

# Deer Hunting Regulations

**Legal Deer Hunting Hours: half hour before sunrise to half hour after sunset**

Only ONE antlered deer may be taken per season statewide, regardless of the number of special season permits in possession. **To be legal, all deer harvested must be registered at an official deer check station (see page 44) and have a metal possession seal affixed to the deer. Only after registering the first deer may a hunter take or attempt to take another deer, where legal, unless specifically written as an exception.**



## Licenses, Permits and Tagging Requirements

- See pages 4 and 5 for details on license, permit and Hunter Education requirements.
- Additional hunting licenses may not be purchased in order to harvest additional deer.
- Although hunters may purchase multiple deer permits, **they are limited to only ONE permit for 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 two 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 two bow permits (or two shotgun permits or two muzzleloader permits) for zone 24. **Transportation tags from 2003 permits are valid for the entire length of the permit bow, muzzleloader or shotgun seasons, including January and February 2004, if the zone specified on the original permit is open for hunting during these dates.**
- **Tagging Requirements**—Hunters taking an antlered deer must have an “Antlered Buck Stub” from their current and valid hunting license and must **immediately** detach, date and initial the buck stub valid for that season in which the antlered deer is harvested. All harvested deer shall be tagged immediately with a completely filled in “transportation tag” and shall be transported to a checking station before 8 p.m., during the Fall Bow season and before 7 p.m. during all other seasons. Upon checking the deer, the transportation tag, and buck stub if applicable, must be surrendered to the check station operator. **Buck stubs from 2003 firearm licenses ARE VALID for the entire permit muzzleloader and permit shotgun seasons, including January and February 2004, if your zone is open for hunting during these seasons. Do NOT use the buck stub from your 2004 firearm license in January or February!**
- It is unlawful to use a bow and arrow for hunting deer using a firearm license or shotgun or muzzleloader deer permit.

## Key Concepts and Definitions

- “Quality Deer Management Zones” include Zones 3, 6, 9, 13, 27, 29, 35, 37, 40, 59, 63, 66 and 67. The harvest of antlered deer from these zones during any open season is restricted to deer having at least one antler having a minimum of three antler points as defined below.
- “Earn-A-Buck Zones” include Zones 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 36, 38, 40, 41, 49, 50, 51 and 67. The first deer harvested by the sportsmen from these zones during any open season through December 13, 2003 must be an antlerless deer as defined below.
- “Special Area Deer Management Zones” include Zones 37, 38, 39, 40, 52, 53, 54, 56, 57, 58, 59, 61, 64, 66 and 67. They are generally small, publicly owned properties administered by county, federal or state agencies (other than the Division of Fish and Wildlife) where deer season dates, bag limits or regulations differ from those of the surrounding deer management zone. See page 35–38 for details.
- “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 that does not have an antler length measuring at least three inches. For the purposes of this definition, adult deer that have shed their antlers 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 22, 2003.** 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.

## Bag Limits

- Properly licensed hunters are limited to taking one antlered buck per season (regardless of the
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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 broad-head 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 sabotted 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")	

# Deer Hunting Regulations (continued from page 21)

*What should be done if I recover my deer too late and/or the deer check station is closed and I cannot arrive at another check station before they close?*

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

*For deer harvested in these counties:*

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*For deer harvested in these counties:*

Atlantic	Cumberland
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**2. Leave a message on the recorder** with your name, phone number, hunting license number and the deer management zone from which the deer was taken.

**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.

**After harvesting a deer—Mandatory Deer Check Requirement**

- 1. Tag your deer**—deer transportation tags must be filled in completely with ink, detached from license or permit, and securely attached to the deer immediately after it has been killed and before moving the deer.
- Upon killing an antlered buck, hunters must immediately date, initial and detach the buck stub from their license and attach the stub to the deer with the transportation tag.
- 3. Bring your deer to an official deer check station**—be discreet when transporting deer to and from a check station, butcher or taxidermist. Deer must be taken *by the person who killed the deer*, on the day killed, to the nearest check station by 8 p.m. during the regular fall bow season, and by 7 p.m. during all other seasons. The buck stub must be surrendered with the transportation tag at the deer check station. Personnel at the check station will attach a legal, metal possession seal to the deer, and, if applicable, will issue a New Jersey Supplemental Transportation Tag for the harvest of another deer. Consult this *Digest* for a listing of official deer check stations to locate the one closest to your place of hunting.
- 4. Remember:** Bring your hunting license and applicable deer season permit to the check station.

