In Manitoba, there are no specific regulations for game farms. They are regulated through the provisions of the Manitoba Wildlife Act. The applicable sections are:

**Possession of live wild animals**

Section 45 'Except as may be otherwise permitted by this Act or the regulations, no person shall capture alive, or have possession of any live wild animal.'

**Property in live wildlife**

Section 86(2) 'Subject to this Act and the regulations, where a person has possession of any wildlife that is live under a licence or permit that authorizes him to keep the wildlife, he has all property, rights, title and interest in and to the wildlife, and he continues to have the property, rights, title and interest as long as he complies with the provisions of this Act and the regulations.'

**Disposal of live wildlife**

Section 87(2) 'The minister may dispose of any live wildlife in captivity that is the property of the Crown, by selling, donating, killing and destroying the wildlife or setting it free'.

And finally,

**Regulations by Minister**

Section 90 'For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act according to their intent, the minister may make such regulations as are ancillary thereto and are not inconsistent therewith and every regulation made under and in accordance with the authority granted by this section has the force of law; and without restricting the generality of the foregoing, the minister may make such regulations, not consistent with any other provision of this Act, (gg) regulating the sale of wild animals raised and
kept in captivity on wildlife farms, or brought into the province to stock wildlife farms or private shooting preserves, or brought into the province for sale in restaurants or food stores;

(hh) respecting the licencing of, and regulating the operations of, shooting preserves and wildlife farms, and regulating the keeping, raising and propagation of wild animals therein or thereon, and the taking of wild animals therein or thereon;

PRESENT DEPARTMENTAL GUIDELINES
FOR GAME FARMS AND HOLDING WILDLIFE IN CAPTIVITY

This permit is issued subject to the following terms and conditions.

1. A certified veterinarian must be in attendance during the handling of wildlife.

2. All drugs given to wildlife must be administered by a certified veterinarian.

3. Wildlife killed or injured must be reported to the Dept. of Natural Resources of the Province of Manitoba (hereinafter referred to as "Natural Resources") within 24 hours.

4. This permit may be suspended following investigation of the cause of death of any wildlife.

5. Wildlife must be treated humanely and in accordance with the standards set out in 'Ethics of Animal Experimentation', Canada Council on Animal Care, a copy of which is attached hereto.

6. Wildlife transported must be securely contained in a manner that will protect the public and the wildlife from injury.

7. A Conservation Officer or a certified veterinarian must be available during the time any wildlife are loaded and unloaded from any vehicle.

8. The operator shall cooperate with Natural Resources so that the department can effectively assess and evaluate all matters related to wildlife under the terms of this permit.

9. The operator shall not sell any wildlife or its progeny without the prior written permission of the Minister.
10. The wildlife and its progeny shall not be used for hunting purposes, for meat or exploited for exotic products such as antler velvet.

11. The wildlife or its progeny shall not be exported from Manitoba unless a separate export permit specifically authorizing such export is issued.

12. The operator shall annually provide Natural Resources with a written report on the status of the wildlife.

13. The operator shall be solely responsible for the protection, care and maintenance of the wildlife and their progeny, as long as they are legally in his possession.

14. The operator shall maintain public liability insurance in an amount not less than one million dollars protecting himself from liability for any injury or death or loss or damage to property, due to or arising out of the possession of the wildlife under the terms hereof.

15. The staff of Natural Resources shall have the right of access to the game farm at all times.

16. The operator shall have wildlife and their progeny, marked with a visible ear tag and tattoo as soon as is deemed reasonable in consultation with the Wildlife Branch.

17. A pedigree stock record book shall be maintained by the operator.

18. This permit may be cancelled by the Minister or a person designated by him, at any time, by notice in writing either given to the operator or mailed to him by registered mail. If the permit is cancelled then the operator shall forthwith give up possession of the wildlife and their progeny and turn those animals over to the staff of Natural Resources. He shall cooperate with the staff of Natural Resources so that the transfer of possession of the animals is carried out as expeditiously as possible without risk to the animals or the public.

If the operator refuses to give up possession of the wildlife, then Natural Resources or its agents shall have the right at any time to enter upon any lands or premises where the wildlife is kept and may break and force open any locks, bars, bolts, fastenings, hinges, gates, fences or enclosures for the purpose of taking possession of and removing the wildlife.
19. This permit shall not be assigned.

20. In accordance with Subsection 86(2) of the Wildlife Act, during the term of this permit, the operator shall have all property, rights, title and interest in the wildlife and its progeny in his possession and shall be solely responsible for them. However, such property, rights, title and interest shall terminate upon the cancellation of this permit.