



Deer feeding and baiting regulations in Michigan differ by peninsula, with a total ban in the Lower Peninsula. Currently, baiting is allowed in the Upper Peninsula (UP) with restrictions, while the Lower Peninsula prohibits it to prevent chronic wasting disease (CWD). **Legislation (HB 4445) is currently under consideration to lift the ban.**  [State of Michigan \(.gov\) +3](#)

### **Lower Peninsula (Current Ban)**

- **Baiting/Feeding:** Prohibited throughout the entire Lower Peninsula.
- **Exceptions:** Food plots, standing agricultural crops, and agricultural commodities scattered by normal farming practices are not considered bait/feed.
- **Backyard Feeding:** Generally discouraged, though some exceptions exist for small-scale bird feeding if not attracting deer.  [State of Michigan \(.gov\) +4](#)