TAKE A KID
hunting

YOUTH DEER HUNTING DAYS

» Youth Bow Hunt
  Saturday, September 22, 2018
» Youth Firearm Hunt
  Saturday, November 17, 2018

WHO CAN HUNT

Hunters with a valid youth hunting license. See Youth Licenses, page 10.
• The youth hunter MUST be under the direct supervision of a person who is at least 21 years old and who has a valid firearm or bow and arrow license corresponding to the season hunted. Direct supervision is defined as both the youth hunter and parent/guardian set up together at the same location, hunting as a unit, not hunting independently. The adult CANNOT hunt on this day. The adult may grunt, call or rattle for the youth. In addition to the youth, the adult accompanying the youth should wear the required hunter orange during the youth firearm deer hunt.

BAG LIMITS

Youth may hunt statewide for one deer of either sex on each of the above dates.
• During the Youth Firearm Deer Hunt, youths may hunt either with a shotgun or muzzleloader. No bows.
• If the youth is hunting with a muzzleloader, both the youth and the adult must possess a valid Rifle Permit.
• Antler Point Restrictions and Earn-A-Buck requirements do NOT apply on these days for the youth hunter.
• These hunts are extensions of the Fall Bow and Six-day Firearm seasons; no special season deer permit is required. Youth hunters may still use a bow to harvest one antlered deer during the Fall Bow Season, and use an appropriate firearm to harvest two antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season.

REPORT YOUR HARVEST

The youth hunter should complete all information requested on the Harvest Report Card provided on page 31.
• The card, or hand-made version, should include the youth hunting license number or Conservation ID number, sex of deer, number of antler points, date, zone, deer management unit, county and township from which the deer was taken, in order to have your information ready for when you report your harvest through the Automated Harvest Report System. Youth hunters do not need a harvest number during youth hunts or non-permit deer seasons.

For additional harvest reporting requirements, see page 36.

YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNTING DAYS

Youth hunters must possess a valid Youth Firearms to hunt the Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days. See also Youth Licenses, page 10.

All youth hunters must be under the direct supervision of a licensed, non-hunting adult 21 years of age or older. Hunting hours on these special youth days are from ½ hour before sunrise to sunset on the following dates by zone:
» North Zone—Oct. 6 and Feb. 2
» South Zone—Oct. 13 and Feb. 2
» Coastal Zone—Nov. 3 and Feb. 9

An HIP number is required. See page 65 for all waterfowl hunting requirements. Daily bag limits for ducks, Canada geese, brant, snow geese, coots, and gallinules will be the same as those allowed during the regular season. Adults may not hunt on this day.

Alyssa Katyan arrowed this handsome 8-pointer at 20 yards from a ladder stand on her friend’s farm in Clinton Township. The deer was recovered 75 yards away. Alyssa is an accomplished hunter having previously harvested several deer. She also enjoys hunting game birds, including wild turkeys.
Youth hunters with a valid youth hunting license who have obtained a turkey permit may begin their spring turkey season on the special youth turkey hunting day, April 20, 2019. See Youth Licenses, page 10. Youth must be under the direct supervision of an adult 21 years or older who possesses a valid New Jersey hunting license. Adults may not hunt on this day.

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Less than 18 hours after completing her Hunter Education course with a test score of 100%, 14-year-old Katrina Kling harvested her first turkey! The gobbler weighed in at 23 pounds.

YOUTH TURKEY HUNT DAY

» Saturday, April 20, 2019

Youth hunters with a valid youth hunting license who have obtained a turkey permit may begin their YOUTH TURKEY HUNT DAY Saturday, April 20, 2019.

November 3 and 5–9, 2018

around Oct. 16, 2018. Registrations are accepted from Tuesday Sept. 4 through Monday, Oct. 15, 2018. Information pertaining to the pheasant hunt will be mailed on or around Oct. 16, 2018.

