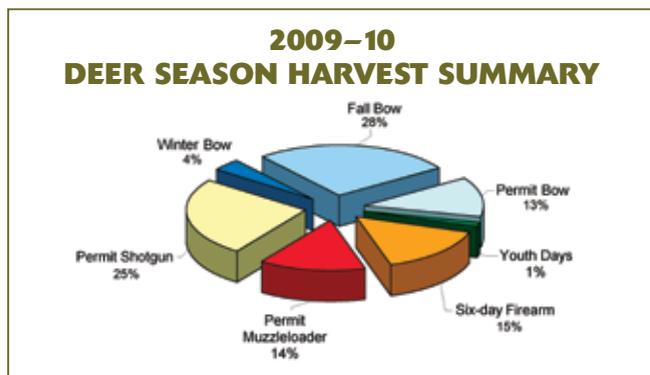


2009-2010 Deer Harvest

SUMMARIES

NEW JERSEY DEER hunters harvested 52,783 deer during the 2009-2010 season between Sept. 12, 2009 and Feb. 20, 2010. The harvest for this deer season was the second lowest harvest in 14 years, and was 1.7 percent lower than the 52,372 deer taken in 2008. The antlerless portion of the 2009 harvest was 33,330 animals, down 4 percent from 2008. The antlered portion of the 2009 harvest was 19,042 animals, up 3.5 percent from 2008. 🦌



2009-10 Deer Harvest by County and Season

County	Total	Fall Bow	Permit Bow	Six-day Firearm	Permit M/L	Permit Shotgun	Winter Bow	Youth Days
ATLANTIC	2011	273	246	566	411	395	74	46
BERGEN	85	38	13	2	15	4	13	0
BURLINGTON	4444	903	546	813	548	1428	146	60
CAMDEN	734	194	126	135	66	162	44	7
CAPE MAY	507	77	81	140	131	14	45	19
CUMBERLAND	2648	603	378	510	563	428	100	66
ESSEX	132	49	44	2	16	7	14	
GLOUCESTER	2547	593	348	322	389	792	67	36
HUNTERDON	8519	2615	965	1253	976	2325	290	95
MERCER	1906	494	182	222	190	729	68	21
MIDDLESEX	988	317	110	139	64	315	36	7
MONMOUTH	3837	1249	633	413	299	982	229	32
MORRIS	3860	1306	557	435	392	918	232	20
OCEAN	1817	377	276	372	266	418	75	33
PASSAIC	497	107	64	64	166	10	71	15
SALEM	3588	907	502	378	744	903	74	80
SOMERSET	3735	1244	518	384	335	978	250	26
SUSSEX	5680	1510	705	920	1384	930	147	84
UNION	24	0	1	2	0	21	0	0
WARREN	5206	1301	547	942	673	1618	75	50
Unknown	18	4	5	1	3	3	1	1
Totals	52783	14161	6847	8015	7631	13380	2051	698

The 2009-10 Deer Harvest per Square Mile of Deer Range

Deer Mgt. Zone	Deer range (sq. mi.)	Antlered Buck Harvest (per sq. mi.)	Total Deer Harvest (per sq. mi.)
1	75	3.6	6.6
2	149	6.0	18.2
3	153	1.9	3.8
4	71	4.1	8.8
5	215	6.3	17.6
6	153	3.1	5.2
7	103	6.5	19.1
8	203	7.4	20.4
9	52	5.1	18.8
10	110	9.5	23.7
11	68	9.3	26.6
12	152	8.2	25.3
13	109	3.8	15.4
14	165	3.9	11.2
15	86	4.7	14.9
16	91	4.3	12.8
17	90	4.2	13.9
18	70	2.1	4.3
19	159	3.5	10.3
21	192	1.4	2.0
22	69	1.3	2.4
23	178	1.4	2.0
24	169	1.0	1.3
25	164	3.1	10.1
26	195	2.5	4.0
27	103	3.7	11.0
28	125	3.9	10.6
29	98	3.8	13.2
30	92	1.7	4.3
31	40	3.8	10.9
34	245	1.4	2.5
35	171	3.3	11.0
36	127	2.3	7.4
37	43	1.8	5.7
38	12	3.9	9.4
39	15	4.1	10.5
40	1	2.0	3.0
41	39	8.1	23.2
42	90	1.6	5.3
43	27	2.3	4.2
45	65	3.0	4.2
46	79	2.2	3.2
47	54	2.3	5.7
48	86	4.7	14.8
49	71	2.0	6.3
50	137	3.8	11.3
51	138	1.2	4.4
53	8	1.3	5.0
54	10	3.1	6.0
55	6	4.8	12.3
56	1	1.0	16.0
57	1	2.0	22.0
58	4	0.8	2.0
61	5	1.6	3.2
63	33	3.4	9.4
64	3	6.7	14.0
65	17	6.3	11.4
66	3	3.3	7.7
67	15	0.8	6.3
68	16	1.5	4.9
70	1	0.0	2.0
State	5205	—	—

2009–10 Total Deer Harvest by Season and Zone

DMZ	Total	Fall Bow	Permit Bow	Youth Days	Six-day Firearm	Permit Muzzleloader	Permit Shotgun	Winter Bow
1	496	98	83	12	123	161	3	16
2	2711	813	327	33	356	608	514	60
3	589	131	74	19	102	237	16	10
4	625	103	82	10	139	257	8	26
5	3789	1050	441	48	680	473	1048	49
6	801	184	124	7	183	190	69	44
7	1969	478	191	18	311	253	677	41
8	4137	1178	455	33	672	421	1230	148
9	979	366	149	8	84	90	227	55
10	2611	765	317	32	429	284	706	78
11	1812	532	172	23	269	257	531	28
12	3844	1152	453	36	445	393	1184	181
13	1680	723	295	5	76	83	346	152
14	1856	622	199	17	222	116	558	122
15	1285	377	139	14	159	86	459	51
16	1168	327	205	12	184	145	246	49
17	1252	262	116	16	190	127	532	9
18	298	54	64	8	76	73	6	17
19	1643	387	222	23	259	166	538	48
21	383	45	73	9	148	78	4	26
22	164	30	31	8	43	26	11	15
23	353	50	49	7	151	72	5	19
24	228	22	31	3	108	47	3	14
25	1651	366	165	18	239	184	648	31
26	773	86	96	26	290	203	36	36
27	1136	308	173	28	114	216	278	19
28	1323	352	202	27	202	233	286	21
29	1291	285	164	23	129	327	341	22
30	393	64	44	13	68	104	82	18
31	435	133	58	8	72	75	62	27
34	606	91	100	25	159	157	19	55
35	1874	465	286	34	177	358	498	56
36	941	368	192	1	37	84	109	150
37	243	78	51	1	13	70	2	28
38	113	0	0	0	0	52	61	0
39	158	13	18	0	23	28	71	5
40	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
41	905	236	81	11	140	114	308	15
42	475	85	61	3	73	81	157	15
43	114	24	23	3	32	21	3	8
45	276	14	33	9	121	76	9	14
46	252	21	31	10	124	52	5	9
47	309	69	41	9	58	51	68	13
48	1269	243	108	14	177	108	604	15
49	445	123	93	4	36	19	120	50
50	1543	632	282	13	115	79	309	113
51	601	163	111	3	50	26	208	40
53	40	6	4	1	2	19	6	2
54	60	10	15	0	14	8	11	2
55	74	19	9	2	19	16	5	4
56	16	0	0	0	0	2	14	0
57	22	0	3	0	0	4	15	0
58	8	0	2	0	0	2	4	0
61	16	0	4	0	4	4	4	0
63	310	100	48	9	30	63	56	4
64	42	0	0	0	19	0	21	2
65	194	43	43	2	58	40	4	4
66	23	1	2	0	1	1	18	0
67	95	0	0	0	0	86	0	9
68	78	13	9	0	10	25	16	5
70	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Unknown	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Totals	52783	14161	6847	698	8015	7631	13380	2051



Two firsts: New hunter Delaney Gara, 14, (left) took her first deer while accompanied by her dad. Brother Sawyer Gara, 12, harvested his first antlered buck while being mentored by their grandfather. These Milford, New Jersey hunters had quite a successful Youth Firearm Hunt Day.