**Firearms and Ammunition & Sights**

- See page 15 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.
- 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.
- Special Area Deer Management Zones** may have regulations that **differ** from the statewide regulations. See page 35 for details.

**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.

**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 cast 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 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.

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number of permits purchased) during the fall bow, permit bow, permit muzzleloader, permit shotgun and winter bow seasons. Two antlered bucks may be taken during the six-day firearm season. **Exception:** *If two antlered bucks are taken during the six-day firearm season, the antlered buck bag limit for permit shotgun is zero. HUNTER'S CHOICE: take two antlered bucks during six-day firearm, or one antlered buck during six-day firearm and one antlered buck during permit shotgun.* The antlerless bag limit for these seasons will be either one, two, or unlimited depending on the zone and season.

- Two deer may be taken at a time in Zones 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 19, 25, 36, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 48, 49, 50, 51 and 64 during the permit muzzleloader and permit shotgun seasons, respectively (in those zones open for those seasons), until the season concludes.

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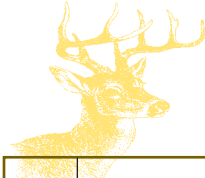
# 2002–2003 Deer Harvest Summary

New Jersey deer hunters harvested 63,786 deer during the 2002–2003 season. This represents a nine percent decrease from the 2001–02 harvest of 69,970 deer, and is a continued response to the ongoing effort to reduce the deer population on approximately 68 percent of the state's deer range. The season total is the fourth highest in state history.

Total harvests for each of the six seasons and Youth Day were as follows: Fall Bow–11,305; Permit Bow–9,051; Six-day Firearm–10,588; Permit Shotgun–20,912; Permit Muzzleloader–10,231; Winter Bow–894; and Youth Day–805. The total harvest consisted of 20,966 antlered bucks and 42,820 antlerless deer.

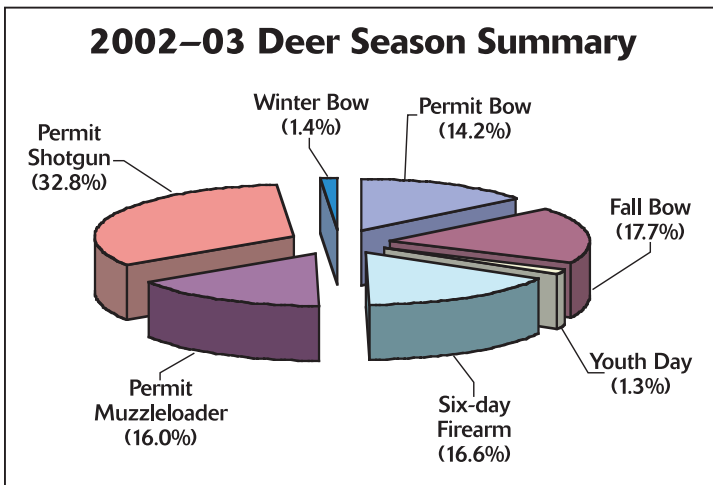
Hunterdon County once again ranked highest in overall harvest (11,602), with Sussex County coming in second (6,714), and Warren County a close third (6,710).

Most importantly, hunters harvested 42,820 antlerless deer, broken down by weapon type as follows: Archery–15,458 (36.1 percent); Muzzleloader–7,922 (18.5 percent); and Shotgun–19,440 (45.4 percent).