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YOUTH PHEASANT HUNT

» November 3 and 5–9, 2018

This year’s Take a Kid Hunting Pheasant Hunt will allow properly licensed hunters with a valid youth license (see Youth Licenses, page 10) to hunt any of the 10 stocked Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) on Saturday, Nov. 3 and Monday–Friday, Nov. 5–9, 2018. In a cooperative effort between the Division of Fish and Wildlife and the New Jersey State Federation of Sportsmen’s Clubs, volunteer hunting mentors with trained bird dogs will guide youth hunters on a Saturday, Nov. 3 pheasant hunt. This experience will increase the young hunters’ opportunity for harvesting a pheasant in a setting which encourages responsible and safe hunting practices.

All guided morning hunt participants must pre-register and be accompanied to the check-in by a parent or guardian. Parents or guardians are welcomed and encouraged to follow the hunters through the fields. All pre-registered hunters will receive an information packet. One session will be offered, starting at 7 a.m.

Only 50 youth hunters will be allowed on each WMA during the guided morning hunts. To register for a guided morning hunt, go to NJFishandWildlife.com/ytpheas_register.htm and select the wildlife management area where you wish to hunt. When registration for each site reaches capacity, that particular site will be removed from the online registration options. Select one of the remaining locations. Register early; spaces fill quickly!

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Selected Wildlife Management Areas for Youth Pheasant Hunting

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Guided Morning—pre-registration required.

Open—afternoon: Any youth hunter with a valid youth hunting license under the direct supervision of a licensed, non-shooting adult (aged 21 or older), will be permitted to hunt on the listed wildlife management areas on November 3, 2018 from 1 p.m. until sunset. No registration required.

Open—all day: Any youth hunter with a valid youth hunting license under the direct supervision of a New Jersey-licensed, non-shooting adult (aged 21 or older), will be permitted to hunt on the listed wildlife management areas on November 3 and 5–9, 2018 from 8 a.m. until sunset. No registration required.

YOUTH UPLAND BIRD HUNT DAY

» Saturday, November 3, 2018

Youth hunters with a valid youth hunting license (see Youth Licenses, page 10), under the direct supervision of a New Jersey-licensed, non-hunting adult 21 years or older, will be permitted to hunt on licensed semi-wild hunting preserves. Youths may hunt for pheasant, quail and/or partridge on Saturday, November 3, 2018 from 8 a.m. to sunset. Take advantage of this great opportunity for hunters belonging to semi-wild preserves to introduce youth hunters to upland bird hunting without competition from adult hunters who may not hunt on this day.

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 Volunteer Dog Handlers and Youth Hunting Mentors Needed

Come volunteer with us as a dog handler or youth hunting mentor to help support the tradition of safe, responsible hunting! To participate, visit our website at NJFishandWildlife.com/ytpheas_register.htm and select Youth Hunt Volunteer. When registering, be sure to accurately complete all fields. You will be contacted by a Fish and Wildlife Take-a-Kid Youth Hunt Coordinator during the week of Oct. 15 with details about the Nov. 3 hunt.

Jim Cox, the current Take-a-Kid Youth Pheasant Hunt Coordinator at Peaslee WMA said this about being a volunteer during this youth pheasant hunt: “There’s no better reward than sharing in the joy and excitement of a young hunter’s first experience afield! The Youth Pheasant Hunt is more than just harvesting a bird. It is about forming friendships, hunter safety, and watching trained bird dogs work a field, all while pursuing premiere upland gamebirds.”
General Hunting

REGULATIONS

THIS IS NOT THE FULL LAW. The information in this Digest is based on N.J.S.A. Title 23, Title 13:1B-34 and N.J.A.C. 7:25-5. The amended regulations are known as the Game Code and implement the statute laws. Consult the Division of Fish and Wildlife’s Bureau of Law Enforcement for further details. See the Telephone Directory, page 88, for regional Law Enforcement offices. All persons are reminded that the statutes, code and regulations are the legal documents.

No person shall hunt except as prescribed by law. See section Permits for Hunters with Disability Conditions, page 58, for special rules.

Drones or unmanned aircraft are prohibited for the purposes of hunting and cannot be used to harass, scout, drive or rally wildlife.

Persons required by law to wear corrective lenses to operate a motor vehicle (as noted on a valid driver’s license) must wear corrective lenses when hunting with any kind of bow or firearm.

