION: If your does are not already DNA’d, pull their hair samples at time of breeding.)**
  - c. All Does, Dams and Breeder bucks need to be declared by completing the Animal Declaration form and providing it to the WOW/WCFF Office with each doe’s official tag number, any secondary tag number and pedigree *OR* DNA number and submit it prior to or at the 2023 Annual WOW Banquet.
- 2. Live Animals obtained at 2022 WOW Auction:**
  - a. Live animal donors must submit a completed Animal Declaration form with exact breeding at the time of entering said donation into the 2022 WOW Auction.
  - b. At time of purchase or winning said live animal, it is automatically entered into the appropriate Biggest Yearling Contest year and those rules and deadlines shall be followed accordingly. *(e.g. if the live animal is a BRED DOE, she will be entered into the 2021 BYC; an OPEN DOE, she will be entered into the 2022 BYC; if the live animal is a 2021 BUCK FAWN, he will be entered into the 2020 BYC; and if it is a 2021 DOE FAWN, she will be entered into the 2022 BYC.)*
- 3. Any “farm credit” or “choice straw” purchases** must include copy of receipt or email showing the WOW Office the official ID, number of semen chosen or live animal used and submitted with their Animal Declaration.
- 4. Doe and Dam DNA numbers** need to be registered with the WOW/WCFF Office by **August 1, 2023 (or as stated in their BYC rules).**
- 5. 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.
- 6. No limit** on the amount of entries per farm/ranch.
- 7. Buyers of semen or live animal** who do not AI can partner with someone else who does AI or can AI the doe at another farm.
- 8. The contest** is not limited to Wisconsin buyers and is open to everyone.
- 9. Any buck fawns born in 2023** will have their antlers scored during the 2025 WOW Banquet by an official SCI scoring panel.
- 10. All semen donated to WOW or WCFF** cannot be resold.