

2017

MICHIGAN ANTLERLESS DEER DIGEST

Application Period: July 15 - Aug. 15, 2017

Reminders

- Applications are available for private-land antlerless deer licenses in any open DMU statewide. Any licenses that remain after the drawing will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis.

Drawing results posted Aug. 28
Leftover Licenses on sale Sept. 5

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Deer Management in Michigan

White-tailed deer are Michigan's official game mammal and are a highly recognizable and valued species to Michigan's citizens. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) developed a plan in 2010 and updated the plan in 2016 to provide strategic guidance to DNR staff. The DNR and the Michigan Natural Resources Commission work together to achieve the goals within the Michigan Deer Management Plan. For more information and to view the plan visit: mi.gov/deer.

Deer Hunting Seasons

Season	Location, Page # for more information	Season Dates
Early Antlerless Firearm	Private land in select DMUs, pg. 14	Sept. 16-17
Liberty Hunt	Statewide, pg. 12	Sept. 16-17
Independence Hunt	Private land statewide and certain public lands by application, pg. 13	Oct. 19-22
Archery	Statewide; see pg. 13 for counties with an extended archery season	Oct. 1 - Nov. 14 Dec. 1 - Jan. 1
Regular Firearm	Statewide	Nov. 15-30
Muzzleloading	Zone 1 and 2	Dec. 1-10
	Zone 3	Dec. 1-17
Late Antlerless Firearm	Private land in select DMUs, see pg. 15	Dec. 18 - Jan. 1

Antlerless Deer Hunting

Antlerless deer (deer with antlers less than three inches in length) may be harvested using an antlerless deer license. **Antlerless deer licenses are valid during all deer seasons in zones 2 and 3, and in limited deer management units in zone 1, with hunting equipment and licenses appropriate for the season, hunting zone, and land type.** (see map on pgs. 6-7 for hunting zones). In some areas of Michigan, and during certain deer seasons, antlerless deer may also be harvested using a deer or deer combo license (see pgs. 16-19 for antlerless deer harvest options on the deer and deer combo license).

Antlerless Deer License Hunting Information

An antlerless deer license entitles residents and nonresidents, 10 years of age and older, to take an antlerless deer within the deer management unit (DMU) specified on the license.

License availability is limited by antlerless deer license quotas established for each DMU. **Hunters may apply for one license through the drawing, or wait to purchase leftover licenses after the drawing, if available.** Quotas are available at mi.gov/deer.

There are two types of antlerless deer hunting licenses:

1. A **public-land antlerless deer license** is valid for taking antlerless deer from public lands (including state, federal, and county lands) and required to hunt Commercial Forest lands (see current-year *Hunting and Trapping Digest* for more details about hunting on Commercial Forest lands).
 - Public-land hunt numbers begin with “1”. Example: To buy a public land license for DMU 038, purchase hunt number 1038.
2. A **private-land antlerless deer license** is valid for taking antlerless deer from privately owned lands, with permission of the landowner. The phone number of the landowner is required. When purchasing a private-land antlerless deer

license for use on Hunter Access Program (HAP) lands only, use phone number 999-999-9999.

- Private-land hunt numbers begin with “2”. Example: To buy a private land license for DMU 038, purchase hunt number 2038.

Hunters must be at least 10 years of age by the time an antlerless deer license is purchased. **Exception: Hunters 9-16 years of age may purchase one junior antlerless deer license without application from July 15 - Aug. 15. A youth 9 years of age must turn 10 by Sept. 26, 2017 to qualify. Junior antlerless deer licenses are not subject to license quotas but are only available in DMUs where regular antlerless licenses are available.**

For license costs, see pg. 8.