Baiting

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 23:4-24.2, no person shall kill, destroy, injure, shoot, shoot at, take, wound, or attempt to take, kill or wound a game bird or game animal, or have in possession or control any firearm or other weapon of any kind, while elevated in a standing tree, or in a structure of any kind within 300 feet of a baited area.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 23:4-24.3, a "baited area" shall mean the presence of placed, exposed, deposited, distributed, or scattered agricultural products, salt, or other edible lure whatsoever capable of attracting or enticing such birds or animals.

Growing and unharvested crops shall not be considered baiting or feeding game birds or game animals.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 23:4-24.4, the above restriction does NOT apply to deer hunting. Hunters targeting deer while elevated in a standing tree or in a structure of any kind may be within any distance of a baited area.

Bow and Arrow

"Bow" means any long bow, recurve bow, compound bow or crossbow. Hand held release devices are permitted. Air bows are not legal for hunting.

See additional regulations under Specifically Prohibited, page 29 and page 34 for a table on sporting arms legal for deer hunting.

All bows must have a minimum draw weight of 35 pounds at the archer’s draw length, except compounds, which must have a minimum peak draw weight of 35 pounds and crossbows which must have a minimum draw weight of 75 pounds. Crossbows must have a minimum stock length of 25 inches.

See crossbow safety tips, below. Crossbows are now legal for bowfishing except for Greenwood Lake. Crossbows are permitted for hunting migratory birds. See below for restrictions when taking game birds in flight.

All arrows used for hunting deer, bear, turkey, coyote, fox or woodchuck must be fitted with an edged head of well-sharpened metal and a minimum width of ¾ inches.

Arrows fitted with heads other than specified for deer, bear, turkey, coyote, fox or woodchuck may be carried in the woods and fields during the small game season or other seasons which overlap with the bow and arrow deer season except that for taking game birds in flight, arrows equipped with an edged head are prohibited. Also, flu flu arrows are required for taking game birds in flight because the arrow is designed to fly only a short distance. For the purpose of discharging a crossbow, hunters may carry judo points, target points or blunts. Canada geese and turkeys which are not in flight may be taken with standard fletched arrows and an edged head as described above.

Sunday bowhunting for deer is legal only on private land and state wildlife management areas. See Safety Zones, page 28.

It is unlawful to:

• use or possess a poison arrow or one with an explosive tip
• use an edged head for taking game birds in flight
• use a bow one-half hour after sunset until one-half hour before sunrise during any hunting season
• use a bow and arrow from any vehicle, moving or stationary
• have both a firearm and bow in possession or under control while hunting
• transport in a vehicle a crossbow in the cocked position

Closed Seasons

There is no hunting or trapping season for bobcat, fisher, mourning dove, sandhill crane and king rail in New Jersey. See Protected Wildlife, page 28.

Dogs, Hunting and Training

Allowing dogs to run at large is prohibited.

Persons may train dogs without firearms in daylight at any time except during any open firearm deer season.

No person shall train a raccoon or opossum hunting dog on WMAs other than during the periods of Sept. 1 to Oct. 1 and from Mar. 1 to May 1 each year. Training hours shall be one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise.

It is illegal to use dogs to pursue or run deer or black bear or to track wounded deer or bear. However, a hunter may use the services of a dog handler in possession of a valid, Fish and Wildlife-issued Tracking Dog Permit with a certified tracking dog for the search and recovery of deer lost during any deer hunting season prescribed by the Game Code. See page 14 for certification requirements.

Note: Regulations for dog training on wildlife management areas are on page 70.

Delaware River, Hunting

Hunting on the Delaware River is restricted by state boundaries. A valid hunting license and any appropriate permit/stamp is required for your location.

Falconry

No person shall use a raptor for hunting without a falconry permit and a valid hunting license. No person under 14 years of age may hunt by means of a raptor. Hunting migratory birds with raptors on Sunday is prohibited.

Falconry permits will be issued only to persons who pass a comprehensive examination and who can provide proper facilities for housing a raptor. Beginning falconers must be sponsored by an experienced falconer.

No person shall possess a firearm while hunting with raptors.

