

2023 Wisconsin Deer Harvest Authorizations

This poster summarizes some, but not all, deer harvest information for the 2023 seasons. See the *2023 Wisconsin Hunting Regulations* for a more complete summary.

The title will vary with harvest authorization type. Harvest authorization titles are in bold on this poster.

There is a unique harvest authorization # for each harvest authorization. Required for harvest registration.

Deer Management Unit, Zone and land type are designated for antlerless deer harvest authorizations.

Antlerless harvest authorization types:

Bonus Antlerless Deer

- Valid for harvesting an antlerless deer in the **Zone, DMU and land type** (public access or private) specified on the harvest authorization. This harvest authorization is **NOT** season- or weapon-specific.
- This harvest authorization can be purchased through any license agent or online (\$12 resident, \$20 non-resident, \$5 youth ages 11 and under) at a rate of one harvest authorization, per person, per day until the unit is sold out or the hunting season ends.
- Bonus harvest authorization sales begin at 10 a.m. on the following days for each Zone, until sold out:

Monday, August 14 at 10:00 a.m. — Northern and Central Forest Zones
Tuesday, August 15 at 10:00 a.m. — Central Farmland Zone
Wednesday, August 16 at 10:00 a.m. — Southern Farmland Zone
Thursday, August 17 at 10:00 a.m. — all zones can be purchased

- Additional **Bonus Metro Sub-unit Antlerless Deer** harvest authorizations may be available in select DMUs. These harvest authorizations are Zone, DMU, Metro Sub-unit and land-type specific. This harvest authorization is only valid for harvesting an antlerless deer within the specified Metro Sub-unit. These harvest authorizations follow the same fee and availability schedule above.

Farmland (Zone 2) Antlerless Deer

- One or more may be included with the purchase of an archer/crossbow and/or gun deer license depending on your selected DMU.
- Valid for harvesting an antlerless deer only in the Farmland Zone, DMU and land type (public or private) specified on the harvest authorization.
- Harvest authorization is not season- or weapon-specific and may be used during any open gun, archery or crossbow season with the appropriate license.
- Class A & C disabled permit holders and certain active duty military personnel on leave may use this harvest authorization to tag an antlerless deer harvested in any unit, on the land type specified on the harvest authorization, including buck only units. See the *2022 Wisconsin Hunting Regulations* for more details.
- Junior license holders may request farmland (Zone 2) antlerless harvest authorizations in addition to the Junior antlerless harvest authorization included with their deer hunting license. Visit the "Antlerless deer harvest authorization availability" page on dnr.wi.gov to see how many tags are included with the purchase of a license in each DMU.

Buck harvest authorization types:

Bow Buck Deer

- Valid in any unit statewide for harvesting a buck deer that has at least one antler which is 3" or longer in length.
- This harvest authorization is **is** weapon-specific to either a vertical bow or crossbow. It can only be used with a valid archer and/or crossbow deer license during an open archery or crossbow season except when an antlerless-only firearm season is underway. This harvest authorization is valid to use with either weapon when an archer or crossbow license is purchased at the regular price and the other is obtained by purchasing a \$3 upgrade. See the *2023 Wisconsin Hunting Regulations* for details.

Gun Buck Deer

- Valid in any unit statewide for harvesting a buck deer that has at least one antler which is 3" or longer in length.
- This harvest authorization is **not** weapon-specific and is valid for harvesting a buck deer killed with a firearm, crossbow or vertical bow under the authority of a valid gun deer license during the November 9-day gun deer season (extended in metro sub-units), December muzzleloader season, special hunts for youth and disabled hunters.
- Class A & C disabled permit holders and certain active duty military personnel on leave may use this harvest authorization during any firearm deer season including antlerless-only firearm seasons to tag a buck only. See the *2023 Wisconsin Hunting Regulations* for details.

Junior Antlerless Deer

- Available to youth ages 17 and under.
- One harvest authorization is included with the purchase of a Junior archer/crossbow deer license and one with the purchase of a Junior gun deer hunting license. Two harvest authorizations are included with a Junior Conservation Patron license.
- Valid statewide on the land type specified on the harvest authorization during any open gun, archery or crossbow season.

Metro Sub-unit Antlerless Deer

- Available in select metro sub-units. Issued upon request, at no cost, with the purchase of an archer/crossbow and gun deer license.
- Valid in the DMU, metro sub-unit and land type (public or private) specified on the harvest authorization.

DMAP Antlerless Deer

- Valid for harvesting an antlerless deer on the specific Deer Management Assistance Program property designated on the permit.
- Harvest authorizations are sold to individual DMAP landowners, who may distribute as desired.

Additional Deer Season Information

For more information about 2023 deer hunting regulations and harvest registration visit dnr.wi.gov, keywords "deer" or "electronic registration."



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