



Hastings Deer Immunocontraception Study

DEER FEEDING STATION



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This deer feeding station can hold 200 pounds of whole or cracked corn. (This particular brand is produced by Big Game Treestands and retails for approximately \$160)

The corn is poured in the top of the chute. It dispenses the cracked corn up to eight different times a day, which you set via a digital clock and timer in its base. (We have currently set it to dispense twice a day but that can change at any moment.) A 12-volt battery drives a wheel that spins the corn out a dozen feet using centrifugal force.

The corn is projected at a relatively high velocity and can damage your eyes or exposed skin if you are close when it dispenses. There is no warning provided.

The deer feeding station is used to habituate deer to a particular area. Once the deer discover the feeder, they will quickly learn its dispensing hours and show up for the feeding. (Some deer learn to associate the sound of the dispensing and will come running when they hear it whirl out the corn.) Once the deer are accustomed to a feeder dispensing cycle, darting can be arranged around that schedule.

Feeders are typically moved several times when a particular herd has been treated and it is time to attract a new group in a different area.