For additional information, write to New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife, MC 501-03, P.O. Box 420, Trenton, NJ 08625-0420 or call (908) 735-8793.

Farmer Regulations

See Farmer Hunting and Permit Information, page 30.

Firearms and Missiles

For the purpose of hunting in New Jersey, firearms refer to a shotgun, muzzleloader (rifled or smoothbore), air gun and modern rifle.

Possession and use of silencers are illegal on any firearm. Title 2C:39-1. g. classifies a firearm silencer as “any instrument, attachment, weapon or appliance for causing the firing of any gun, revolver, pistol, or other firearm to be silent, or intended to lessen or muffle the noise of the firing
of any gun, revolver, pistol or other firearm." Pursuant to Title 2C:39-3 c. "Any person who knowingly has in his possession any firearm silencer is guilty of a crime of the fourth degree."

- The use of "smart" rifles or guns for hunting is prohibited. Computer-aided hunting devices would negate the tenet of fair chase, giving hunters an unfair advantage by allowing a computer to target the prey.

- A person may not go into the woods or fields with a firearm except during prescribed seasons.

- It is unlawful to possess in the woods and fields shot larger than #4 fine shot except for hunting deer, bear, waterfowl, woodchuck (farmers only) and coyote/fox during the Special Permit Coyote and Fox Season. This shall not apply to the lawful use of ammunition for air guns; see "Air Guns" this page.

- Rimfire and centerfire rifles are not legal to hunt deer. See sections on specific game animals for permitted firearms and ammunition. See table on page 34 for sporting arms legal for deer hunting.

- No person shall use a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells at one time or that may be fired more than three times without reloading except for the September Canada goose season (see page 67) and during a light goose conservation order season, if any.

- See also Specifically Prohibited and Safety Zones, page 28.

### Air Guns

"Air gun" means any shoulder-mounted firearm which by the force of a spring, air or other non-ignited compressed gas expels a missile or projectile and has a rifled or smooth barrel, using ammunition no smaller than .177 caliber and no larger than .22 caliber producing projectile velocities of not less than 600 feet per second measured at the muzzle. Pursuant to Title 2C:39-1 f, air guns are classified as a firearm. Air gun BBs are not legal for hunting. Air guns are now legal for taking cottontail rabbit, hare and gray squirrel. A Rifle Permit is not required. Modern air guns have sufficient power to take small game plus are quieter and lighter than some shotguns, making them an ideal tool for smaller-framed hunters. Air guns hunting information is now part of the basic shotgun hunter education course.

**IMPORTANT:** See Firearms and Missiles, page 26, for the law regarding silencing mechanisms that also apply to air guns.

### Muzzleloaders

It is unlawful to use smokeless powder in a muzzleloader while hunting in New Jersey. Only black powder or black powder equivalents, such as Pyrodex and Triple Se7en, may be used with a muzzleloading firearm when engaged in hunting.

Properly licensed and permitted hunters 10 years and older may hunt with a muzzleloading rifle. A valid Rifle Permit must be possessed while hunting with a muzzleloading rifle. Permitted action types include percussion, flintlock and inline. Electronic ignitions are not legal. For muzzleloader barrel types and legal hunting ammunition, see regulations for each game species.

It is unlawful to hunt with a muzzleloading rifle on WMAs, except for deer, bear and during the special seasons for coyote/fox and squirrel hunting. For muzzleloader rifle squirrel hunting, see page 58. For muzzleloader deer hunting, see page 34. For Rifle Permit information, see page 12. For muzzleloader coyote/fox hunting, see page 54.

### Rifles, Modern

A valid Rifle Permit must be in possession while hunting with a modern rifle.

Rifles for small game hunting are allowed using limited types of .22 caliber rimfire ammo and are legal only for taking woodchuck (ammo restrictions, page 58), raccoon and opossum with hounds (.22 shorts only) plus coyote and fox (ammo restrictions, page 54). NO rifle woodchuck hunting on wildlife management areas or state parks, forests and recreation areas. Small game hunting with centerfire rifles is limited to not larger than .25 caliber for coyote and fox (see page 54) and .25 caliber or larger for woodchuck (see page 58). See also Firearms and Missiles, page 26.