## Preliminary 2002–03 Total Deer Harvest By Season and Zone

DMZ	DEER SEASONS							Total
	Fall Bow	Permit Bow	Youth Day	Six-day Firearm	Permit Muzzleloader	Permit Shotgun	Winter Bow	
1	103	91	9	180	176	53	16	628
2	419	334	46	468	584	850	32	2,733
3	108	139	12	130	238	23	12	662
4	203	180	23	201	352	47	31	1,037
5	958	559	70	873	644	1,850	32	4,986
6	225	216	31	201	245	63	23	1,004
7	496	363	16	434	313	917	20	2,559
8	1,189	889	40	988	577	2,038	46	5,767
9	463	295	11	143	103	429	56	1,500
10	803	562	15	584	526	1,188	32	3,710
11	468	349	22	334	295	675	7	2,150
12	1,090	759	30	649	531	1,682	42	4,783
13	639	442	5	147	103	384	146	1,866
14	506	359	19	308	217	1,109	40	2,558
15	242	200	15	230	139	992	9	1,827
16	137	135	22	279	166	90	16	845
17	120	111	17	181	165	517	3	1,114
18	109	102	11	195	199	14	18	648
19	231	228	23	281	243	767	17	1,790
21	102	125	17	377	235	23	31	910
22	42	53	10	57	55	95	9	321
23	116	167	23	414	331	27	24	1,102
24	42	58	14	151	189	14	17	485
25	136	132	14	172	173	923	3	1,553
26	119	197	30	370	353	633	10	1,712
27	101	122	13	134	252	284	11	917
28	206	167	25	210	281	295	7	1,191
29	125	104	19	127	231	350	10	966
30	72	67	17	63	135	68	9	431
31	67	58	6	40	110	106	8	395
34	78	114	31	162	250	146	26	807
35	201	180	22	179	233	567	4	1,386
36	112	83	1	18	24	60	13	311
37	29	11	3	22	97	6	2	170
38	0	0	0	0	1	266	0	267
39	11	21	0	19	63	199	2	315
40	13	5	0	0	26	14	1	59
41	247	218	15	237	149	506	1	1,373
42	68	36	11	68	60	429	5	677
43	14	29	6	84	56	6	3	198
45	22	58	18	107	148	15	7	375
46	17	45	10	147	101	27	8	355
47	31	28	5	52	54	178	6	354
48	119	107	12	175	133	536	6	1,088
49	65	21	1	20	20	106	5	238
50	331	212	13	123	112	448	25	1,264
51	158	124	5	96	86	546	27	1,042
52	9	9	2	13	50	18	1	102
53	14	20	2	8	24	7	6	81
54	6	13	0	14	7	19	0	59
55	14	21	1	30	20	10	2	98
56	0	0	0	0	0	34	0	34
57	1	2	0	1	5	13	0	22
58	0	11	1	4	10	24	0	50
59	0	16	1	0	8	22	0	47
61	0	4	0	3	3	13	0	23
63	54	41	4	34	67	60	2	262
64	0	0	0	0	0	95	0	95
65	42	44	16	50	67	6	4	229
66	12	15	0	0	4	30	1	62
67	0	0	0	0	192	0	0	192
Unk	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,305</b>	<b>9,051</b>	<b>805</b>	<b>10,588</b>	<b>10,231</b>	<b>20,912</b>	<b>894</b>	<b>63,786</b>



### Preliminary 2002–03 Total Deer Harvest by County and Season

COUNTY	Deer Seasons							Total
	Fall Bow	Permit Bow	Youth Day	Six-Day Firearm	Permit Muzzleloader	Permit Shotgun	Winter Bow	
Atlantic	245	349	59	631	596	1,423	25	3,328
Bergen	16	6	0	18	12	2	1	55
Burlington	611	613	88	1,136	1,045	1,609	81	5,183
Camden	114	105	21	149	125	194	9	717
Cape May	66	91	27	143	202	125	20	674
Cumberland	374	373	80	499	804	675	47	2,852
Essex	37	26	3	7	12	16	4	105
Gloucester	263	245	25	327	323	1,003	8	2,194
Hudson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hunterdon	2,667	1,914	77	1,720	1,454	3,689	81	11,602
Mercer	468	304	28	350	232	971	19	2,372
Middlesex	265	195	14	200	143	723	14	1,554
Monmouth	658	530	36	525	464	1,697	55	3,965
Morris	1,112	791	37	579	434	1,541	94	4,588
Ocean	385	377	42	732	644	630	76	2,886
Passaic	92	106	8	80	178	22	10	496
Salem	403	399	48	400	648	894	22	2,814
Somerset	1,189	910	24	595	424	1,607	197	4,946
Sussex	1,147	842	115	1,252	1,609	1,647	102	6,714
Union	1	2	0	6	0	4	0	13
Warren	1,191	871	73	1,236	878	2,432	29	6,710
Unknown	1	2	0	3	4	8	0	18
<b>State</b>	<b>11,305</b>	<b>9,051</b>	<b>805</b>	<b>10,588</b>	<b>10,231</b>	<b>20,912</b>	<b>894</b>	<b>63,786</b>



