

Deer Zone 17

Season Dates

Archery: Sept. 24-Feb. 28

Muzzleloader: Oct. 15-23

Private Land Antlerless-only Modern Gun Hunt: Dec. 29-31

Special Youth Modern Gun Hunt: Nov. 5-6 and Jan. 7-8. See Page 49 for regulations.

Modern Gun: Nov. 12-Dec. 28

Zone Bag Limit

Limit – Five deer, no more than two bucks, which may include:

- Two bucks with archery, muzzleloader or modern gun,
- Five does with archery,
- Five does with muzzleloader and modern gun combined.

Zone Notes

- Dogs allowed for deer hunting Nov. 12-Dec. 28.
- Legal bucks must be button bucks or have antlers with at least 15-inch inside spread or 18-inch main beam.
- Button bucks DO count toward a hunter's buck limit in this zone.

Tagging and Checking a Deer

Option 1. Immediately upon harvest and before moving deer, check via internet, mobile app or phone 877-731-5627.

Option 2. Step 1. Immediately upon taking a deer (before moving it), fill out the appropriate deer tag from your license or in this guidebook and complete all information, except Check #, legibly and in ink (you may substitute a piece of paper for this tag). Fasten the tag to the ear or antler. The original tag must remain as attached to the deer until point of final storage.

Duplicate harvest information reflecting the name, address, species, sex, date taken and check confirmation number must remain with all portions until point of final storage, including while in transit (Page 28).

- Use the deer zone map on pages 40-41 for zone numbers for deer harvested on private lands. Use the zone map on pages 66-67 for zone numbers for deer harvested on public lands.

Special Youth Modern Gun Deer Hunt

All zones: Nov. 5-6 and Jan 7-8. All youth hunters must have a FREE customer ID number available at www.agfc.com. Only hunters 6-15 years old may harvest deer during the special youth modern gun deer hunt. Youths who have not completed hunter education must be under the direct supervision of an adult at least 21 years old. Mentors may not hunt any species during the hunt. All zone bag limits apply during the youth hunt. No dogs. **“Direct Supervision” is defined as within arm’s reach.**

Exceptions:

- Bowhunters may hunt during the youth hunt, but must wear hunter orange or chartreuse.
- Some WMAs and NWRs have permit-based youth seasons, or are otherwise closed to deer hunting during youth season. Check pages 78-126.

Private Land Antlerless-Only Modern Gun Hunt

Statewide: Dec. 29-31. All deer harvested during the antlerless-only modern gun hunt will count toward the seasonal bag limit. Archery tackle may be used to harvest bucks during the antlerless-only modern gun hunt, but all hunters must wear hunter orange or chartreuse. No dogs. Hunters must possess only one type of weapon.

Step 2. Call 877-731-5627, visit www.agfc.com or use the **AGFC mobile app** to check your deer within 12 hours of harvest.

- After checking game, record the check number on your tag.
- Entrails may be removed, but evidence of the animal’s sex must remain until checked. Deer may be quartered in the field, but the head must be kept within arm’s reach of all four quarters of the animal until checked.
- No deer/elk may be transported out of the CWD Management Zone without following procedures set out on Page 7.
- No big-game animal may be transported across state lines before being checked unless normal travel routes require a hunter to cross a state line to check the animal.
- If you choose to give away all or a portion of your game after it has been checked, you must use a game transfer form (Page 28).