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Hunters Helping the Hungry Needs Help with Meat-processing Costs

Hunters Helping the Hungry, an organization that has enabled hunters to donate 365,000 pounds of venison to feed New Jersey families since 1997, now needs some help from the public to cover the costs of professional meat processing.

The program, which donated more than 15,600 pounds of venison to food banks and charitable organizations last year alone, operates with limited funding. Butchers who participate in the Hunters Helping the Hungry program receive \$65 to process the donated deer. Currently, hunters who donate deer to feed the hungry must contribute either \$10 (for field-dressed deer weighing 50 lbs. or more) or \$25 (for deer under 50 lbs.) toward that processing fee. If the program's funding runs out, hunters who donate deer will have to cover the entire cost for meat-processing.

Hunters should check on funding availability before harvesting a deer intended for donation by visiting: www.huntershelpingthehungry.org. Anyone interested in making a charitable contribution to offset the program's meat-processing costs may send a check payable to: Hunters Helping the Hungry, P.O. Box 587, Lebanon, NJ 08833.

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Butchers will not accept donated deer during the Six-day Firearm Buck Season, from Dec. 6–11, so they can accommodate their regular customers.

Hunters: Call before hunting season opens to learn the hours of operation for the check stations near where you hunt! Some locations may not be open on Sundays—call first.

Atlantic County	
Butterhof's Farm & Home Supply, 5715 White Horse Pike (Rt. 30), Egg Harbor City, (609) 965-1198	Open for All Deer Seasons
Muskett's Tavern, 343 W. White Horse Pike, Absecon, (609) 645-3355	Open for All Deer Seasons
Main Street Hardware, 6016 Main St., Mays Landing, (609) 625-4941	Open for All Deer Seasons
Nesco Package Goods, Rt. 542, Nesco, (609) 561-8704	Open for All Deer Seasons
The Port Store, 205 Clarks Landing Rd., Port Republic, (609) 652-1616	Open for All Deer Seasons
Sugar Hill Sub & Deli, 153 Somers Pt. Rd. (Rt. 559), Mays Landing, (609) 625-0538	Open for All Deer Seasons
Ted's Taxidermy, 713 Rt. 40 (1/10 mile west of Rt. 54), Buena, (856) 697-8585	Open for All Deer Seasons
Bergen County	
Targeteers Sporting Goods, 101 Rt. 46 West, Saddle Brook, (201) 843-7788	Open for All Deer Seasons
Burlington County	
Green Bank Inn, 1301 Rt. 542, Green Bank, (609) 965-5630	Open for All Deer Seasons
Hedger House, 4265 Rt. 563, Chatsworth, (609) 894-4565	Open for All Deer Seasons
Mighty Joe's Texaco, 1231 Rt. 206 South, Shamong, (609) 268-0303	Open for All Deer Seasons
Mike's Sporting Goods, 1414 Rt. 38, Hainesport, (609) 267-7978	Open for All Deer Seasons
CLOSED MONDAYS except open for deer check on first day of Six-day Firearm, Dec. 6, 2010.	
New Gretna Munchies, Rt. 9 and South Maple Ave, New Gretna, (609) 296-8050	Open for All Deer Seasons
Nixon's General Store, Chastworth Rd. & New Rd. jct., Tabernacle, (609) 268-9800	Open for All Deer Seasons
Pine Barren Stove & Sport Shop, Rt. 72, Chatsworth, (609) 726-1550	Open for All Deer Seasons
Sportsmen's Center, Rt. 130 North, Bordentown, (609) 298-5300	Open for All Deer Seasons
Camden County	
Atco Sports, 2209 Atco Ave., Atco, (856) 767-9446	Open for All Deer Seasons
Creek Keepers, 1130 Black Horse Pike (Rt. 168), Blackwood, (856) 227-1923	Not open in December, January and February
Russell's PIC-II, 386 White Horse Pike, Ancora, (609) 567-9886	Open for All Deer Seasons
Sicklerville Hardware, 540 Williamstown Rd., Sicklerville, (856) 728-3800	Open for All Deer Seasons
Cape May County	
Belleplaine Supply & Gun Center, Hands Mill Rd., Belleplaine, (609) 861-2345	Open for All Deer Seasons
Deer Done Right, Rt. 50, Corbin City, (609) 628-1070	Open for All Deer Seasons
Fletcher's Corner, 212 South Rt. 47, Dias Creek, (609) 465-4949	Open for All Deer Seasons
Just Sports, 21 Mechanic St., Cape May Court House, (609) 465-6171	Open for All Deer Seasons
Cumberland County	
Bailey's Seafood, Rt. 47, Port Elizabeth, (856) 825-2621	Open for All Deer Seasons
Beaver Dam Boat Rentals, 514 Old Beaver Dam Rd., Newport, (856) 447-3633	Open for All Deer Seasons
Big Daddy's Sports Haven, 595 Sherman Avenue, Millville, (856) 453-9009	Open for All Deer Seasons
Newport Country Store & Deli, 127 Main St. (Rt. 553), Newport, (856) 447-4747	Open for All Deer Seasons
Essex County	
The Bullet Hole, 78 Rutgers St., Belleville, (973) 759-3968	Open for All Deer Seasons
Gloucester County	
The Bottle Barn, 65 West Broad St., Gibbstown, (856) 423-3608	Open for All Deer Seasons
A&M Meats, Wolfert Station Rd., Mullica Hill, (856) 478-0370	Open for All Deer Seasons
Sportsmen's Outpost, Fries Mill Rd., Williamstown, (856) 881-3244	Open for All Deer Seasons
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The Corner Store, Jct. Rt. 519 & Rt. 12, Baptistown, (908) 996-7648	Open for All Deer Seasons
Jugtown Mountain Campsites, 1074 Rt. 173 East, West Portal, (908) 735-5995	Open for All Deer Seasons
Lakeside Deli, 1878 Rt. 31 North, Clinton, (908) 638-3354	Open for All Deer Seasons
Milford Napa Auto Parts, 1002 Milford-Frenchtown Rd., Milford, (908) 996-2288	No deer checked during Six-day Firearm
J. Person Game Butcher, 1221 Rt. 31 South, Lebanon, (908) 735-4646	No deer checked during Six-day Firearm
Sportsman's Rendezvous, 174 Rt. 31 North (in Sportman's Plaza), Flemington, (908) 788-5828	Open for All Deer Seasons
V. Roche & Sons, 9 High St., Whitehouse Station, (908) 534-2006	No deer checked during Six-day Firearm
Mercer County	
Mignella's Hillbilly Hall, N. Greenwood Ave., Hopewell, (609) 466-9856	Open for All Deer Seasons
CLOSED MONDAYS except open for deer check on first day of Six-day Firearm, Dec. 6, 2010.	
Middlesex County	
Salvatore Automotive Service Inc., 302 Lincoln Blvd., Middlesex, (732) 560-0896	Open for All Deer Seasons
Sayreville Sportsman, 52 Washington Rd., Sayreville, (732) 238-2060	Open for All Deer Seasons