How to Apply for a Limited-License Hunt

1. Look at the map on pg. 7 and choose a DMU you wish to hunt.
2. You may apply only once. Hunters must choose to apply for either a public-land or private-land license (not both).
 - Public-land hunt numbers begin with “1”, and private-land hunt numbers begin with “2”. On-line applicants and license agents: when applying, scroll through the hunt choice list to find the correct hunt number.
 - If hunting Commercial Forest land you will need a public-land license.
 - If hunting private land you will need the landowner’s phone number within that DMU. For HAP lands use the phone number 999-999-9999.
 - License quotas are available at mi.gov/deer.
3. Apply for your license at a license agent, DNR Customer Service Center, or online at mdnr-eligence.com. It costs \$5 to apply. You will need one of the following forms of customer identification:
 - Valid Michigan driver’s license.
 - State of Michigan ID card (issued by the Secretary of State).
 - DNR Sportcard (issued through license agents or at mdnr-eligence.com).

IMPORTANT:

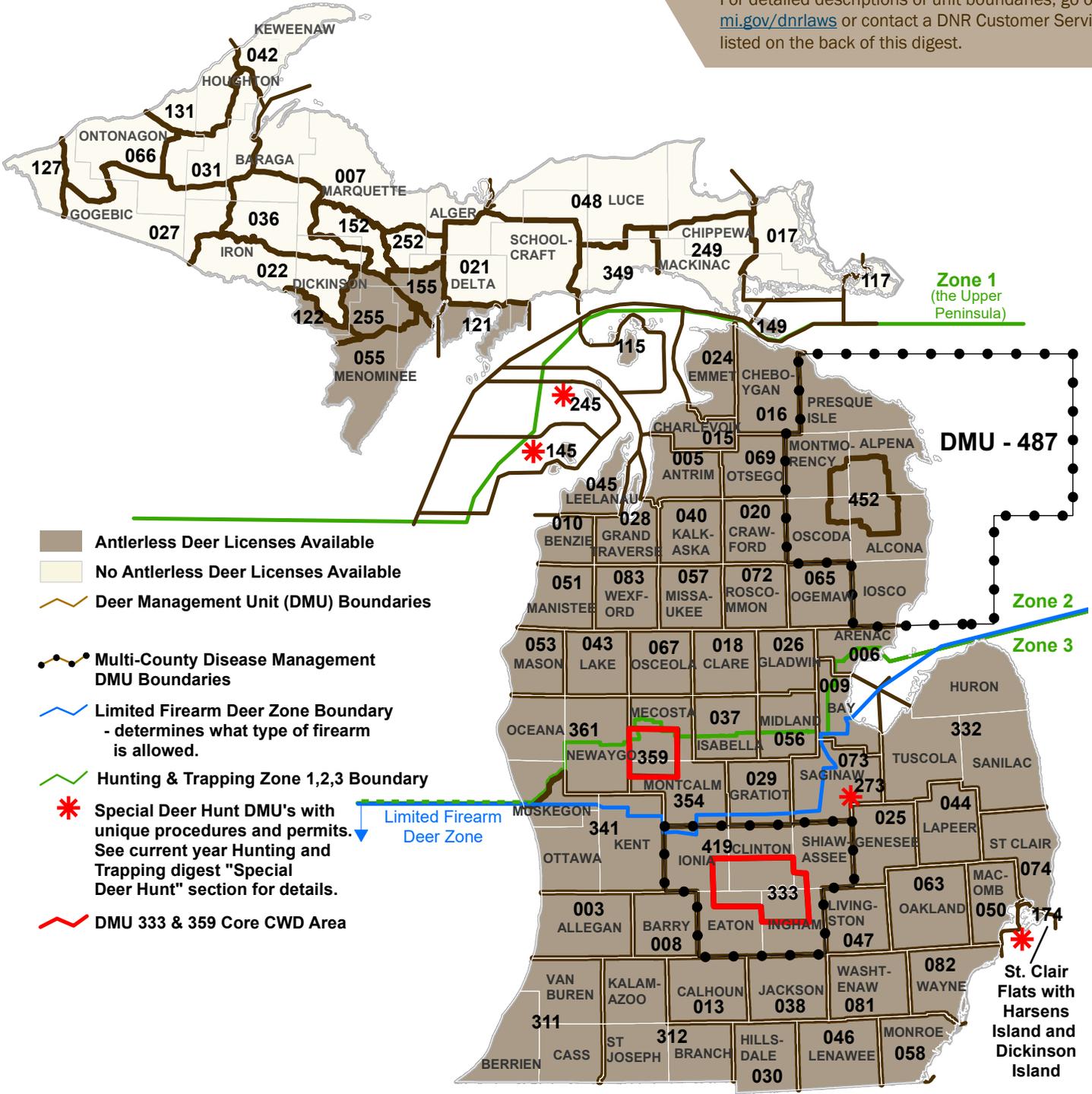
You are responsible for submitting a valid application and obtaining a DNR application receipt that states your customer ID and hunt choice. Do not accept a receipt that is not legible. **Check this receipt for accuracy and retain as proof that you applied. Ensure any application errors are corrected prior to the application deadline.** Applicants who submit an invalid application will be ineligible for the drawing.

