

The Deer Initiative

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Animal By-products and waste management – implications for the Deer industry

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The situation

Deer (country)	% to Game-dealer/Venison dealer
Roe (England)	46
Muntjac (England)	19
Fallow (England)	76
Red (Scotland)	85
Roe (Scotland)	38

Percentage of carcasses reaching Game/Venison Dealers
(BASC 2005)

Animal By-product Regulations

The Regulations classify animal by-products into three categories:

Category 1 – very high risk material.

Category 2 – high risk material, such as condemned meat, fallen stock, manure or animal by-products presenting a risk of contamination.

Category 3 – includes material such as raw meat that has passed meat inspection, waste from food manufacturers and food retailers, eggs and other by-products which do not show signs of transmissible disease.

Only Category 3 material is permitted to be disposed of via composting. Other material must be disposed of by incineration or rendering, depending on the category. None of the categories can be taken to landfill.

Field Evisceration and burial

- Must be 1 metre of sub soil below

- 1 metre of sub soil above
- Must be 250m from a human water source
- 30m from a water course or spring
- 10m from a field drain

DEFRA water code PB0587

Disposal options

- Domestic waste
- Burning on site of production
- Burning on a site other than where it is produced
- Burial
- Bio-treatment recovery in a bio-gas or composting plant
- Rendering

Legislation - Wild Animal Waste and Drainage

- Farmed animal waste/blood must not enter public sewage system
- Storage septic/tanks should be used
- Professional advice should be sought

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