Monmouth County	
Bill and Ken's Taxidermy, 389 Rt. 79, Morganville, (732) 591-1116	Open for All Deer Seasons
Builder's General Supply Co., 15 Sycamore Ave., Little Silver, (732) 747-0808	Open for All Deer Seasons
Clarksburg Inn, 465 Stagecoach Rd., Clarksburg, (609) 259-2558	Open for All Deer Seasons
The Hunter's Butcher, 967 Rt. 524 (Adelphia-Farmingdale Rd.), Adelphia, (732) 462-8149	Open for All Deer Seasons
L & H Woods & Water, 2045 Rt. 35, Wall, (732) 282-1812	Open for All Deer Seasons
S & S Auto Center, 54 Leonardville Rd., Belford, (732) 741-7733	Open for All Deer Seasons
Morris County	
Mt. Hope Deli, 662 Mt. Hope Ave, Rockaway, (973) 328-7259	Weekdays ONLY, Open for All Deer Seasons
Minuteman Family Restaurant, 990 Mt. Kemble Ave., Harding, (973) 425-9798	Open for All Deer Seasons
Hadley's Auto Repair, 22 Merry Lane, East Hanover, (973) 386-1805	Open for All Deer Seasons
R & S Sports Center, Rt. 46 & New St. jct., Budd Lake, (973) 347-1944	Open for All Deer Seasons
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Ocean County	
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The Chum Bucket, 381 Rt. 9, West Creek, (609)294-2500	Open for All Deer Seasons
Grizz's Forked River Bait and Tackle, 232 North Main St. (Rt. 9), Forked River, (609) 693-9298	Open for All Deer Seasons
Just Plain Jane's, 581 E. Veterans Hwy. (Rt. 528), Jackson, (732) 833-4875	Open for All Deer Seasons
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Scott's Bait & Tackle, 945 Radio Rd., Mystic Island, (609) 296-1300	Open for All Deer Seasons
Sportsman's Shanty, 420 Chandler Rd., Jackson, (732) 367-0033	Open for All Deer Seasons
Tip's Hardware, 218 Main St. (Rt. 9), West Creek, (609) 296-3192	Open for All Deer Seasons
Lakehurst Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10061, 20 Union Ave., Lakehurst, (732) 657-6609	Open for All Deer Seasons
Passaic County	
Frank's Tackle, 81 Ringwood Ave. (Rt. 511), Wanaque, (973) 835-2966	Open for All Deer Seasons
Greenwood Lake Sport Center, 1745 Greenwood Lake Tpk., Hewitt, (973) 728-1000	Open for All Deer Seasons
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Salem County	
Bradway's Farm Market, Rt. 49 and Jericho Road, Quinton, (856) 878-0177	Open for All Deer Seasons
The Buck Stop, 989 Alvine Road, Norma, (856) 794-1281	Open for All Deer Seasons
Dunham Deer Cut & Wrapped, 115 Compromise Rd., Mannington, (856) 935-3825	Open for All Deer Seasons
Sam's Super Service, 290 Rt. 40 (jct. Rt. 553), Elmer, (856) 358-3488	Open for All Deer Seasons
Somerset County	
Gladpack Sunoco, 1 Pottersville Rd., Gladstone, (908) 234-1355 (Border of Morris County)	Open for All Deer Seasons
Millstone Sport Shop, 20 North River St., East Millstone, (908) 359-5713	Closed for February seasons
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Swartswood Country Store, 911 Newton-Swartswood Rd., Newton, (973) 383-5470	Open for All Deer Seasons
Vernon Crossing Tire & Auto, Vernon Crossing Rd., Vernon, (973) 764-6171	Open for All Deer Seasons
Union County	
NJ Firearms Guild, 344 St. George Ave. (Rt. 27), Rahway, (732) 382-4066	Open for All Deer Seasons
Warren County	
57 West Deer Processing, 220 D Belview Road, Phillipsburg, (908) 619-0195	Open for All Deer Seasons
Alpine Meats, 57 Rt. 94, Blairstown, (908) 362-8568	Open for All Deer Seasons
Hi-Way Sport Shop, 253 Rt. 31 South, Washington, (908) 689-6208	Open for All Deer Seasons
RDJ Service Center, 275 Rt. 46, Vienna, (908) 637-4357	Open for All Deer Seasons
The Owl's Nest, 97 Rt. 519, Warren Glen, (908) 995-7903 Border of Hunterdon County	Open for All Deer Seasons
Smitty's Liquor & Deli, 89 Rt. 46, Columbia, (908) 475-5933	Open for All Deer Seasons
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Black Bear Hunting Season: Dec. 6–11, 2010

Hunting Hours: Legal hunting hours for black bear shall be ½ hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset.

Bag Limit: Only one bear of either sex and any age may be taken per properly licensed hunter. It is unlawful to take or attempt to take or continue to hunt for more than the number of black bear permitted.

Special permit requirement: All black bear hunters must have a current and valid firearm hunting license and a special Black Bear Hunting Area Permit issued by Fish and Wildlife. See *Black Bear Hunting Areas*, below; see also *Black Bear Hunting Permits*, page 10. Hunters are limited to purchasing one black bear hunting permit. The bag limit remains at one black bear per hunter.

Game Care: It is critical to remove the hide and cool the bear immediately after checking the bear. Cooling a bear with ice from inside the body cavity is inadequate to prevent the meat from spoiling. If the hide remains on overnight, the meat may be unsuitable for consumption.

Mandatory Bear Hunter Seminar: All successful permit applicants must successfully complete a bear hunting seminar conducted by Fish and Wildlife. Hunters who completed a seminar in past years need not attend a seminar again. The seminar dates, locations and times will be posted on Fish and Wildlife's Web site, our Permit Hotline and also will be sent to outdoor writers for newspaper publication.

Youth Bear Hunters: Youth hunters (aged 10 through 13 on or before Dec. 6, 2010), with a valid hunting license must also possess a black bear hunting permit. Youth hunters must be under the direct supervision of a properly licensed adult (21 years of age or older) while bear hunting. The adult must also possess a black bear hunting permit. Direct supervision means the youth hunter and the supervising adult are together at the same location. The youth hunter may not hunt independently of the adult.

Firearms and Ammunition Legal For Bear Hunting

Shotgun: not smaller than 20 gauge nor larger than 10 gauge with rifled slugs. Lead, lead alloy or copper rifled slug or sabot slug. Buckshot is prohibited.

Muzzleloader Rifle: single-barrel, single shot rifles not less than .44 caliber. Flintlock, percussion and in-line ignitions. Double barrel muzzleloaders prohibited. Persons hunting with muzzleloader rifle must also possess a current and valid rifle hunting permit.

Baiting: No person shall attempt to take or kill a black bear or have in their 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. On national wildlife refuges and at the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, the distribution of bait and/or hunting over bait is prohibited. Hunters should also check with the landowner or administrative agency before placing bait on any hunting area.

Additional Black Bear Hunting Regulations

- Black bear hunters must wear a hat of solid fluorescent hunter orange or an outer garment containing at least 200 square inches of fluorescent orange material visible from all sides at all times while bear hunting.
- It shall be illegal to use dogs to pursue or run black bear.
- Allowable hunting methods: stand hunting, still-hunting or drive hunting.
- Hunters using or possessing any shotgun slug in the field during the bear

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 bear hunting on all firearms, including muzzleloader rifles.
- Shotgun shells containing single spherical projectiles referred to as pumpkin balls are prohibited.
- While bear hunting with a shotgun, it is illegal to have in possession any ammunition not authorized for bear hunting.
- Only one muzzleloader rifle may be in possession while bear hunting.
- All firearms must be cased and unloaded while being transported in vehicles.
- It is illegal to take or attempt to take a black bear with a bow and arrows or a crossbow.
- It is illegal to take or attempt to take a bear in a den structure.