- For application assistance, call 517-284-9453.
- You are responsible for obtaining your drawing results online.

Drawings results and leftover license information will be posted at mi.gov/deer on Aug. 28.

2017 Deer Management Units (DMUs)

For detailed descriptions of unit boundaries, go online to mi.gov/dnr/laws or contact a DNR Customer Service Center listed on the back of this digest.



- Antlerless Deer Licenses Available
- No Antlerless Deer Licenses Available
- Deer Management Unit (DMU) Boundaries
- Multi-County Disease Management DMU Boundaries
- Limited Firearm Deer Zone Boundary - determines what type of firearm is allowed.
- Hunting & Trapping Zone 1,2,3 Boundary
- Special Deer Hunt DMU's with unique procedures and permits. See current year Hunting and Trapping digest "Special Deer Hunt" section for details.
- DMU 333 & 359 Core CWD Area

DMU 333, 359, and 419.

Private and public-land multi-county DMUs created to address Chronic Wasting Disease in the deer herd.

- DMU 333 consists of Alaiedon, Delhi, Lansing, Meridian, Wheatfield, and Williamstown townships in Ingham County; Bath, Dewitt, Eagle, Riley, Olive, Victor, Watertown, and Westphalia townships in Clinton County; Woodhull Township in Shiawassee County; Delta, Oneida, and Roxand townships in Eaton County; and Portland and Danby townships in Ionia County.
- DMU 359 consists of Mecosta, Austin, Morton, Hinton, Aetna, and Deerfield townships in Mecosta County, and Cato, Winfield, and Reynolds townships in Montcalm County.
- See pg. 16 for more information on hunting in these DMUs.

DMU 487

Multi-county DMU created to address bovine tuberculosis.

- Private-land DMU 487 licenses are valid in all six counties.
- Public-land DMU 487 antlerless deer licenses are valid in all six counties except in DMU 452. Those hunting in DMU 452 must purchase a public-land antlerless license for DMU 452.

License Purchase

When an individual is selected in the drawing or wishes to obtain a leftover license, they may purchase it online at mdnr-eligence.com or from any license agent. **Individuals who purchase a license online will receive their license by mail within seven days.** If the license is not received, contact customer service at 517-284-6057.

- The telephone number of the private landowner for a private-land license is required. If hunting HAP lands use 999-999-9999 for the phone number.
- Make sure the information on your license is accurate.
- **See pg. 9 for license purchase limits.**
- Licenses may not be altered or transferred. Purchase of a license certifies that you meet applicable residency and hunter-safety requirements.

When hunting, you must carry your antlerless deer license and ID used to purchase that license, and present both upon demand of a Michigan conservation officer, a Tribal conservation officer, or any law enforcement officer.

Required Licenses by Title and Age	Cost				
	Up to Age: 9	Junior Age: 10-16	Resident Age: 17+	Resident Senior Age: 65+	Nonresident* Age: 17+
Mentored Youth License	\$7.50	--	--	--	--
Application for License Drawing	--	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
Base License	--	\$6.00	\$11.00	\$5.00	\$151.00
Antlerless Deer License	--	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00**
Deer License (one kill tag)	--	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$8.00	\$20.00
Deer Combo License (two kill tags)	--	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$28.00	\$190.00

* Nonresidents under 17 years of age may purchase a resident base license.

