

## BLACK VULTURE REPORTING PROCEDURES

Over the past 10 years, black vultures have become an increasing concern to Ohio residents. In 2006 we have had a significant increase in the number of livestock killed by these birds. It is important to recognize that these animals are federally protected and changing the status of the black vulture will require time and effort. Many local agencies and organizations are assisting with this. One of the best methods for assisting in the process is to report livestock losses that occur. Only with accurate records can Brown County demonstrate the problems being experienced.

As the owner, you are eligible to receive a small amount of compensation from the Ohio Department of Agriculture. In order to be eligible for this, you must complete the procedures listed below. (This is the same process that you would follow for coyote kills.)

- For animals that have been killed by vultures, cover the animal to prevent any additional injury from occurring
- Report the kill to the Dog Warden @ 937-378-3457
  - The dog warden will confirm with the landowner that the loss was not committed by a domestic animal and complete paperwork
  - **To file a claim, the Dog Warden must be contacted within 3 days of discovering the kill**
- Next, contact either the Wildlife Specialist at 937-378-4424 ext. 125 or the Wildlife Officer @ 937-372-5639 ext. 5220
  - A representative of the Division of Wildlife will make a site visit to verify the loss and the animal responsible
  - Both the wildlife representative and the landowner will complete animal damage claim forms
- At this point, officials will submit a complete set of the forms to the Ohio Department of Agriculture who is responsible for reviewing claims and providing compensation
  - The reports submitted may include photographic evidence of the livestock that was killed
  - If the livestock was registered, you can submit copies of the registration papers for both the sire and the dam

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