A modern rifle magazine need not be pinned (plugged), but may be loaded with no more than three cartridges. Rifle permit holders of all ages may hunt with all rifle types as allowed by New Jersey laws. See chart on page 58 for details on small caliber rifle ammunition legal for hunting woodchucks and page 54 for the special permit coyote/fox season.

### Shotguns

Shotguns larger than 10-gauge are prohibited for hunting. Shotguns may not be capable of holding more than three shells except for September Canada goose hunting and during the Spring Light Goose Conservation Order; see page 67. For information on legal shot sizes, see regulations for each game species to be hunted.

### Hunter Harassment

It is illegal to obstruct or attempt to obstruct or annoy a person lawfully taking wildlife as per N.J.S.A. 23:7A-1 through N.J.S.A. 23:7A-3. This includes making loud noises or gestures designed to disturb, alarm, drive, attract or affect the behavior of wildlife.

### Hunter Orange

Firearm hunters must wear a cap made of solid daylight fluorescent orange or an outer garment containing at least 200 square inches of fluorescent orange material visible from all sides at all times while engaged in hunting. A camo-orange hat alone is not adequate. This applies to all persons while hunting with a firearm for deer, bear, rabbit, hare, squirrel, coyote, fox, railbirds, and game birds including while in a treestand. See exceptions below along with ground hunting fluorescent orange requirements.

It is mandatory to wear a hunter orange hat when firearm hunting for small game on wildlife management areas stocked with pheasant or quail. See list of WMAs at Pheasant and Quail Stamp Areas, page 14.

All firearm and bow and arrow deer and black bear hunters utilizing a ground blind when a firearm season is open concurrently must display 200 square inches of hunter orange atop the blind and visible from all sides or within five feet outside the blind and higher than the blind.
Injured or Orphaned Wildlife
If you encounter injured or orphaned wildlife, contact a wildlife rehabilitator. For more information visit our website at NJFishandWildlife.com/bornwild.htm.

Landowner Liability Act
(Excerpted from N.J.S.A. 2A:42A-2 et seq.) a. An owner...of a premises, whether or not posted and or in connection with the use of any structure or by reason of any activity on such premises to persons entering for such purposes; b. An owner of a premises who gives permission to another to enter upon such premises for a sport or recreational activity or purpose does not thereby (1) extend any assurance that the premises are safe for such purpose, or (2) constitute the person to whom permission is granted an invitee to whom a duty of care is owed, or (3) assume responsibility for or incur liability for any injury to person or property caused by any act of persons to whom the permission is granted. Note: A landowner’s liability changes if a fee is charged (or other consideration) or if there is a “willful or malicious failure” to warn of a dangerous condition on the property.

Possession of Certain Wildlife by Persons, Taxidermists & Butchers
No person shall have in possession a deer, bear, migratory game birds or turkey that they did not kill unless it has a label bearing the name, address, telephone number, license and permit numbers of the person who killed the deer, bear, migratory game bird or turkey. Those in the business of processing birds or turkey. Those in the business of processing

Property Damage
Hunters must not hunt in unharvested crops unless first obtaining permission from the owner. Anyone causing damage to cultivated crops, orchards, fences, buildings or livestock may be arrested without warrant by the owner, occupant, lessee, or any officer of the law. Violators are liable for a fine of up to $2,000 and restitution to the property owner in addition to the loss of hunting privileges for a period of five years.

Public Land Hunting
For public land hunting, refer to pages 70, 82 and 83.

Sale of Wildlife
The sale of wild birds and game animals, or parts thereof, is prohibited in New Jersey with the following exceptions: legally trapped furbears may be sold plus the sale of white-tailed deer hides, tails and the lower portion of the legs is legal. See also Closed Seasons, page 26. Questions should be directed to a regional Fish and Wildlife law enforcement office; see page 41.