** Nonresident first antlerless deer license is \$20, additional antlerless deer licenses are \$170 each.

Active-Duty U.S. Military Personnel and Michigan Veterans with Disabilities

Resident active-duty military personnel and resident veterans with disabilities may obtain a leftover antlerless deer license free of charge beginning Sept. 5. Licenses are full-price for those who apply for a license and are selected in the drawing.

Hunting license fees are established by the Legislature. The DNR has authority to discount antlerless deer licenses.

- Antlerless deer licenses are discounted 40 percent in DMUs 001, 004, 035, 060, 068, 071, 135, 333, 419, 452, and 487.
- If you have any license questions, please call 517-284-6057.

Leftover Licenses

There is no guarantee that leftover licenses will be available for any DMU. Leftover antlerless deer licenses that are available will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis beginning Sept. 5 at 10 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time. Licenses will be sold until the quota is met in each DMU. Current leftover license availability may be viewed at mi.gov/deer.

Purchase Limits for Private-Land Antlerless Deer Licenses (Per Hunter)

An individual may purchase up to a season limit of 5 private-land antlerless deer licenses statewide, with the following exceptions:

- For DMU 487, an individual may purchase a total of 10 antlerless deer licenses per season.
- For DMUs 419 and 333, an individual may purchase unlimited antlerless deer licenses per season.

Base License

A base license is required for every resident and nonresident who hunts in Michigan. Hunters may purchase their antlerless deer license, only after they have obtained a base license for the year. **An application may be purchased prior to obtaining a base license.** Hunters are encouraged to carry their base license at all times when hunting.

Mandatory Penalties for Certain Hunting Violations			
Species	Fine	Jail	Revocation of License
Deer	\$1000 per animal + additional \$1000 if antlered AND one of the following: 8-10 points \$500 each point 11+ points \$750 each point	5-90 days	Current year + 3 years AND if antlered: 1st offense: additional 2 years 2nd offense: additional 7 years



Apprentice Hunting License

A person who does not have a hunter safety certificate and is 10 years of age or older may purchase a base apprentice hunting license. An apprentice hunter may purchase this license for two license years before he or she must successfully complete a hunter safety course. The base apprentice hunting license is available to residents and nonresidents.

When afield, an apprentice hunter must be accompanied by someone 21 years of age or older who possesses a regular current-year hunting license for the same game as the apprentice. For apprentices 10-16 years of age, the accompanying hunter must be the apprentice's parent, guardian, or someone designated by the parent or guardian. "Accompanied by" requires the accompanying hunter to be able to come to the immediate aid of the apprentice and stay within a distance that permits uninterrupted, unaided visual and verbal contact.

For hunting antlerless deer, the accompanying hunter needs a current-year antlerless deer hunting license, but it does not have to be for the same DMU as the apprentice. A person may accompany no more than two apprentice hunters while hunting.

Mentored Youth Hunting (MYH) Program



The Mentored Youth Hunting Program allows youth hunters 9 years of age and younger to hunt with a mentor who is at least 21 years of age, has hunting experience, and possesses a valid Michigan license to hunt other than an apprentice license. The mentored youth license is a "package" license to hunt small game including waterfowl, turkey (spring and fall), deer, trap furbearers, and fish for all species. Additional restrictions apply; complete program details can be found in the current-year *Michigan Hunting and Trapping Digest*, or online at mi.gov/mentoredhunting.

The deer kill tag issued under the mentored youth hunting license is valid for any deer in any DMU, except during antlerless-only seasons when only an antlerless deer may be taken (in open DMUs). If you turn 10 years of age after purchasing the MYH package and wish to purchase antlerless deer licenses, you must first upgrade your MYH license to a junior base license (or apprentice junior base license). There is no charge to upgrade an MYH license to a base license.

