

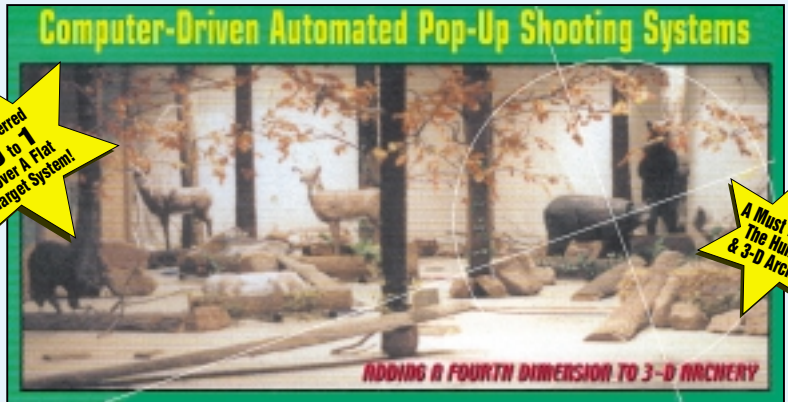
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Deer Hunting Regulations

Legal Deer Hunting Hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset

Licenses and Permits



- **Buck Stubs**—All 2002 hunting licenses include tear-off antlered buck stubs. Three buck stubs are found on each of the bow and firearm licenses and 6 buck stubs are found on the all-around license. A hunter who takes an antlered buck must date, initial and attach a buck stub to the deer before transporting it to the deer check station. Upon checking the deer, *the buck stub must be surrendered to the check station operator along with the transportation tag.* The buck stub must be attached to the data form at the check station. **Buck stubs valid for the permit muzzleloader and permit shotgun season which are not used by December 31, 2002 WILL be valid for use during the January, 2003 and February, 2003 permit muzzleloader and January, 2003 and February, 2003 permit shotgun days.**
- See pages 4, 7 and 14 for details on license, permit and Hunter Education requirements.
- Additional hunting licenses may not be purchased in order to harvest additional deer.
- Additional special season permits may not be purchased in order to harvest additional antlered deer.
- Although hunters may purchase multiple deer permits, they are limited to only ONE permit from a given zone during each of the permit seasons. For example a hunter may buy a muzzleloader permit for zones 18, 21 and 24, however he/she may not purchase 2 muzzleloader permits for zone 24. A hunter may purchase a bow permit, a muzzleloader permit and a shotgun permit for zone 24, however he/she may not purchase 2 bow permits (or 2 shotgun permits or 2 muzzleloader permits) for zone 24.
- It is unlawful to use a bow and arrow for hunting deer using a firearm license or shotgun or muzzleloader deer permit.

Key Definitions

- “Antler length” is defined as the maximum length of a deer antler measured from the lowest outside edge of the antler burr along the outer curve to the most distant point of what is or appears to be the main antler beam. For the purposes of this definition, the antler length does not include the pedicel or portion of skull between the skull plate and base of the antler point.
- “Antler Point” is defined as any point at least one inch long from its tip to its base line, and the length must exceed the width at some location at least one inch down from the tip.

- “Antlered deer” is defined as any deer with at least one antler measuring at least three inches in length as described above.
- “Antlerless deer” is defined as any deer which does not have any antler measuring at least three inches in length. For the purposes of this definition, shed antlered deer are considered antlerless deer.
- “Youth Hunter” status applies to the possessor of a valid Youth Hunting License (or the immediate member of a qualified occupant farmer who is at least 10 years of age) and continues until December 31 of the year in which he or she turns 16 years of age. The **Youth Deer Hunt Day is Saturday, November 23, 2002.** The bag limit for youth hunters on this day is ONE deer of either sex. Point restrictions do not apply to deer taken on this day by youth hunters. See page 67.

Firearms, Ammunition and Sights

- See page 14 for general hunting regulations which also apply to deer hunting.
- **All Firearms must be cased and unloaded while being transported in vehicles.** A muzzleloader is considered unloaded when, in the case of a percussion cap rifle or shotgun, the percussion cap has been removed from the nipple; in the case of a flintlock, when the powder is removed from the pan and a boot or cover made of nonmetallic material is placed over the frizzen.