Safety Zones
No firearm hunter or trapper may carry a loaded firearm or hunt within 450 feet of a building or any school playground, even if unoccupied, except the owner or lessee of a building, and persons specifically authorized by him in writing. No bowhunter may carry a nocked arrow or hunt within 150 feet of a building or within 450 feet of any school playground, even if unoccupied, except the owner or lessee of a
General Hunting

REGULATIONS

Wanton Waste of Game
It is unlawful for any person who kills or wounds any white-tailed deer, black bear, wild turkey, rabbit, squirrel, pheasant, quail, partridge, ruffed grouse or waterfowl while engaged in any hunting to refuse or neglect to make a reasonable effort to retrieve, retain or lawfully take into possession such game animal or bird.

It is unlawful for any person to take, kill, or capture any game mammal or game bird and remove from the carcass the head, hide or antlers and leave the edible portions of the carcass and meat to waste except for a furbearer, crow or woodchuck. See Edible Portions Guide on page 28.

It is unlawful for any person to place, leave, dump or abandon a game mammal, game bird or wildlife carcass or parts of it along or upon a public right-of-way or highway, or on public or private property, including a waterway or stream, without the permission of the owner or tenant, or on any wildlife management area or state park. Make every effort to retrieve your game, remove the animal from the field—except entrails may be left discretely in the field—consume the edible portions and properly dispose of the remains such as bagged in your household trash.

Wildlife Damage Control
Property owners and occupants of dwellings, or their agents designated in writing, suffering damage from squirrel, raccoon, opossum, skunk, weasel, woodchuck, gray fox, red fox and coyote may control these animals by lawful procedures at any time subject to state law and local ordinances. Farmers or their agents may also control the above species by lawful procedures when found destroying livestock, crops or poultry at any time subject to state and local ordinances.

Note: Persons who kill a coyote must notify a Fish and Wildlife Regional Law Enforcement Office within 24 hours. See page 41.

Youth Hunting
A youth hunter means the possessor of a youth hunting license—or the immediate family member of a qualified occupant farmer—who is at least 10 years of age. Youth hunter status continues until Dec. 31 of the year in which the youth turns 16. For youth hunters from 10 through 13 years of age, they must be in possession of that written permission while hunting. See also Safety Zone, page 28.

Specifically Prohibited
• Carrying a loaded firearm within 450 feet, or a stocked arrow within 150 feet of a building or within 450 feet of any school playground, playground (whether or not occupied) is prohibited, except the owner or lessee of a building and persons specifically authorized by him in writing may hunt with a firearm within 450 feet or a bow within 150 feet of the building. Note: persons authorized to hunt with a firearm within 450 feet or with a bow and arrow within 150 feet of a building must be in possession of that written permission while hunting. (See page 83 for diagram with complete safety zone explanation. See also Safety Zone, page 28.)
• Discharging a firearm or a bow and arrow on or across highways or roads.
• Discharging a firearm or a bow and arrow from a motor vehicle, including ATVs.
• Sights which project a spot or light onto the game animal.
• Hunting for or shooting any wildlife by aid of a light, except when hunting raccoon, opossum while on foot or when hunting coyote/fox during the special coyote/fox season.
• Hunting or shooting with aid of a light attached to or carried in a vehicle.
• On national wildlife refuges, the distribution of bait and/or hunting over bait. Also, no Sunday hunting on these lands.
• Hunting with arrows, darts or any other device propelled by any means that is used for the purpose of injecting or delivering any type of drug into an animal.
• Possessing a loaded firearm in or on a motor vehicle, including all-terrain vehicles (ATVs). Possession of a loaded firearm in or upon a vehicle is considered proof of pursuing or taking wildlife.
• Transporting any loaded firearm in or on a motor vehicle or ATV or transporting a cocked crossbow in or on a motor vehicle or ATV.
• Shooting into a squirrel’s nest.
• The removal of the skin or feathers or mutilation of any wild bird or mammal in the woods or fields for the purpose of concealing sex or identity is illegal.

In the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, the following apply:
• Baiting is prohibited.
• No permanent treestands or screw-in steps are permitted.
• You cannot possess a loaded firearm while on any publicly traveled roadway within the area.
• Trapping is prohibited.
• No Sunday bowhunting.
Farmer Hunting and Permit Information

FARMER REGULATIONS

No regulation changes this year.