Special Hunting Seasons



Liberty Hunt

This firearm deer hunt will take place on private or public lands statewide in Michigan open to firearm deer hunting Sept. 16-17. Youth 16 years of age or younger may participate in this hunt in addition to eligible hunters with disabilities (see criteria below). Youth younger than 14 years of age may hunt with archery and crossbow on public or private land or with a firearm on private land only, regardless of license used. For youth 10-16 years of age, valid licenses include a deer, deer combo, or an antlerless deer license. Hunters under 10 years of age must be licensed through the mentored youth hunting program and accompanied by a qualified mentor.

During this hunt, a deer or deer combo license may be used for an antlered or antlerless deer. Antler Point Restrictions do not apply. An antlerless deer license or deer management assistance (DMA) permit may also be used to take one antlerless deer only, if issued for the area/land upon which hunting. **The bag limit for this season is one deer.** All hunters participating in this season must wear hunter orange.

To qualify as a hunter with disabilities, an individual must fit one of the following criteria:

- Be a resident veteran who has been determined to have 100-percent disability, or is rated as individually unemployable, by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.
- Have been issued a permit by the DNR to hunt from a standing vehicle.
- Have been issued a permit by the DNR to hunt using a laser-sighting device.
- Be blind: "Blind" means an individual who has a visual acuity of 20/200 or less in the better eye with correction, or has a limitation of his or her field of vision such that the widest diameter of the visual field subtends an angular distance not greater than 20 degrees, as determined by the commission.

Independence Hunt

This firearm deer hunt will take place on private lands and some public lands requiring an access permit, (contact local offices to find out if they participate) from Oct. 19-22. To qualify an individual must fit at least one of the bulleted criteria listed above.

During this hunt, a deer or deer combo license may be used for an antlered or antlerless deer. Antler Point Restrictions do not apply. An antlerless deer license or deer management assistance (DMA) permit may be used to take one antlerless deer only, if issued for the area/land upon which hunting. **The bag limit for this season is one deer.** All hunters participating in this season must wear hunter orange. Check mi.gov/dnrlaws for possible changes to color clothing requirements that occurred after the printing of this digest.

Urban Deer Management Zone for Macomb, Oakland, and Wayne Counties

The archery season will extend until January 31 for Macomb, Oakland, and Wayne counties in order to manage ongoing human-deer conflicts. Licenses including a deer license, deer combination license, or an antlerless deer license, are valid during the extended season. All rules and regulations for the archery season apply. See the current-year Hunting and Trapping Digest for equipment regulations.



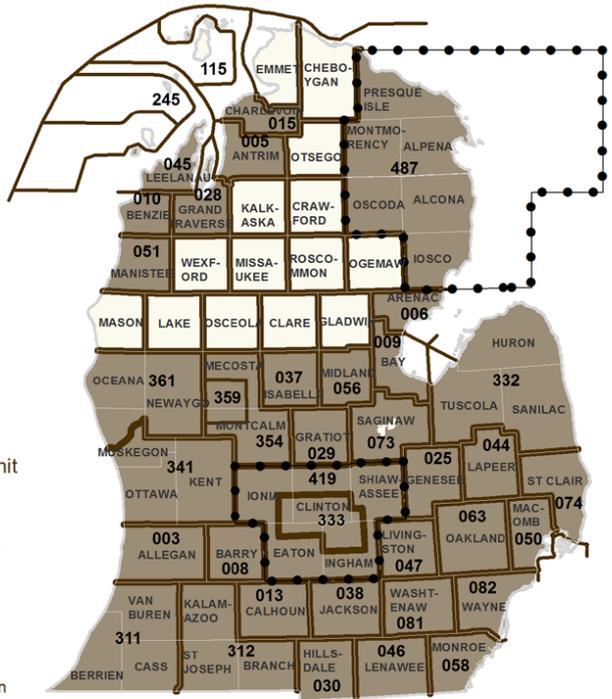


Late Antlerless Firearm

- Season: Dec. 18, 2017 – Jan. 1, 2018
- Open on private lands only, within the DMUs shaded in the map below.