After Harvesting a Bear—Mandatory Bear Check Requirement

Properly licensed hunters who harvest a black bear shall immediately complete and affix to the bear hide the "Black Bear Transportation Tag" from their Black Bear Hunting Permit. Information included on the black bear transportation tag shall include: the hunter's name, address, current firearm license number; date and time of kill; nearest road, county and municipality of kill; and the sex of the black bear. When field dressing a black bear, leave the sex organs intact and attached to the body.

It is critical to remove the hide and cool the bear immediately after checking the bear. Cooling a bear with ice from inside the body cavity is inadequate to prevent the meat from spoiling. If the hide remains on overnight, the meat may be unsuitable for consumption.

Successful hunters must take the black bear to a designated check station by 7 p.m. on the day of the kill. Hunters shall surrender the black bear transportation tag and will be issued a legal possession seal.

Any legally killed black bear recovered too late to be brought to a designated black bear check station by 7 p.m. on the date of the kill must be reported immediately by telephone to the Northern Region Office of the Bureau of Law Enforcement (908) 735-8240. Hunters must provide their name, address and a telephone number where they can be reached on the telephone message recording device, if a Fish and Wildlife representative is not available. Said black bear must be brought to a designated black bear check station on the next weekday to be registered and to receive a legal possession seal.

Black Bear Game Care

As when cooking any raw meat, care must be taken to prevent exposure to disease when consuming wild game. Black bear are known to carry *Trichinella*, a parasite commonly associated with pork. States nationwide report incidents of bears infected with *Trichinella* and New Jersey is no different. A *Trichinella* infection (Trichinellosis) is a risk only if the meat is cooked improperly. To ensure bear meat is safe to eat, be sure it's cooked to an internal temperature of 170 degrees for at least 15 seconds.

Toxoplasmosis, most commonly associated with cats, is another parasitic disease that may be transmitted to humans if meat is not handled properly. To eliminate any health risks associated with Toxoplasmosis make sure no one who may be pregnant handle raw bear meat and always cook the meat thoroughly as you would for *Trichinella*. If you follow these simple guidelines you can enjoy your bear meat without any concern for exposure to *Trichinella* or Toxoplasmosis.

Mandatory Black Bear Check Stations:

Hours: 12 noon to 7 p.m.

Warren County

- Pequest Wildlife Management Area*
605 Pequest Road, Oxford

Morris County

- Black River Wildlife Management Area*
275 North Road, Chester

Sussex County

- Former Forest Maintenance Bldg.
20 Rt. 23N, Franklin
- Flatbrook Roy WMA**
Rt. 615 (Walpack Rd.), Sandyston
- Whittingham WMA**
148 Fredon-Springdale Rd., Newton

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Black Bear Hunting Area Descriptions

Black Bear Hunting Area No. 1: That portion of Warren and Sussex counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of the Portland Bridge and the Delaware River at Columbia; then northward along the east bank of the Delaware River to the New York state line; then east along the New York state line to Rt. 519; then south along Rt. 519 to its intersection with Rt. 627; then south along Rt. 627 to its intersection with Rt. 626; then south along Rt. 626 to its intersection with Rt. 521; then southwest along Rt. 521 to its intersection with Rt. 94 in Blairstown; the southwest along Rt. 94 to the Portland Bridge, the point of beginning in Columbia. The islands of Labar, Tocks, Poxono, Depew, Namanock, Minisink and Mashipacong lying in the Delaware River are also included within this Hunting Area.

Black Bear Hunting No. Area 2: That portion of Sussex, Warren and Morris counties lying within a continuous line beginning at Portland Bridge in Columbia; then northward along Rt. 94 to its intersection with Rt. 521 in Blairstown; then north along Rt. 521 to its intersection with Rt. 626; then north along Rt. 626 to its intersection with Rt. 627; then north along Rt. 627 to its intersection with Rt. 519 in Branchville; then north along Rt. 519 to the New York state line; then southeast along the New York state line to Rt. 517; then south along Rt. 517 to its intersection with Rt. 94; then south on Rt. 94 to its intersection with Rt. 23 in Hamburg Borough; then south along Rt. 23 to its intersection with Rt. 517 in Franklin; then south along Rt. 517 to its intersection with Rt. 15 in Sparta; then south along Rt. 15 to its intersection with Interstate 80 in Dover; then west along interstate 80 to its intersection with Rt. 94; then south along Rt. 94 to the intersection with the Portland Bridge and the Delaware River located in Columbia, the point of beginning.

Black Bear Hunting Area No. 3: That portion of Sussex, Passaic, Morris and Bergen counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 80 and Rt. 15 in Dover; then north along Rt. 15 to its intersection with Rt. 517 in Sparta; then north along Rt. 517 to its intersection with Rt. 23 in Franklin; then north along Rt. 23/517 to its intersection with 517 in Hamburg Borough; then north along Rt. 517 to the New York state line; then east along the New York state line to its intersection with Rt. 287; then south along Rt. 287 to its intersection with Rt. 80; then east along Rt. 80 to its intersection with Rt. 15 the point of beginning in Dover.

Black Bear Hunting Area No. 4: That portion of Sussex, Warren, Morris, Somerset and Hunterdon counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 78 and the Delaware River; then north along the east bank of the Delaware River to the Portland Bridge at Columbia; then northeast along Rt. 94 to its intersection with Rt. 80; then east along Rt. 80 to its intersection with Rt. 287; then southwest along Rt. 287 to its intersection with Rt. 78; then west along Rt. 78 to the Delaware River the point of beginning.

Black Bear Hunting Area No. 5: That portion of Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Middlesex, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, and Union counties lying within

a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 78 and 287; then north along Rt. 287 to its intersection with the New York state line; then southeast along the New York state line to the Hudson River; then south along the west shore of the Hudson River to Upper New York Bay; then south along the shore of Upper New York Bay to the Kill Van Kull; then west along the north shore of the Kill Van Kull to Newark Bay; then west across Newark Bay to its confluence with the Arthur Kill; then south along the west shore of the Arthur Kill to its intersection with Rt. 440; then west along Rt. 440 to its intersection with Rt. 287; then north-west along Rt. 287 to its intersection with Rt. 78 the point of beginning.

Black Bear Hunting Area No. 6: That portion of Warren, Hunterdon, Somerset, Middlesex, Mercer, Monmouth, Burlington, Ocean, Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland, Salem, Gloucester and Camden counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 78 and the Delaware River; then east along Rt. 78 to its intersection with Rt. 287, then southeast along Rt. 287 to its intersection with Rt. 440; then south and east along Rts. 287/440 to its intersection with the Arthur Kill at Perth Amboy; then south along the west shore of the Arthur Kill to Raritan Bay, then south and east along the shore of Raritan Bay to Sandy Hook; then north along the east shore of Sandy Hook Bay to the tip of Sandy Hook; then south along the Atlantic Ocean to the Delaware Bay shore; then north and west along the shore of Delaware Bay to its intersection with the Delaware River; then north along the east bank of the Delaware River to its intersection with Rt. 78, the point of beginning.

