Deer Spotlight Survey Protocol

A deer spotlight survey protocol listing steps for planning and running a night count route so cooperators can collect consistent data under local wildlife rules.

Farm / unit: _____ Date: _____ By: _____

1. Check state rules for spotlight use
2. Choose and map a route
3. Set the survey dates
4. Assign driver, spotter, and recorder
5. Test lights and equipment
6. Brief the crew on safety
7. Count along the route
8. Record data at each stop
9. Review results with biologists

YOUR NOTES

TIP Contact your wildlife agency before any night survey, since spotlight rules differ by state.