Legend

-  Open for the Late Firearm Antlerless Deer Season on Private Lands
 -  Closed
 -  Deer Management Unit (DMU) Boundaries
 -  Multi-County Disease Management DMU Boundaries
- Note: All of the Upper Peninsula is closed to the Late Antlerless Firearm Season



Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Surveillance

Core CWD Area - DMU 333 consists of Lansing, Meridian, Williamstown, Delhi, Alaiedon and Wheatfield townships in Ingham County; DeWitt, Bath, Watertown, Eagle, Westphalia, Riley, Olive and Victor townships in Clinton County; Woodhull Township in Shiawassee County; Oneida, Roxand and Delta townships in Eaton County; and Portland and Danby townships in Ionia County.

In DMU 333, the following apply:

- Feeding and baiting of deer is banned.
- Unlimited antlerless deer hunting licenses available and discounted 40 percent for both residents and nonresidents.
- No APR Restrictions. See pages 17 and 18.
- Antlerless deer may be tagged using the deer or deer combo license(s) during the early antlerless, late antlerless, firearm and muzzleloader seasons, as shown below and in the chart on page 18.
- **Mandatory deer check.** Visit mi.gov/deercheck for deer check locations.
- If a deer is taken within DMU 333 the hunter must present the head at a mandatory DNR check station within the business hours of the next 72 hours after killing the deer.
- Road-kill deer can be picked up with a salvage tag, the deer head must be submitted for testing within 72 hours of pick up.

CWD Management Zone - DMU 419 consists of Clinton, Eaton, Ingham, Ionia, and Shiawassee counties, except what is defined as DMU 333. In this DMU the following apply:

- Feeding and baiting of deer is banned.
- Early and late antlerless season open.
- Antlerless deer licenses are discounted 40 percent for both residents and nonresidents.

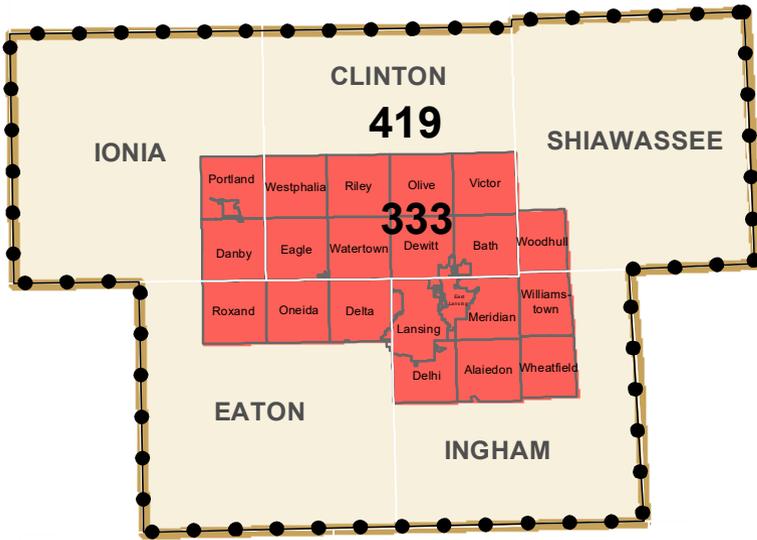
Core CWD Area - DMU 359 consists of Mecosta, Austin, Morton, Hinton, Aetna, and Deerfield townships in Mecosta County, and Cato, Winfield, and Reynolds townships in Montcalm County. In this DMU the following apply:

- **Mandatory Deer Check.** Visit mi.gov/deercheck for deer check locations.
- If a deer is taken within DMU 359 the hunter must present the head at a mandatory DNR check station within the business hours of the next 72 hours after killing the deer.
- Road-kill deer can be picked up with a salvage tag, the deer head must be submitted for testing within 72 hours of pick up.