# REGULATIONS

## Preliminary 2002–03 Deer Harvest Per Square Mile of Deer Range

Deer Mgmt. Zone	Deer Range (sq mi)	Antlered Buck Harvest per sq mi	Total Deer Harvest per sq mi
1	64	5.2	9.8
2	170	6.3	16.1
3	160	2.1	4.1
4	64	7.3	16.2
5	239	5.5	20.9
6	160	3.6	6.3
7	110	6.2	23.3
8	221	7.6	26.1
9	75	4.3	20.0
10	120	8.2	30.9
11	75	7.8	28.7
12	175	6.9	27.3
13	90	4.8	20.7
14	190	3.1	13.5
15	88	6.8	20.8
16	140	3.8	6.0
17	92	4.6	12.1
18	75	4.8	8.6
19	164	4.0	10.9
21	181	3.2	5.0
22	16	8.6	20.1
23	171	3.9	6.4
24	172	1.6	2.8
25	151	2.6	10.3
26	127	5.4	13.5
27	102	3.3	9.0
28	105	4.5	11.3
29	67	4.7	14.4
30	48	3.8	9.0
31	43	2.7	9.2
34	112	3.1	7.2
35	160	2.9	8.7
36	34	2.2	9.1
37	21	4.0	8.1
38	10	3.2	26.7
39	15	6.2	21.0
40	1	9.0	59.0
41	42	8.4	32.7
42	43	3.7	15.7
43	27	4.7	7.3
45	62	2.8	6.0
46	69	2.9	5.1
47	58	1.7	6.1
48	90	4.5	12.1
49	5	12.8	47.6
50	123	2.3	10.3
51	80	2.3	13.0
52	20	5.1	5.1
53	8	4.5	10.1
54	5	5.6	11.8
55	5	8.8	19.6
56	1	9.0	34.0
57	1	4.0	22.0
58	4	3.3	12.5
59	2	4.5	23.5
61	5	1.6	4.6
63	19	5.8	13.8
64	3	6.0	31.7
65	16	6.9	14.3
66	3.3	4.5	18.8
67	15	1.5	12.8
<b>STATE</b>	<b>4714.3</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>16.1</b>

## 2003–04 NJ Deer Season Regulation Sets Reference Chart

*Color Coded to Regulation Sets (page 28) and Zone Map (page 40)*

ZONE	Season and bag limits may be found under the indicated Regulation Set
1	Regulation Set # 2
2	Regulation Set # 4
3	Regulation Set # 2
4	Regulation Set # 1
5	Regulation Set # 6
6	Regulation Set # 3
7	Regulation Set # 8
8	Regulation Set # 8
9	Regulation Set # 8
10	Regulation Set # 8
11	Regulation Set # 8
12	Regulation Set # 8
13	Regulation Set # 8
14	Regulation Set # 8
15	Regulation Set # 8
16	Regulation Set # 4
17	Regulation Set # 6
18	Regulation Set # 2
19	Regulation Set # 6
20	Zone is not designated
21	Regulation Set # 2
22	Regulation Set # 4
23	Regulation Set # 2
24	Regulation Set # 2
25	Regulation Set # 6
26	Regulation Set # 4
27	Regulation Set # 4
28	Regulation Set # 4
29	Regulation Set # 4
30	Regulation Set # 3
31	Regulation Set # 4
32	Zone is not designated
33	Zone is not designated
34	Regulation Set # 3

ZONE	Season and bag limits may be found under the indicated Regulation Set
35	Regulation Set # 4
36	Regulation Set # 8
37	Special Area Hunting Season
38	Special Area Hunting Season
39	Special Area Hunting Season
40	Special Area Hunting Season
41	Regulation Set # 8
42	Regulation Set # 6
43	Regulation Set # 2
44	Zone is not designated
45	Regulation Set # 2
46	Regulation Set # 2
47	Regulation Set # 4
48	Regulation Set # 6
49	Regulation Set # 8
50	Regulation Set # 8
51	Regulation Set # 8
52	Special Area Hunting Season
53	Special Area Hunting Season
54	Special Area Hunting Season
55	Regulation Set # 3
56	Special Area Hunting Season
57	Special Area Hunting Season
58	Special Area Hunting Season
59	Special Area Hunting Season
60	Zone is not designated
61	Special Area Hunting Season
62	Zone is not designated
63	Regulation Set # 4
64	Special Area Hunting Season
65	Regulation Set # 3
66	Special Area Hunting Season
67	Special Area Hunting Season

*No zones assigned to Regulation Sets 5 and 7.*

# Regulation Sets For The 2003–04 Deer Seasons

## Regulation Set #1

- Legal hunting hours: half hour before sunrise to half hour after sunset.
  - Hunters must surrender a valid ANTLERED BUCK STUB from their 2003 license whenever harvesting an antlered deer.
- Note: Only **one** antlered deer may be taken **per season** (except six-day firearm—if two antlered deer are harvested during the six-day firearm season, then your bag limit for the permit shotgun season is restricted to antlerless deer only.)