- Hunters using or possessing **any shotgun slug** in the field during the deer seasons must have a shotgun with adjustable open iron or peep **sights** or a scope affixed to the shotgun.
- **Telescopic sights** of any magnification (scope power) are permitted for deer hunting on **all** firearms, including muzzleloader rifles and smoothbore muzzleloader shotguns. No permits are required for telescopic sights.
- Shotgun shells containing single spherical projectiles referred to as **pumpkin balls are prohibited.**
- While deer hunting with a shotgun, it is illegal to have in possession any ammunition not authorized for deer hunting.
- **Special Area Hunting Seasons** may have regulations which **differ** from the statewide regulations. See page 36 for details.
- Only **one** muzzleloading rifle or smoothbore muzzleloader may be in possession while deer hunting.
- Only **black powder or black powder equivalents**, including Clean Shot, GOEX Clear Shot and Pyrodex, may be used with a muzzleloading firearm when engaged in hunting. Modern smokeless powder is strictly prohibited while hunting game with a muzzleloading firearm.

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Firearms, Bows and Ammunition Legal for Deer Hunting:

Season(s)	Weapon Type	Gauge, Caliber or Weight	Projectile(s)	Firearm sights; Bow releases
Fall bow Permit bow Winter bow	Bow long, recurve or compound	35 pounds pull at archers draw length (long and recurve bows) or peak weight (compound bow)	Arrows must be fitted with a well-sharpened metal broadhead with a minimum width of 3/4"	Hand-held release devices are permitted
Permit muzzleloader	Muzzleloader—rifle or smoothbore, single-barrel, single-shot. Flintlock, percussion and in-line ignitions permitted. Double-barrel firearms prohibited	Rifle—not less than .44 caliber Smoothbore—not smaller than 20 gauge and not larger than 10 gauge	Must be loaded with a single projectile only	Telescopic sights permitted
Six-day firearm	Shotgun—single or double barrel, rifled bore or smoothbore	Not smaller than 20 gauge and not larger than 10 gauge, capable of holding no more than 3 shells	Slugs—lead, lead alloy or copper rifled slug or sabot slug Buck shot—sizes not smaller than #4 (0.24") nor larger than #000 (0.36")	Shotgun must have an adjustable open iron or peep sight or a scope affixed if hunter is hunting with or in possession of slugs
	Muzzleloader—single-shot, single barrel rifle OR single or double-barrel smoothbore shotgun. Flintlock, percussion and in-line ignitions permitted	Muzzleloading rifle—single shot not less than .44 caliber Smoothbore—single or double-barrel not smaller than 20 gauge and not larger than 10 gauge	Muzzleloading rifle—single projectile Smoothbore—buck shot not smaller than #4 (0.24") nor larger than #000 (0.36")	Telescopic sights permitted
Permit shotgun	Shotgun—single or double barrel, rifled bore or smoothbore	Not smaller than 20 gauge and not larger than 10 gauge, capable of holding no more than 3 shells	Slugs—lead, lead alloy or copper rifled slug or sabot slug Buck shot—sizes not smaller than #4 (0.24") nor larger than #000 (0.36")	Shotgun must have an adjustable open iron or peep sight or a scope affixed if hunter is hunting with or in possession of slugs
	Muzzleloader—single or double-barrel smoothbores only (no rifles). Flintlock, percussion and in-line ignitions permitted	Not smaller than 20 gauge and not larger than 10 gauge	Buck shot—sizes not smaller than #4 (0.24") nor larger than #000 (0.36")	Telescopic sights permitted



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• What Do I Do If I Recovered My Deer Too Late and/or The Deer Check Station Is Closed and I Cannot Get To Another Station In Time?