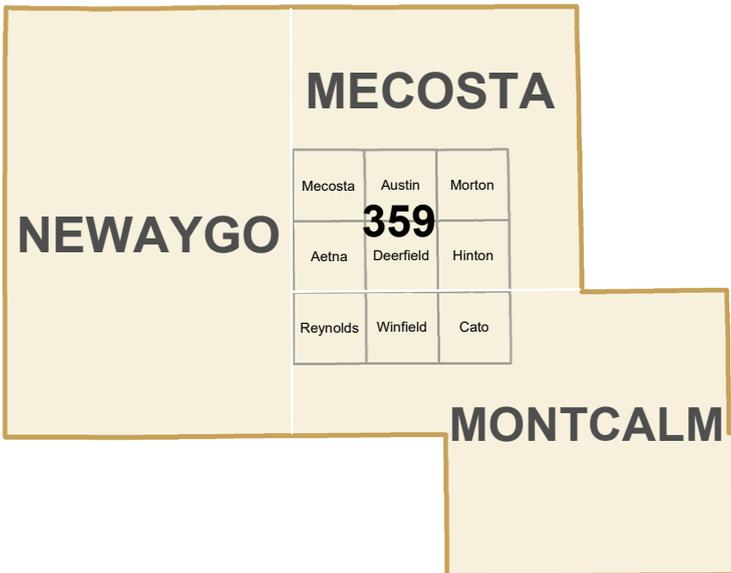
Commercial Processor Registration

Commercial processors who accept wild game for processing and storage are now required to register with the DNR. Registration is free. To register, please visit www.michigan.gov/wildlifepermits.

DMU 333 and 419



DMU 359



Deer & Deer Combo License Use for DMUs 333, 359, and 419

1. On the map on pg. 17, locate the DMU(s) you wish to hunt.
2. Check the chart below to see the type of deer you may harvest in each season based on your license.

		Seasons		
		Archery	Firearm	Muzzleloader
Deer License (DMU 333)		 or 	 or 	 or 
Deer Combo License	Regular Tag	 or 	 or 	 or 
	Restricted Tag	 or 	 or 	 or 
Deer License (DMU 359 & 419)		 or 		
Deer Combo License	Regular Tag	 or 		
	Restricted Tag	 or 		

Antler Point Restriction Key



Antlerless Deer



At least one antler
3 inches or longer



2 or more points* on one side



3 or more points* on one side



4 or more points* on one side

* A legal point must be at least 1 inch long as measured from its tip to the nearest edge of the antler beam.

Additional Disease Information

Bovine Tuberculosis Surveillance

In 2016, bovine tuberculosis (TB) was found in 29 wild white-tailed deer from seven counties in Michigan: Alcona, Alpena, Iosco, Montmorency, Oscoda, Presque Isle, and Roscommon. Statewide 12,139 deer were tested. Since 1995, a total of 821 deer have been found positive from 230,503 deer sampled in Michigan. For more information on bovine TB in Michigan, visit mi.gov/bovinetb.

Hunters are asked to submit deer carcasses with chest lesions suspicious for TB from anywhere in the state. The list of deer check stations is available on the DNR website at mi.gov/deer. If you see a deer with this type of infection, please contact the DNR so the carcass and viscera, in addition to the head, can be examined. Hunters may check their deer or elk TB lab results at mi.gov/dnrlab.

Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease (EHD)

EHD is an acute, infectious, often fatal disease contracted by wild ruminants but most commonly affecting white-tailed deer. EHD is transmitted via the bite of infected midges. The disease cannot be transmitted from one animal to another by direct contact, and it is not transmissible to humans. EHD typically is detected in deer in late summer and early fall, and sick and dead deer are often found near water.

Deer infected with the virus appear lethargic, disoriented, lame and unresponsive to humans. As the disease progresses, the deer may have blood-tinged discharge from the nose and mouth along with sores in the mouth and a swollen tongue. Deer usually develop a high fever (they seek out water to decrease their body temperature - that is why they are found near or in water). Blood is found in the body cavities.

To report a deer with EHD symptoms, contact the DNR Wildlife Disease Lab at 517-336-5030 or the nearest DNR Customer Service Center. After hours, reports should be made to the DNR RAP line at 800-292-7800.

Dioxin Advisory Information

Health risk assessors from the DNR and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services determined that samples of wild game taken in 2003, 2004 and 2007 from the floodplains of the Tittabawassee River and Saginaw River downstream of Midland contain high levels of dioxin and dioxin-like compounds in muscle, skin, and other consumable portions. Eating deer, turkey, squirrel, wood duck, or Canada geese that contain dioxin at these levels could result in adverse health effects, particularly for children and women of childbearing age. Specific information can be found at mi.gov/dioxin.

