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Soil Test Signals Deer Baiting

Aaron Haines, professor of biology at Pennsylvania's Millersville University, along with a group of his students, has discovered that testing soil for chemicals commonly found in commercial deer foods can help identify sites used for deer baiting, a practice that has become increasingly common among unethical hunters and that has been banned in some states. In addition, "baiting sites are known links to the spread of saliva-transmitted diseases among deer populations throughout the United States," says Haine