### ZONE(S): 4

**Fall Bow (24-days): September 27 to October 24, 2003 (excluding Sundays).** Season bag limit is two deer, only ONE may be antlered. Supplemental Deer Transportation Tags marked valid for the taking of a third or more deer are not valid in any zone within Regulation Sets # 1, 2 or 3.

**Permit Bow (28-days): October 25 to November 22 and November 27–29, 2003 (excluding Sundays).** Season bag limit is two deer, only ONE may be antlered. Hunters may purchase only one special season bow permit per zone.

**Youth Day (1-day): November 22, 2003.** Season bag limit is one deer of either sex. See page 71 for Youth Deer Hunt Day Regulations.

**Permit Muzzleloader (13-days): December 1, 2, 15, 16, 20, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 29, 30 and 31, 2003.** Season bag limit is two deer, only ONE may be antlered. Hunters may purchase only one special season muzzleloader permit per zone.

**Six-day Firearm (6-days): December 8–13, 2003.** Season bag limit is two antlered deer (see Note above).

**Permit Shotgun (1-day): December 17, 2003.** Season bag limit is one deer (see Note above). Hunters may purchase only one special season shotgun permit per zone.

**Winter Bow (27-days): January 1–31, 2004 (excluding Sundays).** Season bag limit is two deer, only ONE may be antlered. Supplemental Deer Transportation Tags marked valid for the taking of a third or more deer are not valid in any zone within Regulation Sets # 1, 2 or 3.



## Regulation Set #2

- Legal hunting hours: half hour before sunrise to half hour after sunset.
  - Hunters must surrender a valid ANTLERED BUCK STUB from their 2003 license whenever harvesting an antlered deer.
- Note: Only **one** antlered deer may be taken **per season** (except six-day firearm—if two antlered deer are harvested during the six-day firearm season, then your bag limit for the permit shotgun season is restricted to antlerless deer only.)

### ZONE(S): 1, 3\*, 18, 21, 23, 24, 43, 45, 46

\* Note: Any antlered deer taken in Zone 3 must have at least three antler points on one side of the rack.

**Fall Bow (24-days): September 27 to October 24, 2003 (excluding Sundays).** Season bag limit is two deer, only ONE may be antlered. Supplemental Deer Transportation Tags marked valid for the taking of a third or more deer are not valid in any zone within Regulation Sets # 1, 2 or 3.

**Permit Bow (28-days): October 25 to November 22 and November 27–29, 2003 (excluding Sundays).** Season bag limit is two deer, only ONE may be antlered. Hunters may purchase only one special season bow permit per zone.

**Youth Day (1-day): November 22, 2003.** Season bag limit is one deer of either sex. See page 71 for Youth Deer Hunt Day Regulations.

**Permit Muzzleloader (21-days): December 1, 2, 15, 16, 20, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 29, 30 and 31, 2003; and Jan. 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, 2004.** Season bag limit is two deer, only ONE may be antlered. Hunters may purchase only one special season muzzleloader permit per zone.

**Six-day Firearm (6-days): December 8–13, 2003.** Season bag limit is two antlered deer (see Note above).

**Permit Shotgun (1-day): December 17, 2003.** Season bag limit is one deer (see Note above). Hunters may purchase only one special season shotgun permit per zone.

**Winter Bow (27-days): January 1–31, 2004 (excluding Sundays).** Season bag limit is two deer, only ONE may be antlered. Supplemental Deer Transportation Tags marked valid for the taking of a third or more deer are not valid in any zone within Regulation Sets # 1, 2 or 3.

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### Regulation Set #3

- Legal hunting hours: half hour before sunrise to half hour after sunset.
  - Hunters must surrender a valid ANTLERED BUCK STUB from their 2003 license whenever harvesting an antlered deer.
- Note: Only **one** antlered deer may be taken **per season** (except six-day firearm—if two antlered deer are harvested during the six-day firearm season, then your bag limit for the permit shotgun season is restricted to antlerless deer only.)