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GOVERNOR'S SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT

By Karen Leskie, Wildlife Technician **Get Outside and Enjoy One of New Jersey's Natural Resources**

The 19th Annual Governor's Surf Fishing Tournament will be held Sunday, Oct. 3, 2010. Once again anglers from New Jersey and neighboring states will descend upon the beaches of Island Beach State Park in hopes of catching the longest fish of the day. The tournament aims to encourage youngsters and adults to learn more about surf fishing while taking advantage of a great family activity. Funds raised by the tournament go toward marine resource conservation and education.

Despite a foggy start to the 18th annual tournament, over 800 participants enjoyed a day of fishing off the beaches of Island Beach State Park. Contestants caught blackfish, bluefish, kingfish, striped bass and weakfish. A total of thirty prizes were awarded in categories for children, teens and adults. However, the grand prize went to Gene Brendel of Nutley, with a 32-inch striped bass. DEP Division of Fish and Wildlife Director, Dave Chanda congratulated Mr. Brendel with a

plaque and two rod-and-reel combinations. Also, Mr. Brendel's name has been engraved on the Governor's Cup, which is on permanent display at Island Beach State Park.

Since its inception, the tournament has generated more than \$120,000 for various marine education and restoration efforts, construction of access ramps for disabled saltwater anglers, surf fishing instruction programs and equipment, specialized wheel chairs that provide beach access to the disabled and elderly, plus the purchase of the first mobile automatic heart defibrillator for use at Island Beach State Park.

For more information about the Governor's Surf Fishing Tournament or to receive a registration form, visit NJFishandWildlife.com/gsft.htm or call (609) 748-4347.

New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife (along with our co-sponsors: New Jersey Division of Parks and Forestry, New Jersey State Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, Jersey Coast Anglers Association and New Jersey Beach Buggy Association) would like to thank the following organizations for contributing to the success of the 18th Annual Governor's Surf Fishing Tournament in 2009:

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Purple text indicates an important note.

A CURRENT AND valid hunting license (Bow and Arrow, Firearm or All-Around Sportsman) is required to pursue any small game species. See page 24 for *General Hunting Regulations*. The use of dogs, unless specifically stated otherwise, is permitted to pursue any small game species, except wild turkey. Hunting for those species shown on page 65 is prohibited during the statewide Six-day Firearm (deer) Season and on the Wednesday of the Permit Shotgun (deer) Season that immediately follows the Six-day Firearm Season. For exceptions, see *Coyote and Fox* and *Semi-wild and Commercial Preserve Hunting* sections below. Sunday hunting is prohibited; see *Raccoon and Opossum*, page 64 plus *Semi-wild and Commercial Shooting Preserves* for exceptions.

Season Dates and Bag Limits: The *Small Game Hunting Seasons* table on page 65 lists dates, hunting hours and daily bag limits for all small game species open for hunting. Hunting with firearms is prohibited on Nov. 5, 2010 on state wildlife management areas designated as Pheasant and Quail Stamp Areas (see *Pheasants* below) except in tidal marshes open to an on-going waterfowl season.

General Small Game Hunting Methods: Properly licensed hunters may hunt small game with shotguns or bow and arrow and limited hunting with small caliber rifles; see below. See also *General Hunting Regulations*, page 24.

Shotgun: Unless specifically stated otherwise, shotguns for small game hunting may be single or double barrel, rifled or smoothbore and not larger than 10-gauge or smaller than .410 caliber and capable of holding no more than three shells.

Shot: Unless specifically stated otherwise, shot size for small game hunting may be no larger than #4 fine shot.

Bow and Arrow: All bows must meet the requirements specified in *General Hunting Regulations*, page 24.

Muzzleloading Rifles: For limited small game rifle hunting, see below for *Coyote and Fox—Special Permit Season, Raccoon and Opossum, Squirrel—Muzzleloading Rifle Season* and *Woodchuck* for restrictions.

Wildlife Damage: Property owners or their agents, and occupants of dwellings that are suffering damage from coyote, fox, opossum, raccoon, skunk, squirrel, weasel or woodchuck may control them by lawful means at any time subject to local ordinances.

Coyote and Fox, General and Special Permit Seasons

See chart below for both general and special permit season regulations for coyote and fox. **NOTE: All successful coyote hunters must report any coyote harvested to a Fish and Wildlife Regional Law Enforcement Office within 24 hours. Callers must identify themselves by name and daytime phone number.**

In addition to the coyote and fox seasons described in the chart below, properly licensed persons hunting deer during the Six-day Firearm, Permit Muzzleloader or Permit Shotgun deer seasons may kill coyote or fox when the person is in possession of a valid deer transportation tag for the applicable deer season (i.e., before harvesting a deer.) All hunting must cease immediately upon harvesting the daily deer bag limit and completing the deer transportation tag(s). Incidental hunting of coyote or fox while deer hunting may resume following the issuance of a New Jersey Supplemental Deer

Transportation Tag for the applicable deer season (provided the season remains open and the season bag limit of deer has not been reached.) Only applicable projectiles approved for deer hunting may be used to take coyote and fox incidental to deer hunting during the deer seasons described above. See *Firearms, Bow and Ammunition* chart, page 29.

In addition to the general Coyote and Fox seasons and incidental coyote or fox harvest while deer hunting, a Special Permit Coyote and Fox Season runs concurrent with the regular small game coyote and fox season. A Fish and Wildlife-issued permit is required to hunt coyote under the provisions of the Special Permit Coyote and Fox Season; as follows:

Coyote/Fox permits: \$2, available at any license agent or via Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site (WildlifeLicense.com/NJ) beginning December 15. A hunting license must be purchased prior to or in conjunction with the purchase of a Special Coyote and Fox Permit.

Northern Bobwhite (Quail)

Northern bobwhite (quail) are native to the southern half of New Jersey. In recent years, quail populations have declined throughout their range including New Jersey. In an effort to reverse this decline in New Jersey, two quail hunting zones were delineated north and south of Rt. 33 in 2005. The season dates and daily bag limits are more liberal north of Rt. 33, where quail are only found as a result of stocking by licensed semi-wild or commercial operations. The season dates and daily bag limits are more restrictive south of Rt. 33, where the best remaining quail habitat exists and

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Coyote / Fox Season

Dates	Oct. 2 – Nov. 5 Bow and Arrow Only	Nov. 6 – Feb. 21 Firearm or Bow	Jan. 1 – March 15, 2011 Special Permit Season	
Hours	½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset, except 8 a.m. start on Nov. 6	½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise
Weapon Type and Projectiles Permitted	Bow: long, recurve, compound or crossbow See <i>General Small Game Hunting Methods</i> above. Shotgun and Shot Size: See <i>General Small Game Hunting Methods</i> , above. Muzzleloading rifle: Only projectiles approved for deer hunting may be used for incidental coyote or fox harvest. See <i>Notes</i> , below and chart on page 29. Electronic ignitions prohibited.	Bow: long, recurve, compound or crossbow See <i>General Small Game Hunting Methods</i> , above. Shotgun: single or double barrel. Not smaller than 12 gauge or larger than 10 gauge, capable of holding no more than 3 shells. Shot: sizes not smaller than #4 fine shot or larger than "T" shot	Bow: long, recurve, compound or crossbow See <i>General Small Game Hunting Methods</i> , above.	Shotgun: single or double barrel. Not smaller than 12 gauge or larger than 10 gauge, capable of holding no more than 3 shells.
			Muzzleloading rifle: single-shot, single barrel no less than .44 caliber. Flintlock, percussion and in-line ignitions permitted, loaded only with a single projectile, either round ball or conical bullet. Electronic ignitions prohibited.	Shot: sizes not smaller than #4 fine shot or larger than "T"
Notes	Hunter orange not required. Use of dogs prohibited. Daily bag: unlimited coyote or fox	Hunter orange required when using firearm. Muzzleloading rifle may be used only incidental to deer hunting. Use of dogs permitted except during Dec. 6–11, and Dec. 15. Daily bag: unlimited coyote or fox	While hunting under the provisions of the Special Permit: Hunter orange is not required (but is recommended while traveling to/from hunting areas.) Hunting methods are restricted to calling and stand hunting. A predator-calling device must be in possession. Use of dogs is prohibited. Use of bait is prohibited. Portable lights are allowed. Daily bag: unlimited coyote or fox	

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where wild quail populations are known to occur. See *Small Game Hunting Seasons* chart, page 65 for season dates and bag limits. See exceptions below for semi-wild and commercial preserve hunting.