1. Go home and immediately call the nearest NJ Fish & Wildlife Law Enforcement Office.

For deer harvested in these counties:

Bergen	Hudson	Somerset
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Hunterdon	Passaic	Warren Union

Call the Northern Region Law Enforcement Office at (908) 735-8240

For deer harvested in these counties:

Burlington	Monmouth
Mercer	Ocean
Middlesex	

Call the Central Region Law Enforcement Office at (609) 259-2120

For deer harvested in these counties:

Atlantic	Cumberland
Camden	Gloucester
Cape May	Salem

Call the Southern Region Law Enforcement Office at (856) 629-0555

2. Leave a message on the recorder with your name, phone number, hunting license number and what deer management zone the deer was taken in.

3. Check your deer the following morning at the nearest deer check station. If weather conditions necessitate butchering the deer immediately, you must bring the head and hide to be checked the next day.

Note: During the early part of the Fall Bow Season, September 7 through 27, 2002, in Zones 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 36, 41, 42, 49, 50 and 51, only deer check stations located in these zones and within a 10 mile radius will be checking deer. No other check stations will be authorized to check deer during this period.

After checking your deer— Possession/Sale

- Metal possession seals (affixed to deer at check stations) **must** be kept until all venison is consumed **and** as long as you keep any part or parts, including antlers, are kept. Persons with deer mounts should write their name, legal possession seal number, date of kill, and season of harvest on back of the mounting plate for future reference.
- It is illegal to sell deer meat, deer antlers or any part of a deer *except* deer hides. However, nonprofit organizations conducting wild game dinners for social and fundraising events may offer game or furbearer meat (the sale of which is otherwise prohibited) provided that the meat had been harvested, stored and processed in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.
- All deer must be taken to a check station.

Spotlighting

- Spotlighting deer during hours of darkness from a vehicle is illegal while in possession of a weapon capable of killing deer, whether the

weapon is cased or uncased or in a locked compartment. This does not apply to the regular use of headlights when traveling in a normal manner on public or private roads.

Decoys and Electronic Devices

- **Persons may hunt with the aid of deer decoys statewide in those zones open for deer hunting during the Fall Bow, Permit Bow and Winter Bow Seasons only.** When carrying or moving deer decoys for the purpose of hunting, persons must wear a fluorescent orange hat or other garment consisting of at least 200 square inches of fluorescent orange material, which shall be visible from all sides as currently required for firearm deer hunting.
- It is unlawful to hunt for deer with the aid of an electronic calling device or any device, which casts a beam of light upon the deer.

Baiting Regulation

- Baiting is allowed for deer hunting. Hunters may hunt for deer while in a tree, on the ground, or in a structure and from any height and any distance from the bait pile. Hunters should check with the landowner or administrative agency before placing bait on their hunting area as baiting is not allowed on properties such as National Wildlife Refuges.

What To Do With Those #%&*! Antlered Buck Stubs!

Example 1: It's an either-sex deer season (i.e., NOT the Six-day Firearm "Buck" Season—See Example 3 for this season), and you've just taken your **first** deer of the season.

If your first deer is an antlered male (one antler at least 3" in length):

- Completely fill in the transportation tag from your license or permit, including the "Antlered Buck Stub" (dated and initialed); and, attach them to the deer.
- Register the deer at the nearest official check station. Inform the station operator that you have an antlered male deer to check. Give him or her the transportation tag and "Antlered Buck Stub" and indicate on the map the deer management unit from which the deer was taken.
- Upon registration, the proprietor will issue you a "Supplemental Transportation Tag" valid for taking a 2nd deer during the balance of the season. The tag is valid immediately. Since only one antlered deer may be taken during any either-sex season (and you've just taken it), this Supplemental Tag is valid only for antlerless deer.
- A metal possession seal will be affixed to the harvested deer. It is ultimately **your** responsibility to confirm the deer is correctly sealed before leaving the check station.

Reminder: Any antlered buck taken from Zones 3, 6, 9, 13, 27, 29, 35, 37, 40, 59, 63, 66 and 67 must have at least three (3) antler points on one side of the deer's rack.