**ZONE(S): 6\*, 30, 34, 55, 65**

\* Note: Any antlered deer taken in Zone 6 must have at least three antler points on one side of the rack.

**Fall Bow (24-days): September 27 to October 24, 2003** (excluding Sundays). Season bag limit is two deer, only ONE may be antlered. Supplemental Deer Transportation Tags marked valid for the taking of a third or more deer are not valid in any zone within Regulation Sets # 1, 2 or 3.

**Permit Bow (28-days): October 25 to November 22 and November 27–29, 2003** (excluding Sundays). Season bag limit is two deer, only ONE may be antlered. Hunters may purchase only one special season bow permit per zone.

**Youth Day (1-day): November 22, 2003.** Season bag limit is one deer of either sex. See page 71 for Youth Deer Hunt Day Regulations.

**Permit Muzzleloader (21-days): December 1, 2, 15, 16, 20, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 29, 30 and 31, 2003; and Jan. 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, 2004.** Season bag limit is two deer, only ONE may be antlered. Hunters may purchase only one special season muzzleloader permit per zone.

**Six-day Firearm (6-days): December 8–13, 2003.** Season bag limit is two antlered deer (see Note above).

**Permit Shotgun (3-days): December 17–19, 2003.** Season bag limit is two deer (see Note above). Hunters may purchase only one special season shotgun permit per zone.

**Winter Bow (27-days): January 1–31, 2004** (excluding Sundays). Season bag limit is two deer, only ONE may be antlered. Supplemental Deer Transportation Tags marked valid for the taking of a third or more deer are not valid in any zone within Regulation Sets # 1, 2 or 3.



### Regulation Set #4

- Legal hunting hours: half hour before sunrise to half hour after sunset.
  - Hunters must surrender a valid ANTLERED BUCK STUB from their 2003 license whenever harvesting an antlered deer.
- Note: Only **one** antlered deer may be taken **per season** (except six-day firearm—if two antlered deer are harvested during the six-day firearm season, then your bag limit for the permit shotgun season is restricted to antlerless deer only.)

**ZONE(S): 2, 16, 22, 26, 27\*, 28, 29\*, 31, 35\*, 47, 63\***

\* Note: Any antlered deer taken in Zones 27, 29, 35 or 63 must have at least three antler points on one side of the rack.

**Fall Bow (42-days): September 6–26, 2003** (excluding Sundays). First deer must be antlerless. September 27 to October 24, 2003 (excluding Sundays). First deer may be antlered or antlerless. Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. Supplemental Deer Transportation Tags marked valid for the taking of a third or more deer are not valid in any zone within Regulation Sets # 1, 2 or 3.

**Permit Bow (54-days): October 25 to November 22 and November 27 to December 31, 2003** (excluding Sundays and Christmas Day, December 25). Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. Hunters may purchase only one special season bow permit per zone.

**Youth Day (1-day): November 22, 2003.** Season bag limit is one deer of either sex. See page 71 for Youth Deer Hunt Day Regulations.

**Permit Muzzleloader (21-days): December 1, 2, 15, 16, 20, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 29, 30 and 31, 2003; and Jan. 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, 2004.** Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. Hunters may purchase only one special season muzzleloader permit per zone.

**Six-day Firearm (6-days): December 8–13, 2003.** Season bag limit is two antlered deer (see Note above).

**Permit Shotgun (10-days): December 17–19, 2003; and, January 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17, 2004.** Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer (see Note above). Hunters may purchase only one special season shotgun permit per zone.

**Winter Bow (27-days): January 1–31, 2004** (excluding Sundays). Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. Supplemental Deer Transportation Tags marked valid for the taking of a third or more deer are not valid in any zone within Regulation Sets # 1, 2 or 3.

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## Regulation Set #5

**ZONE(S): No Zones Assigned to Set #5**



## Regulation Set #6

- Legal hunting hours: half hour before sunrise to half hour after sunset.
  - Hunters must surrender a valid ANTLERED BUCK STUB from their 2003 license whenever harvesting an antlered deer.
- Note: Only **one** antlered deer may be taken **per season** (except six-day firearm—if two antlered deer are harvested during the six-day firearm season, then your bag limit for the permit shotgun season is restricted to antlerless deer only.)

**ZONE(S): 5, 17, 19, 25, 42 and 48**

**Fall Bow (42-days):** September 6–26, 2003 (excluding Sundays). First deer must be antlerless. September 27 to October 24, 2003 (excluding Sundays). First deer may be antlered or antlerless. Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. Supplemental Deer Transportation Tags marked valid for the taking of a third or more deer are not valid in any zone within Regulation Sets # 1, 2 or 3.