Pheasant

Pheasant Zones were eliminated several years ago. See *Small Game Hunting Seasons* chart, page 65 for season dates and bag limits. See exceptions below for semi-wild and commercial preserve hunting.

Pheasant and Quail Stamp Areas: Anyone aged 16 and over (except 16 year olds whose Youth License remains valid until Dec. 31 in the year they reach 16 years of age) hunting or possessing pheasant or quail on the following designated wildlife management areas shall have in possession a current and valid Pheasant and Quail Stamp (Youth Hunting licenses include pheasant and quail stamp): Assunpink, Berkshire Valley, Millville (Bevan), Black River, Clinton, Colliers Mills, Dix, Flatbrook, Glassboro, Greenwood (including Pasadena-Howardsville), Heislerville, Tuckahoe (MacNamara), Mad Horse, Manahawkin, Manasquan River, Medford, Nantuxent, Peaslee, Pequest, Port Republic, Stafford Forge, Walpack, Whittingham and Winslow. A current and valid Pheasant and Quail Stamp is also required at the Delaware River National Recreation Area.

Pheasant and Quail Stocking

Fish and Wildlife anticipates pheasant releases to be in excess of 50,000 birds, and plans to purchase 11,000 quail for release as follows:

Assunpink, Berkshire Valley, Black River, Clinton, Colliers Mills, Dix, Flatbrook, Glassboro, Millville (Bevan), Nantuxent, Pequest, Port Republic, Tuckahoe (MacNamara), Walpack and Whittingham WMAs will be stocked with pheasant for the following dates:

- Nov. 6, 9, 11, 13, 16, 18, 20, 23, 25 and 27
- Dec. 4, 18, 23, 28 and 30

Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area and the Heislerville, Howardsville, Mad Horse, Manahawkin, Manasquan, Medford, Stafford Forge and Winslow WMAs will be stocked with pheasant for the following dates:

- Nov. 6, 13, 20, 25 and 27
 - Dec. 4, 18, 23, 28 and 30
- Greenwood Forest and Peaslee WMAs will be stocked with quail for the following dates:
- Nov. 6, 9, 11, 13, 16, 18, 20, 23, 25 and 27
 - Dec. 4, 18, 23, 28 and 30

Fish and Wildlife reminds sportsmen and sportswomen that the stocking schedule is tentative until approved by the Fish and Game Council in early October. The schedule is subject to pheasant production and may change due to emergency weather conditions.

Rabbit and Hare

The rabbit and hare hunting season will begin the last Saturday in September. The earlier opening date allows for hunting opportunity when rabbit populations are at their peak. Firearm hunting is prohibited on Nov. 5 on those wildlife management areas designated as Pheasant and Quail Stamp Areas. See *Small Game Hunting Seasons* chart, page 61 for season dates and bag limits.

Raccoon and Opossum

See *Small Game Hunting Seasons* chart, page 65 for season dates and bag limits.

Hours: Hunting may not begin until one hour after sunset on the opening day of the season. On all other days open during the season, the hours of hunting are one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise. Sunday hunting is permitted only between the hours of midnight (Saturday) and one hour before sunrise (Sunday).

Hunting methods: Portable lights are permitted. Fluorescent orange is encouraged but not required on outer clothing while hunting raccoon and opossum. A current and valid rifle permit is required when possessing a .22 caliber rifles while hunting raccoon and opossum when only .22 caliber shorts are permitted.

Dog Training: Dogs may be trained during the month of September and from March 2 to May 1, inclusive. The training hours are one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise.

Ruffed Grouse

The state's two ruffed grouse hunting zones are delineated by Rt. 70. North of Rt. 70 the season length will begin October 21. Firearm hunting is prohibited on Nov. 5 on those wildlife management areas designated as Pheasant and Quail Stamp Areas. South of Rt. 70 the season length will begin November 6 to reduce harvest mortality of the remaining populations in the southern zone. The ruffed grouse zones are identical to those for woodcock and will provide for consistent regulations for these species that are often hunted simultaneously. See *Small Game Hunting Seasons* chart, page 65 for season dates and bag limits.

Semi-Wild and Commercial Preserve Hunting

Hunting for certain species of game birds is allowed from Nov. 6 to March 15 on semi-wild and from Sept. 1 through May 1 on commercial shooting preserve lands that are properly licensed for the taking of such species. These species of game may be hunted on Sunday only on semi-wild or commercial shooting preserve lands.

Youth hunters (in possession of a valid Youth Hunting License and accompanied by a licensed, non-shooting adult) will be permitted to hunt pheasant, quail and/or chukar partridge on licensed semi-wild preserves on Saturday, Oct. 30, 2010—the Youth Pheasant Hunting Day.

All game taken on semi-wild or commercial preserves must be properly tagged before being transported off the licensed property.

A person may legally hunt on semi-wild or commercial preserves for game birds during deer seasons, but no shot larger than #4 fine may be used. There are no daily bag or seasonal limits for pheasant, quail, chukar or mallards taken on commercial preserves. There are no daily bag limits for pheasant, quail or chukar taken on semi-wild properties. Seasonal harvests on semi-wild properties may not exceed the number of birds to be stocked as indicated on the semi-wild permit application.

Squirrel, Regular Season

See *Small Game Hunting Seasons* chart, page 65.

Squirrel, Muzzleloading Rifle Season

Persons holding a current and valid firearm license and rifle permit may hunt for squirrels from sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset with a muzzleloading rifle (.36 caliber or smaller loaded with a single projectile) during the periods Sept. 25 to Nov. 5; and, Jan. 1 to Feb. 21. Firearm hunting is prohibited on Nov. 12 on those wildlife management areas designated as Pheasant and Quail Stamp Areas. Hunting for squirrel in the manner described above is restricted to the areas described below:

- Those portions of Passaic, Mercer, Hunterdon, Warren, Morris and Sussex counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 513 and the New York State line; then south along Rt. 513 to its intersection with Rt. 511; then south along Rt. 511 to its intersection with Rt. 46; then west along Rt. 46 to its intersection with Rt. 80; then west along Rt. 80 to its intersection with Rt. 15; then north along Rt. 15 to its intersection with the Morris-Sussex County line; then south along the Morris-Sussex County line to the Warren County line; then southwest along the Morris-Warren County line to the Hunterdon County line; then southeast along the Morris-Hunterdon County line to the Somerset County line; then south along the Somerset-Hunterdon County line to its intersection with the Mercer County line;

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2010–2011 Small Game Hunting Seasons

