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State Farm Reports Deer-Vehicle Collisions on the Decline in U.S.

State Farm's latest research on the incidence of vehicle collisions with deer show that the odds that an individual driver in the United States will crash into a deer during the next year have declined by 4.3 percent. Based upon its claims data and state licensed driver counts from the Federal Highway Administration, State Farm calculates the chances of any single American motorist striking a deer over the next 12 months at 1 in 174, compared with 1 in 167 the year before.

Among the 41 states where these confrontations are most likely, the decline in likelihood is particularly notable in North Dakota, with a 24.8 percent decline and **Nebraska with a 22.0 percent decline**. The report shows that the probability of deer-vehicle collisions dropped by 12.6 percent in South Dakota. Michigan had the fourth largest descent at 11.4 percent. Kansas, with an 11.3 percent decline, rounds out the top five.

State Farm's data shows that November, the heart of the deer hunting and mating seasons, is the month during which deer-vehicle encounters are most likely. Approximately 18 percent of all such mishaps take place during the 30 days of November.

Deer-vehicle collisions are three times more likely to occur on a day in November than they are on any day between February 1st and August 31st. October is the second most likely month for a crash involving a deer and a vehicle. December is third.



Auto Body Supply Receives Distributor Technical Representative Certification

~ First in Nebraska ~

Auto Body Supply is proud to announce the **FIRST Certified Distributer Technical Representatives** in the State of Nebraska, **Nick Bogdanovich** and **Wade Neth**. This exclusive training is a rigorous professional program designed to identify & certify individuals with the most advanced refinish technology knowledge and skill sets in the industry. The training included passing a 100 question on-line assessment and completing a 2 day hands-on evaluation in Columbus, Ohio. There are currently only 178 certified representatives nationwide. Congratulations Nick & Wade!

New Staff Member Damon Gutzmer



Damon is our newest staff member. Damon is a graduate of SCC Milford in the Auto Collision Repair Technology program. He has over 30 years of experience in the auto body field and has worked the last 18 years as a paint technician. He is well versed in solvent and **PPG's** Envirobase waterborne paint application. Damon's primary duties will be counter sales. We welcome him to our staff!