If your first deer is antlerless (a female or male fawn, for example):

- Completely fill in the transportation tag from your license or permit and attach it to the deer.
- Register the deer at the nearest official check station. Inform the station operator that you have an antlerless deer to check. Give him or her the transportation tag and indicate on the map the deer management unit from which the deer was taken.
- Upon registration, the proprietor will issue you a "Supplemental Transportation Tag" valid for taking a 2nd deer during the balance of the season. The tag is valid immediately. Since only one antlered deer may be taken during any either-sex season (and you've only taken an antlerless deer), this Supplemental Tag is valid for either an antlered buck or another antlerless deer.
- A metal possession seal will be affixed to the harvested deer. It is ultimately **your** responsibility to see that the deer is correctly sealed before leaving the check station.

Note: Supplemental Tags for the second deer are valid statewide during the fall or winter bow seasons, but during the permit bow, permit muzzleloader or permit shotgun season are only valid in that zone for which the special season permit was issued.

Example 2: It's the same either-sex deer season (i.e., NOT the Six-day Firearm "Buck" Season), and you've just taken your **second** deer of the season.

If your second deer is an antlered male (i.e., you had previously harvested an antlerless deer):

- Completely fill in the back of the Supplemental Transportation Tag, and the "Antlered Buck Stub" from your license (dated and initialed); and, attach them to the deer.
- Register the deer at the nearest official check station. Inform the station operator that you have an antlered male deer to check. Give him or her the transportation tag and "Antlered Buck Stub" and indicate on the map the deer management unit from which the deer was taken.
- Upon registration, the proprietor will issue you a "Supplemental Transportation Tag" valid for taking a 3rd deer during the balance of the

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What To Do With Those #%&*! Antlered Buck Stubs! *(continued from page 24)*

season. The tag is valid immediately. Since only one antlered deer may be taken during any either-sex season (and you've just taken it), this Supplemental Tag is only valid for antlerless deer.

- A metal possession seal will be affixed to the harvested deer. It is ultimately **your** responsibility to see that the deer is correctly sealed before leaving the check station.
- Reminder:** Any antlered buck taken from Zones 3, 6, 9, 13, 27, 29, 35, 37, 40, 59, 63 and 67 must have at least three (3) antler points on one side of the deer's rack.

If your second deer is antlerless (a female or male fawn, for example):

- Completely fill in the back of the Supplemental Transportation Tag and attach it to the deer.
- Register the deer at the nearest official check station. Inform the station operator that you have an antlerless deer to check. Give him or her the transportation tag and indicate on the map the deer management unit from which the deer was taken.
- Upon registration, the proprietor will issue you a "Supplemental Transportation Tag" valid for taking a 3rd deer during the balance of the season. The tag is valid immediately. Only one antlered deer may be taken during any either-sex. If you still possess your "Antlered Buck Stub" then the Supplemental Tag is valid for either an antlered buck or another antlerless deer. If you have already taken an antlered deer, then the Supplemental Tag is only valid for taking antlerless deer.
- A metal possession seal will be affixed to the harvested deer. It is ultimately **your** responsibility to confirm the deer is correctly sealed before leaving the check station.

Note: Supplemental Tags marked "valid" for the taking of a 3rd or more deer are **not** valid in Zones 1, 3, 4, 6, 18, 21, 23, 24, 30, 34, 37, 43, 45, 46, 52, 53, 55 or 65 during the **regular** fall

or winter bow seasons. The bag limit in these zones during the **permit bow** and permit **muzzleloader** is two deer per permit. The bag limit in these zones during the permit **shotgun** season is either one or two deer, according to the regulations for that zone. Additional Supplemental Tags must not be issued in these zones once the season bag limit is reached. Possession of a Supplemental Tag marked "valid" for the taking of a hunter's 3rd, 4th, 5th, etc., deer within those zones listed above is a violation of the Game Code. Hunters may purchase only one permit for any zone during any special permit season. The bag limit in all other zones not listed above and which are open for the special permit seasons is one antlered deer and unlimited antlerless deer. Subsequent Supplemental Tags for unlimited antlerless zones will be valid only in that zone for which the permit is issued and is valid until the season concludes.

Example 3: It's the Six-day Firearm "Buck" Season, and you've just taken your **first** antlered buck (one antler at least 3" in length).

Reminder: Any antlered buck taken from Zones 3, 6, 9, 13, 27, 29, 35, 37, 40, 59, 63, 66 and 67 must have at least three (3) antler points on one side of the deer's rack.