Species (alphabetical)	Inclusive Dates	Hunting Hours	Daily Limits	Notes
Bobwhite (quail)	North of Rt. 33: Nov. 6 to Dec. 4 and Dec. 13, 14, 16–31 and Jan. 1 to Feb. 21	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	7 — North	8 a.m. start on Nov. 6
	South of Rt. 33: Nov. 13 to Dec. 4 and Dec. 13, 14, 16–31 and Jan. 1–31		4 — South	Pheasant and Quail Stamp required on designated areas (see <i>Small Game Hunting</i> page 64).
Coyote* and Fox, General <i>All coyote must be reported within 24 hrs.</i>	Bow and Arrow only: Oct. 2 to Nov. 5 Firearm or Bow and Arrow: Nov. 13– Feb. 21	½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	No limit	8 a.m. start on Nov. 6 Open Dec. 6–11 and Dec. 15 with restrictions as specified under Small Game Hunting, <i>Coyote and Fox</i> , page 63. Rifle permit required in possession when hunting with muzzleloading rifle (allowed only incidental to deer hunting).
Coyote* and Fox, Special Permit Season <i>All coyote must be reported within 24 hrs.</i>	Firearm or Bow and Arrow: Jan. 1 to March 15 (permit required)	Permit holders may hunt day and night with certain restrictions; see <i>Notes</i> at right.	No limit	For complete details, see Small Game Hunting, <i>Coyote and Fox</i> , page 63. Calling and standing hunting only. Predator calling device must be in possession. Rifle permit required in possession when hunting with muzzleloading rifle, allowed only during the daytime hunting hours. During night hunting (½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise), only 10 or 12 gauge shotguns with #4 through "T" size shot are permitted. Coyote/fox permit required.
Grouse, Ruffed	North of Rt. 70: Oct. 21 to Dec. 4** and Dec. 13, 14, 16–31 South of Rt. 70: Nov. 6 to Dec. 4** and Dec. 13, 14, 16–31	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	2	8 a.m. start on Nov. 6
Opossum & Raccoon	Oct. 1 to Mar. 1	1 hour after sunset to 1 hour before sunrise	No limit	Rifle permit required when hunting with rifle. 7:41 p.m. start on Oct. 1 Closed Dec. 6–11 and Dec. 15
Pheasant & Chukar	Nov. 6 to Dec. 4 and Dec. 13, 14, 16–31 and Jan. 1 to Feb. 21	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	Chukar — 7 Pheasant — 2	8 a.m. start on Nov. 6 Pheasant and Quail Stamp required on designated areas (see <i>Small Game Hunting</i> page 64).
Rabbit, Hare and Jackrabbit	Sept. 25 to Dec. 4 and Dec. 13, 14, 16–31 and Jan. 1 to Feb. 21	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	Cottontail — 4 Hare — 1 Jackrabbit — 1	8 a.m. start on Nov. 6
Squirrel, Gray	Sept. 25 to Dec. 4** and Dec. 13, 14, 16–31 and Jan. 1 to Feb. 21	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	5	8 a.m. start on Nov. 6
Squirrel, Gray: Muzzleloading Rifle (.36 caliber or smaller)	Sept. 25 to Nov. 6 and Jan. 1 to Feb. 21	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	5	Rifle permit required. Designated areas only (see <i>Small Game Hunting</i> page 64).
Turkey (Fall, Either-Sex)	(Period N) Oct. 25–30	½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.	1 Turkey (either sex) per permit	Permit required. Turkey Hunting Areas 1–5, 8, 9, 11, 20–22 only.
Turkey (Spring Gobbler)	(Periods A to E) Apr. 25 to May 27	½ hour before sunrise to noon	1 Male Turkey per permit	Permit required. Refer to 2011 turkey permit supplement, available in late January.
Turkey (Spring Gobbler, Youth)	(Period Y) Apr. 23 to May 27	½ hour before sunrise to noon	1 Male Turkey per permit	Permit required. Refer to 2011 turkey permit supplement, available in late January.
Woodchuck: Bow, Rifle or Shotgun	Mar. 1 to Sept. 29, 2010 Mar. 1 to Sept. 28, 2011	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	No limit	Rifle permit required when hunting with rifle. Rifle hunting prohibited on state property (see <i>General Hunting Regulations</i> , page 24 and <i>Small Game Regulations</i> page 66).
Woodchuck: Bow or Shotgun	Sept. 25 to Dec. 4** and Dec. 13, 14, 16–31 and Jan. 1 to Feb. 21	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	No limit	8 a.m. start on Nov. 6
Woodcock	See <i>Migratory Bird Regulations</i> **	Sunrise to sunset	3 daily; 6 possession	HIP number required (see page 75). 8 a.m. start on Nov. 6
Youth Turkey Day	Apr. 23, 2011	½ hour before sunrise to noon	1 Male Wild Turkey	Permit required. Refer to 2011 turkey permit supplement, available in late January.
Youth Upland Bird Day	Oct. 30	8 a.m. to sunset	Pheasant — 2	Selected WMAs and licensed semi-wilds (see page 23).

* All harvested coyote must be reported to a regional Division Law Enforcement Office within 24 hours. Callers must identify themselves by name and daytime phone number.

** No firearm hunting is permitted on **November 5** on those WMAs designated as Pheasant and Quail Stamp Areas.

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then west and south along the Hunterdon Mercer County line to its intersection with Rt. 31; then south along Rt. 31 to its intersection with Rt. 546; then west along Rt. 546 to the Delaware River; then north along the east bank of the Delaware River to the New York state line; then east along the New York state line to the point of beginning at Lakeside; and in that portion of Salem, Gloucester, Camden, Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth, Ocean, Atlantic, Cape May and Cumberland counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 295 and the Delaware River; then east along Rt. 295 to its intersection with the New Jersey Turnpike; then east along the New Jersey Turnpike to its intersection with Rt. 40; then east along Rt. 40 to its intersection with Rt. 47; then north along Rt. 47 to its intersection with Rt. 536; then east along Rt. 536 to its intersection with Rt. 206; then north along Rt. 206 to its intersection with the New Jersey Turnpike; then northeast along the New Jersey Turnpike to its intersection with Rt. 571; then southeast along Rt. 571 to its intersection with the Garden State Parkway; then south along the Garden State Parkway to its intersection with Rt. 9 at Somers Point; then south along Rt. 9 to its intersection with Rt. 83; then west along Rt. 83 to its intersection with Rt. 47; then north along Rt. 47 to its intersection with Dennis Creek; then south along the west bank of Dennis Creek to its intersection with Delaware Bay; then northwest along the east shore of Delaware Bay and the Delaware River to the point of beginning.

Woodchuck

All persons in possession of a rifle (including a muzzleloading rifle) while hunting woodchuck must have a current and valid rifle permit in addition to the current hunting license. Rifle hunting (of any kind) for woodchuck is prohibited on state wildlife management areas, state parks, state forests or state recreation areas. Farmers and their agents may use shot not larger than #4 buckshot to control woodchuck causing damage. Hours of hunting are sunrise to ½ hour after sunset. See chart at right for woodchuck hunting details. 🦫



After hatching, chicks stay in temperature-controlled brooder rooms equipped with automated feeders until six weeks of age, when they are moved to outdoor range pens.

Regulations in **red** are new this year.
Purple text indicates an important note.

