

# Save the Deer

As reported by Greg Adams (JDI's researcher) forestry companies plant on the richest and most fertile Crown land. This practice removes the most productive sites that would produce the best deer food, leaving deer with poorer sites. These sites have NEVER been studied to quantify the amount of deer browse produced. Deer yards have been reduced since 2009, 216,000 to 150,000 he. \*This also includes another 4% (26,000 cubic metres) per year cutting on preferred south-west slopes where deer seek out forest during the winter. Maine's harvest increased by 3000 in 2018, NB's dropped - despite an increase in doe permits.

Some stats based on government data comparing deer harvests in NB and Ma:

Year	Maine	NB
2014	22,000	6,935
2015	20,000	4,378
2016	23,000	5,386
2017	27,000	6,441
2018	30,000	6,130

Blaming harsh winters and coyotes may seem palatable on the surface, but is not supported by data. The State of Maine, with a land base nearly identical to New Brunswick's, harvested 30,000 deer in 1985 but in 2017 harvested 27,000. The neighboring province of Nova Scotia harvested double our own.


\*Source: department of Energy and resource Development)

# About Us

SSNB is a group focused on stopping the spraying of herbicides on public land. The spraying of New Brunswick has been going on for over 20 years. Our primary focus is raising awareness of the harmful effects of herbicides (specifically glyphosate) on our ecosystems, and to advocate to the NB Government for an end to this practice . Our hope is to bring about ideas of change and sustainable alternatives by raising awareness about the truths surrounding spraying and pushing legislative change.





# What Can YOU Do?

- ▶ Contact your MLA with your concerns. Bring this pamphlet and visit our website for sample letters.
- ▶ VOTE. SSNB is a non-partisan organization that pushes all parties to ban this practice. Familiarize yourself with election platforms.
- ▶ Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram and visit our website to stay informed and be updated on the latest advancements in the movement.
- ▶ Spread the word! Share SSNB content to educate the public on this practice.
- ▶ Volunteer! SSNB is run completely by volunteers. You can make a difference.
- ▶ Take a picture of a sprayed area and share it #StopSprayingNB



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# What is Glyphosate?

A weedkiller that dissolves in water, was originally developed to be an industrial cleaning product. It prevents plants from making certain proteins that are needed for growth. Spraying also changes what re-grows at the edges of sprayed plots, the food that deer like most dies permanently.

# What is in the Spray?

It is made up of the herbicide glyphosate, and other additives that make glyphosate more effective. It is not sprayed in its pure form; the most common sprays used are called VisionMax, and WeedMaster, similar to common weedkillers like RoundUp found in most garden centers.

***There are 534 approved spraying blocks in the province for 2019. A total of 372 blocks are within 100m from a watercourse. Cutting and spraying is allowed 30m from waterways***

# How is it Done?

By helicopter, small plane and/or spray trucks, depending on the location and type of vegetation. Spraying is done multiple times, usually at least 2 or 3 applications in order to achieve optimal plant control.

# Why Should I Care?

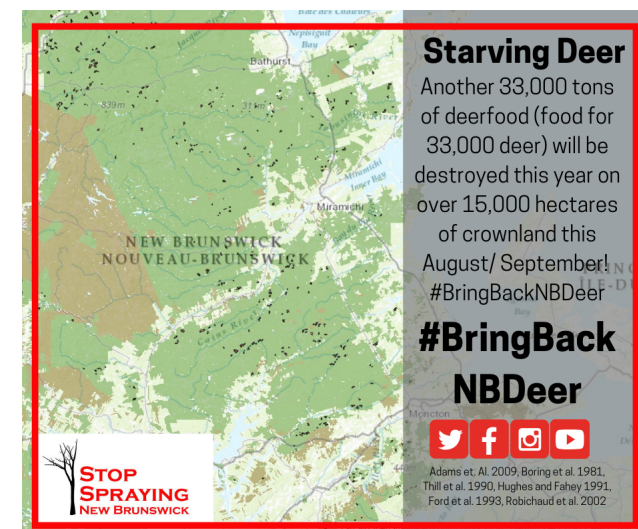
It effects us ALL. This herbicide is sprayed during silviculture process and has both ecological and economic repercussions. The spraying on **public land** completed by industry, is **funded using public tax dollars**. 61% of glyphosate sprayed in NB lands on our forests. One third of glyphosate used in Canada on forests land on OUR forests. (Source: OCMOH Report on Glyphosate, 2016)

***There is 30% less spraying by NB Power in 2019. In 2018, NB Power sprayed 1500 hectares. They will spray 975 hectares this year.***

A recent freedom of information has shown that in 2017 alone, \$2,860,000 public tax dollars were spent on spraying in the province, of which \$2,400,000 was spent on spraying on crown land. Beyond the financial cost, there is an environmental cost to spraying; the New Brunswick deer population is rapidly declining, impacting our ecosystem and those who choose to participate in activities such as hunting.

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The current PC government has committed to no herbicide spraying on NB drinking watersheds, which amounts to 121 less hectares. This is a drop in the bucket considering that 15,450 hectares have been licensed to spray for 2019 (not all spray licenses may be used). 15,717 hectares were sprayed in 2018



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