

Exotic Intensity Standards

Exotic

This type of operation involves the raising of deer, antelope, emus, ostriches, and any other breed of animal that is not native to Texas. Some exotic animal operations supply meat for consumption or leather or plumage for clothing or industrial use. Some byproducts of exotic animals are used in cosmetics or for medicinal purposes. Some exotic animal operations supply animals for breeding purposes.

Requirement

4 Animal units (AU)

10 acres (Minimum required acreage to support 4 AU) (*pertains to acreage devoted only to the exotic operation*)

Animal Type	Body Weight Pounds	Head per AU (Rounded)
Axis Deer	150	5
Sika Deer	145	5
Fallow Deer	130	6
Elk	800	1
Red Deer	350	2
Barasinga Deer	350	2
Sambar Deer	400	2
Pere David's Deer	400	2
Sable Antelope	500	2
Blackbuck Antelope	75	9
Nilgai Antelope	350	2
Scimitar-horned Oryx	400	2
Gemsbok Oryx	400	2
Arabian Oryx	150	5
Addax	250	3
Ibex x Boer Goat	125	5
Impala	130	6
Common Eland	1000	1
Greater Kudu	450	2
Sitatunga	200	4
Waterbuck	500	2
Thompson's Gazelle	85	8
Mouflon/Barbado Sheep	120	6
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Typical Management Practices

- Adequate fences maintained,
- Stock water provided,
- Systematic practices for
 - Herd management,
 - Marketing animals,
- Record keeping,
- Proper land management to provide long-term forage, and
- Adequate animal units matching the carrying capacity of the land and typical agricultural operations.