

West Nile Virus Study

The Department of Natural Resources and Energy Development is facilitating research on West Nile virus in wild turkeys by the University of Guelph. The research aims to document the distribution and prevalence of West Nile virus in wild turkeys.

Included in the mail-out package sent to all successful applicants will be a white, pre-paid return envelope containing a blood strip and instructions on how to obtain a blood sample from a harvested wild turkey. Successful wild turkey hunters are asked to provide a blood sample of the wild turkey they harvest to aid with the research project.

To encourage participation in the project, the Canadian Wild Turkey Federation will submit the names of each hunter who provides a blood sample to a draw for prizes provided by the Canadian Wild Turkey Federation.