Farmer License Exemption

All farmers hunting deer must have a Conservation Identification number (CID#). Farmers who already receive free farmer deer or turkey permits, and farmers who have purchased a hunting license/permit and/or freshwater fishing license since 2006 already have an assigned, permanent CID#. A CID# is required to utilize Fish and Wildlife’s Automated Harvest Report System. Farmers who are exempt from the license requirement and hunt only during non-permit seasons still must obtain a CID# in order to report their harvested deer. Register for a free CID# online at www.NJWildlifeLicense.com. No purchase is required but you must create a profile in the online license sales site. From our homepage at NJFishandWildlife.com, click 'Buy your licenses and permits' and follow the instructions to create a profile. There will be options to purchase a license, apply for permits or print an identification card. Choose 'Print an Identification Card.' A card will print with your 9-digit CID#.

All Farmer Deer Hunters: Before going hunting, be sure to go to Fish and Wildlife’s website (NJFishandWildlife.com/ahrs.htm) and write down the DMZ, county, township and Deer Management Unit of your hunting location prior to harvesting a deer! Record this info on your license, permit or the Deer Harvest Report Card (page 31) to have accessible for when you report your deer harvest and to record your assigned Confirmation Number. When reporting a deer harvest on your farm property, farmers do not need a Harvest Number during the non-permit deer season. To report a deer call (855) 1 HUNT NJ or (855) 448-6865 or online at www.NJWildlifeLicense.com. See page 36 for additional reporting information.

A farmer and members of the immediate family (see definition below) who also reside on the farm may hunt, trap and fish on the farm without being licensed or possessing a valid rifle permit. (See page 31 for a cut-out Harvest Report Card). All hunting, fishing and trapping must be conducted in the manner provided by law during the prescribed seasons. A farm is defined as an area of at least five acres and having gross income of at least $500, and tax assessed as farmland. This exemption does not apply to a tenant or the non-permit deer seasons. To report a deer call (855) 1 HUNT NJ or (855) 448-6865 or online at www.nj.wildlifelicense.com. See page 36 for additional reporting information.

Immediate Family: For the purpose of farmers hunting and trapping, the immediate family includes the spouse, mother, father, child, grandchild, stepchild, stepparent, legal guardian, mother-in-law, father-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandparent, great-grandparent, brother, sister, stepsister, stepbrother, brother-in-law and sister-in-law of the farm owner or lessee who resides thereon.

Farmer Regulations

The occupant of a farm may allow his or her dog to run at large on land he or she occupies, except during the firearm deer seasons.

Farmers and their lessees occupying or farming their land, members of their immediate family (see definition above), or their farming employees may kill crows, woodchuck and fox on farm property at any time when found destroying livestock or crops. However, they must use legal firearms, ammunition and other lawful procedures. See also Wildlife Damage Control, page 29. See also General Regulations, page 26.

Farmers must possess the appropriate permit to legally hunt the farm during any hunting or trapping season which requires a permit. Permits are provided free to all qualified farmers for the following seasons: Permit Bow, Permit Muzzleloader and Permit Shotgun deer seasons plus the spring and fall Turkey Permit seasons and the Black Bear Season. Sunday bowhunting for deer is legal only on state wildlife management areas and private property. Farmers may trap fox destroying poultry, crops or property at any time, subject to state law and local ordinances. Farmers or their agents may shoot or trap coyotes by lawful procedures at any time when found destroying livestock or crops. A regional Fish and Wildlife Law Enforcement office must be notified within 24 hours of killing a coyote. See Law Enforcement page 41 or Telephone Directory page 88.

Permits for Farmers

Fish and Wildlife reviews the Farmer Permit database periodically to ensure compliance. In 2018, all farmers whose last name begins with the letters A through M will be re-inspected. A letter and form was mailed in March–April to the address on record. These farmers cannot claim any farmer permit until Fish and Wildlife receives the completed form, conducts the inspection and re-approves the farmer. Once the inspection is completed, farmers will receive a letter with their status. If your last name begins with letter N through Z, no action is needed for 2018. Our Bureau of Law Enforcement will contact you if additional information is required during the re-evaluation process. Farmer status will be inactivated and farmers notified if the information on file is no longer accurate.