Woodchuck Season

Dates	Weapon Type Permitted	Gauge, Caliber or Weight	Projectile(s)	
Mar. 1 to Sept. 29, 2010	Center-fire rifle	.25 caliber or less	Hollow point, soft point or expanding lead core bullets of any weight.	
		Larger than .25 caliber	Hollow point, soft point or expanding lead core bullets of any weight not exceeding 100 grains in weight.	
	Rim-fire rifle	.25 caliber or less	Hollow point or soft point	
	Mar. 1 to Sept. 28, 2011	Muzzleloading rifle: single-shot, single barrel. Flintlock, percussion and in-line ignitions permitted.	No restriction	Must be loaded with a single projectile, either round ball or conical bullet.
		Bow: long, recurve, compound or crossbow	35 pounds pull at archers draw length (long and recurve bows) or peak weight (compound bow); 75 pounds pull for crossbow	Arrows must be fitted with a well-sharpened metal broadhead with a minimum width of ¾"
Sept. 25 to Dec. 4; Dec. 13, 14, 16-31, 2010 and Jan. 1 to Feb. 21, 2011	Shotgun: single or double barrel, rifled bore or smoothbore	Not larger than 10 gauge, capable of holding no more than 3 shells	Shot – sizes not larger than #4 fine shot	
	Bow: long, recurve, compound or crossbow	35 pounds pull at archers draw length (long and recurve bows) or peak weight (compound bow); 75 pounds pull for crossbow	Arrows must be fitted with a well-sharpened metal broadhead with a minimum width of ¾"	
	Shotgun: single or double barrel, rifled bore or smoothbore	Not larger than 10 gauge, capable of holding no more than 3 shells	Shot – sizes not larger than #4 fine shot	

Milestone Improvements at the Rockport Pheasant Farm

A major milestone in the ongoing modernization of New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife's Rockport Game Farm was attained this year with the completion of a state-of-the-art incubation and brooder building. The building's energy efficient, automated systems for egg incubation and chick care replace hand-operated equipment and labor-intensive chick handling and care regimes that date back to the farm's creation in the 1920's. The significant energy and labor cost savings realized with the new building and equipment ensures reliable annual production of superior pheasants for the same or lower cost as for birds purchased from suppliers who may not be able to meet our annual demand consistently.

This investment in the future of the pheasant production and stocking program was funded with a Hunter and Angler Fund capital improvement account established with proceeds from the sale of a property originally purchased with Hunter and Angler funds. Likewise, no state tax dollars are used for the annual costs of raising and stocking pheasants. Those costs are borne completely by the hunters who purchase pheasant stamps and hunting licenses.

Rockport Game Farm annually produces 60,000 top-notch pheasants which hunters have come to nickname, "Rockport Rockets" for their heart-stopping, explosive flights. Birds are stocked in November and

December on 24 wildlife management areas (WMAs) throughout the state for youth hunters and hunters who buy a required Pheasant and Quail Stamp. The incredible value hunters receive for their Pheasant and Quail Stamp purchase is the topic of Director Chanda's message on page 2 of this issue.

For information on pheasant-stocked WMAs and stocking dates see page 64. Also visit our Web site at www.NJFishandWildlife.com/pdf/2010/pheas_sched10.pdf.

Photos: Pat Carr/NJ Div. Fish and Wildlife



The new brooder house with incubator room has a modern assembly line operation including automatic egg turners in forced-air circulating incubators and automated feeders. These efficient improvements to incubate eggs and provide consistent heat for chicks are a significant cost-savings—in both utility and labor expenses—for operating this 24-hour facility.

Fall 2010 Turkey Hunting Regulations

The 2010 fall turkey season consists of one six-day hunting segment, N, from Monday, Oct. 25 through Saturday, Oct. 30, 2010. Fall hunting hours are one-half hour before sunrise until one-half hour after sunset. Turkey Hunting Areas 1-5, 8, 9, 11, 20-22 are open for fall hunting. Turkey Hunting Areas 6, 7, 10, 12 and 14-16 are closed to fall hunting.

- **Bag Limit:** One wild turkey of either sex per day during the fall season regardless of the number of permits the hunter holds.
- Dogs and artificial decoys may be used while turkey hunting in the fall season, except the use of electronically-operated decoys is prohibited. All hunters are required to possess a calling device while turkey hunting.
- The maximum group size while turkey hunting is five hunters. Hunters may not attempt to chase or drive turkeys for the purpose of putting them in range of other hunters. However, hunters may rush a flock of turkeys to cause the flock to scatter.
- No shot larger than #4 fine shot or smaller than #7½ fine shot may be used for turkey hunting.
- Hunters may not use shotguns larger than 10-gauge or smaller than 20-gauge for turkey hunting.
- Fluorescent hunter orange is not required to hunt turkey.
- Properly licensed hunters may use archery tackle to hunt turkeys.
- Turkeys may not be hunted within 300 feet of any baited area.

Immediately upon killing a turkey, hunters must complete the transportation tag on their fall hunting permit and affix it to the bird. The turkey must be taken to an official wild turkey check station by 7 p.m. on the day it is killed *by the hunter who killed the bird*.

Spring Turkey Season Changes

There are many factors that can contribute to changes in the turkey population, and very few of these factors (spring rainfall, for example) can be controlled by wildlife managers. One factor wildlife managers can control is the length and timing of hunting seasons.

Spring gobbler hunting seasons are set to coincide with the time when hens begin to incubate their eggs. In New Jersey, this occurs in late April. Starting a spring season too early can be detrimental to turkey populations because hens abandon nests more readily if they are disturbed before they start to incubate. In addition, illegal take of hens occurs more frequently if a spring season starts before incubation, when hens are still mobile.

The second peak in gobbling activity occurs at the start of incubation, when nesting hens are no longer available to gobblers. The spring season should be timed to better coincide with this peak in gobbling activity.

2011 Spring Gobbler Hunting Season

Hunting Period	Dates
Youth Turkey Hunting Day (10-16 years of age) Hunting Period Y	Sat., April 23 If no turkey is harvested on this youth hunt day, Period Y permits may be used in the designated zone for balance of season until a bird is harvested
Hunting Period A	Mon., April 25 - Fri., April 29
Hunting Period B	Mon., May 2 - Fri., May 6
Hunting Period C	Mon., May 9 - Fri., May 13
Hunting Period D	Mon., May 16 - Fri., May 20; Mon., May 23 - Fri., May 27
Hunting Period E	All Saturdays, April 30, May 7, May 14 and May 21

Local and regional data on wild turkey hens showed that New Jersey's former spring season format was not optimally timed to help prevent nest abandonment and illegal take of hens. Therefore, New Jersey's spring gobbler season now begins later in April. This season structure favors the success of nesting hens, and will more closely match peaks in gobbling activity.

Spring 2011 Gobbler Hunting Regulations

Spring gobbler hunting regulations are published in the 2011 Wild Turkey Hunting Season permit supplement available in January. See *Turkey Hunting Permits, General*, page 11.

Turkey Hunting Seminars

The latest turkey hunting techniques are presented at several turkey hunting seminars sponsored by Fish and Wildlife or wildlife conservation organizations. These seminars focus on how to set up, calling techniques and key safety information for turkey hunters. New turkey hunters are especially encouraged to join us at a seminar. Check your newspaper and the January 2011 Wild Turkey Hunting Season permit supplement for the seminars scheduled during March and April. ☪



Craig Lemon/NJDiv. Fish and Wildlife

YOUTH TURKEY HUNT DAY APRIL 23, 2011 See page 23

If no turkey is harvested on this youth hunt day, Period Y permits may be used by the youth hunter in the designated zone for the balance of the season until a bird is harvested (see page 23).

Non-hunting adults accompanying youth turkey hunters need only have in possession a valid hunting license. Turkey hunting is by permit only.

Spring and fall turkey hunting is by permit only. See *Turkey Hunting Permits, General*, page 11. For farmers, see *Farmer Turkey Permits*, page 27.

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