

Deer Season Reference guide

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Resident vs Nonresident:

Many customers travel from out of state to participate in deer hunting in Wisconsin. Always verify customer ID (driver license, state ID, etc.) when selling a license. Customers under age 18 may be verified by a parent/guardian.

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Seniors and disabled hunters purchase the standard deer license.

The only reduced rate license for deer hunting is for hunters under the age of 18 (Junior Deer license). A deer license can also be issued at a reduced rate for Residents and Nonresidents who have not purchase a deer license for more than 10 years.

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Farmland Antlerless Harvest Authorizations – County selection

Hunters may select one county per license. If a county does not appear on the list, it may not be in one of the Farmland (zone 2) areas, or the county may have zero permits available.

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\$2 charge to redeem Farmland Antlerless Harvest Authorizations

They are free if they redeem them either online at gowild.wi.gov or at a DNR service center. They may also redeem at license agents for a \$2 processing fee. *Note: The \$2 service fee is not charged if the customer purchases other items in the same transaction.*

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Bonus Harvest Authorizations – How many are left?

You can check how many bonus permits are left on your Agent Corner Training Page. On the Deer Hunting page there is a link to open a list that is updated daily.

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What are the Free Farmer Bonus Antlerless Harvest Authorizations?

Customer must be an active farmer and the majority of the land is used for agriculture. When they purchase a Bonus Harvest Authorization, you may then revisit the catalog and select the Free Farmer Bonus Harvest Authorization for the same DMU as the original bonus.

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Some counties are “split” between Farmland and Forest areas:

Those counties will each have two selections available when choosing antlerless tags, and it is important for a customer to know where in the county they will be hunting. Use the Deer Management Unit map if necessary

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Have customers double check purchases:

Make sure customers confirm purchases before they leave. Some products (such as Farmland Antlerless Harvest Authorizations) cannot be changed or refunded once the season for that license has begun. It is best to void and run the license again.

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Hunter Safety Education and Mentor licenses:

Hunter safety information is required for customers born after Jan 1, 1973 if they have no certification on file. The customer must show proof of hunter safety certification or proof of military basic training if the system asks. If they cannot provide that proof, they will have to purchase a mentor hunting license.

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Deer Metro Subunit Zones

If a customer requests a Farmland (Zone 2) Antlerless Deer Harvest Authorization(s), at no cost, for the county in which the metro sub-unit is located, they are then offered a Metro Sub-unit Antlerless Deer Harvest Authorization at no cost.

Deer Season – Additional Q&A

Q Why is a Deer Management Unit missing from the list when selecting the free Farmland Antlerless Harvest Authorizations?

A It's likely that unit is in the Forest Zone and not the Farmland Zone. Those permits are only available for hunting in one of the Farmland Zones. Check the Deer Management Zone map to confirm.

Q Why is a Deer Management Unit “grayed out” on the list and I cannot select it?

A That county once had bonus harvest authorizations available but has since been sold out.

Q Which harvest authorizations are weapon-specific?

A Buck harvest authorizations must be used with the weapon specified. Antlerless harvest authorizations can be used with gun, archery, or crossbow, provided they have the corresponding license with them. Everything a customer needs to know is listed on each harvest authorization

Q Is there no New Buyer Crossbow license?

A There is no new buyer option for Crossbow. However, there is a New Buyer Archer license. Go Wild will offer a special product for those who qualify for the new buyer Archery. It allows them to purchase both licenses for \$8 total (\$5 for the New Buyer Archery plus \$3 Crossbow upgrade).

Q What license do disabled hunters purchase?

A Disabled hunters purchase a regular deer hunting license. They may obtain separate disabled permits from the DNR which allows them special privileges for using their farmland antlerless tags in different units. Have the customer reference the Deer Hunting Regulations

Q What harvest authorizations will qualified U.S. Armed Forces members receive?

A Qualified U.S. Armed Forces members will purchase a regular deer hunting license and receive all the same harvest authorizations that everybody else does. Their military status allows them certain privileges to use them in different ways. Have the customer reference the Deer Hunting Regulations online at dnr.wi.gov and search “armed forces hunting privileges.”

Q Where is the junior deer license for nonresident junior hunters?

A Nonresident Junior hunters (under age 18) may purchase a Nonresident Junior Sportsman license (\$36) which includes Gun Deer, Fishing, and Small Game. If they wish to hunt both gun and archery/crossbow seasons, they should purchase the Nonresident Junior Patron license (\$77). This is the cheaper alternative to the nonresident deer license (\$160).

Q Which harvest authorizations will junior deer hunters receive?

A One buck harvest authorization valid statewide and one Junior antlerless harvest authorization valid statewide. Youth hunters age 17 or less will not need to specify DMU or zone but will still need to specify land type. They can also select the free Farmland Antlerless Harvest Authorizations and indicate county, zone, and land type.