- Completely fill in the transportation tag from your license, including the "Antlered Buck Stub" (dated and initialed); and, attach them to the deer.
- Register the deer at the nearest official check station. Inform the station operator that you have an antlered male deer to check. Give him or her the transportation tag and "Antlered Buck Stub" and indicate on the map the deer management unit from which the deer was taken.
- Upon registration, the proprietor will issue you a "Supplemental Transportation Tag" valid for the taking of a 2nd deer during the balance of the season. The tag is valid immediately.
- A metal possession seal will be affixed to the

harvested deer. It is ultimately **your** responsibility to confirm the deer is correctly sealed before leaving the check station.

Note: The bag limit during the Six-day Firearm "Buck" Season is two antlered bucks. If you harvest a second buck during this season, you must use the "Antlered Buck Stub Second 6-Day Firearm or Permit Shotgun Season Only". (You may not take any antlered deer during the permit shotgun season if you harvested two antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season).

Example 4: It's the Six-day Firearm "Buck" Season, and you've just taken your **second** antlered buck (one antler at least 3" in length).

- Completely fill in the back of the Supplemental Transportation Tag from your license, *and* the "Antlered Buck Stub Second 6-Day Firearm or Permit Shotgun Season Only" (dated and initialed); and, attach them to the deer.
- Register the deer at the nearest official check station. Inform the station operator that you have a second antlered male deer to check. Give him or her the transportation tag and "Antlered Buck Stub" and indicate on the map the deer management unit from which the deer was taken.
- Since the season bag limit has been reached, an additional Supplemental Tag must not be issued.
- A metal possession seal will be affixed to the harvested deer. It is ultimately **your** responsibility to confirm the deer is correctly sealed before leaving the check station.

Note: The bag limit during the Six-day Firearm "Buck" Season is a maximum of two antlered bucks. Since you harvested a second buck during this season and used your "Antlered Buck Stub Second Six-day Firearm or Permit Shotgun Only" tag, you may not take any antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun season and any permit for that season in your possession will be valid only for harvesting that zone's bag limit of antlerless deer.

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2001–2002 Deer Harvest Summary

New Jersey has one of the most intensively managed deer programs in the country. Maintaining a healthy deer herd, maintaining a deer density tolerable to residents of the state, and maximizing the recreation associated with the deer herd are the key objectives of the deer program. New Jersey deer hunters had yet another excellent season in 2001, harvesting 69,970 deer during the six seasons (fall bow, permit bow, six-day firearm, permit muzzleloader, permit shotgun and winter bow). The 2001 harvest is the third highest total and is surpassed only by the 1999 (75,398) and 2000 (77,444) totals.

Total harvests for each of the six seasons were as follows: fall bow—13,037; permit bow—9,726 (record); six-day firearm—10,707 (including the youth day harvest of 730); permit muzzleloader—12,357; permit shotgun—23,060; and winter bow—1,083. The total harvest consisted of 20,734 antlered bucks and 49,236 antlerless deer.

Hunterdon County continued to rank first in terms of the total number of deer harvested (12,576) followed by Warren (7,520) and Sussex (7,185). A new total season record was set in Atlantic County (4,043).

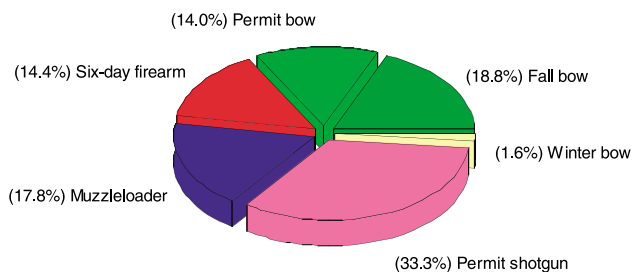
Most importantly, New Jersey's hunters harvested 49,236 antlerless deer, the third highest total in the state's history. The harvest of antlerless deer is the key to reducing deer populations, which was the Division's objective on nearly three-quarters of the state's deer range in 2001. The antlerless harvest by weapon type was as follows: shotgun—21,520 deer (43.7%); archery—17,850 deer (36.3%); and muzzleloader—9,866 deer (20.0%).