**Permit Bow (54-days):** October 25 to November 22 and November 27 to December 31, 2003 (excluding Sundays and Christmas Day, December 25). Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. Hunters may purchase only one special season bow permit per zone.

**Youth Day (1-day):** November 22, 2003. Season bag limit is one deer of either sex. See page 71 for Youth Deer Hunt Day Regulations.

**Permit Muzzleloader (46-days):** December 8–13, 2003. Antlerless deer only. December 1, 2, 15, 16, 20, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 29, 30 and 31, 2003; and Jan. 1–31, 2004 (excluding Sundays). **Antlered or Antlerless.** Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. Hunters may purchase only one special season muzzleloader permit per zone. Two deer may be taken at one time.

**Six-day Firearm (6-days):** December 8–13, 2003. Season bag limit is two antlered deer (see Note above).

**Permit Shotgun (34-days):** December 8–13, 2003. **Antlerless deer only. December 17–19, 2003; and, January 3–31, 2004. Antlered or Antlerless.** Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer (see Note above). Hunters may purchase only one special season shotgun permit per zone. Two deer may be taken at one time.

**Winter Bow (27-days):** January 1 – 31, 2004 (excluding Sundays). Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. Supplemental Deer Transportation Tags marked valid for the taking of a third or more deer are not valid in any zone within Regulation Sets # 1, 2 or 3.



## Regulation Set #7

**ZONE(S): No Zones Assigned to Set #7**

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# Regulation Sets For The 2003–04 Deer Seasons

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## Regulation Set #8

- Legal hunting hours: half hour before sunrise to half hour after sunset.
  - Hunters must surrender a valid ANTLERED BUCK STUB from their 2003 license whenever harvesting an antlered deer.
- Note: Only **one** antlered deer may be taken **per season** (except six-day firearm—if two antlered deer are harvested during the six-day firearm season, then your bag limit for the permit shotgun season is restricted to antlerless deer only.)

**EARN-A-BUCK ZONE(S): 7, 8, 9\*, 10, 11, 12, 13\*, 14, 15, 36, 41, 49, 50, 51**

\* Note: Any antlered deer taken in Zones 9 or 13 must have at least three antler points on one side of the rack.

**Fall Bow (42-days):** September 6 to October 24, 2003 (excluding Sundays).

**Earn-A-Buck:** Must take an ANTLERLESS deer first from any Earn-A-Buck Zone.

Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. Supplemental Deer Transportation Tags marked valid for the taking of a third or more deer are not valid in any zone within regulation sets # 1, 2 or 3.

**Permit Bow (54-days):** October 25 to November 22 and November 27 to December 31, 2003 (excluding Sundays and Christmas Day, December 25).

**Earn-A-Buck:** Must take an ANTLERLESS deer first from any Earn-A-Buck Zone through December 13, 2003.

Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. Hunters may purchase only one special season bow permit per zone.

**Youth Day (1-day):** November 22, 2003. Season bag limit is one deer of either sex for qualified Youth hunters only. See page 71 for Youth Deer Hunt Day Regulations.

**Permit Muzzleloader (62-days):** November 24, 25, 26, 28 and December 8–13, 2003. Antlerless deer only. December 1, 2, 15, 16, 20, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 29, 30 and 31, 2003; and Jan. 1–Feb. 14, 2004 (excluding Sundays). Antlered or Antlerless. Earn-A-Buck: Must take an ANTLERLESS deer first from any Earn-A-Buck Zone through December 13, 2003. Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. Hunters may purchase only one special season muzzleloader permit per zone. Two deer may be taken at one time.

**Six-day Firearm (6-days):** December 8–13, 2003.

Season bag limit is two antlered deer (see Note above).

**Permit Shotgun (50-days):** November 24, 25, 26, 28 and December 8–13, 2003. Antlerless deer only. December 17–19, 2003; and, January 3–Feb. 14, 2004. Antlered or Antlerless. Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer (see Note above). Hunters may purchase only one special season shotgun permit per zone. Two deer may be taken at one time.

**Winter Bow (39-days):** January 1–Feb. 14, 2004

Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. Supplemental Deer Transportation Tags marked valid for the taking of a third or more deer are not valid in any zone within Regulation Sets # 1, 2 or 3.



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