New farmers must submit an application to obtain free turkey, deer and/or bear permits. Applications are available on our website at NJFishandWildlife.com. Farmer Certification Application for Deer and Turkey Permits. Print out both pages and use the instruction sheet to fill out the application. Applications are also available at your local county agricultural extension office. The preferred application period for farmers is June 1–August 1.

Once approved, farmers may claim their farmer permits by going to any license agent. The dates when permits will become available are listed below.

Farmer Deer Permits

Farmers may claim deer permits beginning MONDAY, Sept. 10, 2018 at 10 a.m. at any license agent. Farmer Turkey Permits are only for Occupant Farmers. Fall Turkey Season is now open in all Turkey Hunting Areas. Farmers may claim spring season turkey permits beginning MONDAY, April 1, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. If you experience a problem obtaining the fall permit at a license agent, call (609) 292-1473.

Farmers may also apply for (or purchase at any license agent) regular turkey permits in addition to the free farmer permits.

Two types of farmer permits—occupant and non-occupant farmer—allow the applicant to decide for which permit it is easiest to qualify. See below. Farmers who must change the occupancy status for their deer permit should call (609) 292-1473.

Only a qualified farmer and members of the immediate family (see definition on this page) who reside on the farm, are eligible to apply for occupant and non-occupant farmer deer permits.

Farmers may also apply for (or purchase at any license agent) regular deer permits in addition to the free farmer permits. See Deer Season Permits, page 18.

Farmers are eligible for a Farmer Buck Permit which are limited to only one per person per season. If a farmer claims their FARMER Buck Permit they cannot purchase a regular Antlered Buck Permit. Likewise, if a farmer first purchases an Antlered Buck Permit, the farmer cannot claim a Farmer Buck Permit. The Antlered Buck Permit is valid for any zone in which the farmer has an antlerless permit for the season.

Occasional Hunter Deer Permits

Applicants must be the owner, lessee or members of the immediate family (see definition on this page) who actually reside on the farm property.

Land must be at least five acres, tax-assessed as farmland.

Occupant permits are valid only on the farm property where the applicant resides.

Non-Occasional Hunter Deer Permits

Applicants are not required to live on the farm property.

Applicants and members of their immediate family (see definition on this page) may qualify, up to a total of five people.

Must actively till at least 30 acres of land which is tax-assessed as farmland.

Woodlots do not qualify.

To apply for hunting leased farmland, a copy of all leases authorizing the agricultural and hunting uses of the land must be attached to the application.

Non-Occidental permits are valid only on private land within the deer management zone designated on the permit and are not valid on public lands within that zone.

An applicant who lives on a farm and actively tills at least 30 acres may apply either as an occupant or a non-occupant.

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Farmer Bear Permits

Only the owner or lessee of a farm, who resides thereon, or members of his immediate family 10 years of age or older who also reside thereon, may apply on forms provided for a special farmer black bear permit. See definition of “immediate family” on this page. Under this section a farm is an area of five acres or more, producing a gross income in excess of $500 and is tax assessed as farmland. Special farmer black bear permits will be issued only in those Black Bear Management Zones where the bag limit remains at one bear.

Farmers undergoing re-inspection this year must complete the bear permit information in the mailing that was sent. All others need not re-apply. Application forms may be obtained from Fish and Wildlife's website or at county agricultural extension offices.

Application deadline: Sept. 1. There is no fee; all qualified applicants will receive a Special Farmer Black Bear Permit via mail for the 2018 black bear season which will be valid for both segments. However, the bag limit remains at one bear.

Submit only one farmer application per individual during the initial application period. Application for a farmer black bear permit shall not preclude a farmer (as a holder of a valid hunting license) from applying for—and Fish and Wildlife issuing—regular black bear season permit(s).

Special Farmer Black Bear Permits will NOT be issued via the electronic license system for the 2018 Black Bear Season. Permits will be mailed to qualified farmers only after receiving valid applications approved by Fish and Wildlife's Bureau of Law Enforcement.

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