The 2001–02 Total Deer Harvest By Season and Zone

ZONE	DEER SEASONS							Totals
	Fall Bow	Permit Bow	Six-day Firearm	Muzzle loader	Permit Shotgun	Winter Bow	Youth Hunt	
1	132	114	186	176	39	23	11	681
2	455	339	499	638	1003	33	37	3004
3	125	89	115	189	19	11	10	558
4	81	210	217	396	57	42	19	1022
5	1016	684	899	769	2280	37	57	5742
6	204	202	158	203	91	42	19	919
7	511	404	351	376	1019	15	22	2698
8	1317	923	867	711	2242	71	50	6181
9	458	307	92	163	380	68	7	1475
10	887	597	538	561	1394	44	25	4046
11	499	358	299	295	899	8	11	2369
12	1187	770	553	612	2017	67	31	5237
13	566	413	115	124	385	102	6	1711
14	624	387	280	224	1137	52	18	2722
15	269	179	181	215	892	11	18	1765
16	222	184	251	251	473	22	17	1420
17	152	124	174	208	459	7	15	1139
18	101	87	165	168	5	27	12	565
19	335	292	281	365	770	31	22	2096
21	114	108	334	320	12	20	19	927
22	129	88	85	131	345	10	9	797
23	169	158	374	408	36	31	20	1196
24	63	50	205	233	10	19	11	591
25	258	202	190	261	942	10	22	1885
26	287	202	386	563	734	16	22	2210
27	164	152	127	272	275	25	22	1037
28	370	244	173	374	335	21	32	1549
29	177	137	107	300	362	10	14	1107
30	56	67	64	168	66	9	14	444
31	130	107	57	152	103	12	8	569
34	148	136	193	384	132	35	16	1044
35	200	190	155	265	754	10	26	1600
36	163	85	19	13	77	13	4	374
37	18	7		39	1	4		69
38					189			189
39	14	20	40	57	138	1	2	272
40	5	7			22	1		35
41	278	212	202	189	624	7	7	1519
42	88	55	79	97	294	3	3	619
43	41	43	75	101	4	9	6	279
45	61	64	125	213	7	8	11	489
46	48	46	194	189	15	17	7	516
47	62	47	82	103	155	6	7	462
48	120	120	160	150	706	10	14	1280
49	48	42	19	12	60	4	2	187
50	398	230	126	130	576	28	4	1492
51	140	94	41	74	261	15	3	628
52	8	7	15	58	2	1		91
53	10	11	4	11	5	4	1	46
54	9		21	2	27			59
55	25	26	31	58	3	5	6	154
56					22			22
57		4		4	3			11
58		3		5	7			15
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60					26			26
61		4	8	7	21			40
63	50	44	18	44	59	2	5	222
64					66			66
65	45	40	47	94	3	4	6	239
67				223				223
Totals	13037	9726	9977	12357	23060	1083	730	69970

2001–02 Deer Seasons Summary



The 2001–02 Total Deer Harvest by County and Season

Deer Seasons

COUNTY	Fall Bow	Permit Bow	Six-day Firearm	Muzzle loader	Permit Shotgun	Winter Bow	Youth Hunt	Totals
Atlantic	475	349	768	1006	1358	39	48	4043
Bergen	21	10	10	6	6	2		55
Burlington	777	684	1088	1207	1740	92	72	5660
Camden	151	126	137	180	176	12	10	792
Cape May	117	109	161	297	101	28	14	827
Cumberland	626	520	534	1094	614	65	67	3520
Essex	36	31	2	7	18	6	2	102
Gloucester	369	346	298	452	1065	22	36	2588
Hunterdon	2847	1927	1533	1597	4466	123	83	12576
Mercer	544	350	284	273	1019	21	18	2509
Middlesex	346	206	186	173	745	12	10	1678
Monmouth	796	539	454	581	1810	64	35	4279
Morris	1032	766	490	480	1467	113	30	4378
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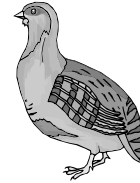
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