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**2:210-212. Abstract:** We evaluated the effectiveness of mylar flags for deterring white-tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*) from feeding areas during December 1996. We conducted a 3-week experiment, monitoring deer use (number of intrusions and corn consumption) at 10 feeding stations in a 2,200-ha fenced facility in northern Ohio with high deer densities ( $>21/\text{km}^2$ ). We positioned 2 mylar flags (15 cm x 1 m) attached to lathe at each of 5 sites; remaining sites received lathe only (untreated). Mylar flags did not reduce ( $P > 0.43$ ) the number of deer intrusions into feeding stations or the amount of corn consumed relative to feeding stations without mylar flags. We conclude that mylar flags are ineffective for deterring white-tailed deer from feeding areas during winter.