Commercial Hunting Guides on State Land

All commercial hunting guides using state-owned land must receive written authorization from the DNR. Guides are required to meet the conditions of the written authorization. If you are a guide who utilizes state-owned lands, please visit mi.gov/statelandpermission. Commercial guiding on National Forest (NF) lands requires a special use permit. Applications can be obtained through any office or by calling - Hiawatha NF: 906-428-5800; Huron-Manistee NF: 231-775-5023; Ottawa NF: 906-932-1330.

Online Hunter Harvest Surveys

Accurate and complete information on hunting activity is vital for sound wildlife management. Hunters are encouraged to report their hunting activity online after the season has ended at mi.gov/hunting. These surveys are the same as those traditionally mailed to randomly selected hunters. The online reporting option now allows all hunters to participate.

Precaution about Lead in Game Meat

Wildlife that are shot with bullets or pellets containing lead can have particles of lead remaining in the meat, some too small to be seen or felt. When eaten lead can be harmful to humans and wildlife, even in very low amounts. If you have questions about the health effects of lead exposure from lead shot or lead fragments, call the DNR Wildlife Disease Lab at 517-336-5030 or find information at mi.gov/wdm. You may also contact the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services at 1-800-648-6942 or visit mi.gov/mdhhs.



Tagging Option for Antlerless Deer Hunters

Deer hunters with a valid unused deer or deer combo license as well as an unused antlerless license for the DMU in which they are hunting may tag a male antlerless deer with the deer or deer combo tag. A male antlerless deer, often called a “button buck”, means a deer with antlers where the longest antler extends less than three inches above the skull.

Exception: Not valid for the early/late antlerless firearm seasons unless used on private lands in DMU 333, DMU 419, DMU 452, and DMU 487 to take an antlerless deer.

Hunting Methods

Antlerless deer may be harvested using hunting equipment appropriate for the season and hunting zone.

Youth

On private land or Commercial Forest land:

- All ages: may hunt deer using archery, crossbow, or firearm equipment.

On public land:

- 13 years of age or younger: may hunt deer using archery or crossbow equipment only.
- 14 years of age or older: may hunt deer using archery, crossbow, or firearm equipment.

Youth up to 9 years of age may hunt as part of the Mentored Youth Hunting Program; see pg. 12.

Youth 10-16 years of age, and who are hunter safety-certified, must be accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older to hunt, unless:

- the youth is hunting on land upon which a parent or guardian is regularly domiciled; AND
- the license is not an apprentice license; AND
- the youth is at least 14 years of age and **not** using a firearm to hunt deer, bear, or elk.

Youth 10-16 years of age, and who are NOT hunter safety certified, may hunt as an apprentice hunter; see Apprentice Hunting on pg. 10.

Baiting

- Prohibited year-round in Alcona, Alpena, Clinton, Eaton, Ingham, Ionia, Montmorency, Oscoda, and Shiawassee counties.
- Baiting in the rest of the state is allowed in limited quantities from Sept. 15 - Jan. 1. Hunters may place no more than two gallons of any type of bait scattered across a minimum 10-foot by 10-foot area per hunting location.

Do Your Part

Understand CWD

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is a central nervous disease found in cervids (deer, elk, and moose). This disease is contagious and always fatal, and has been found in Michigan. Help the DNR know the extent of this and other wildlife disease, such as bovine tuberculosis, have your deer checked!



If you're a successful hunter, bring your deer head or entire deer carcass to a DNR check station, provide some information, and receive a "thank you" patch.

mi.gov/cwd

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FIGHT Wildlife Disease *Check Your Deer*

Visit a DNR Check Station before bringing a potentially sick deer home!



Locations found at:

mi.gov/deercheck



Need information?

Contact a DNR office listed below or visit us online.

Customer Service Centers (CSC) are open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Baraga CSC

427 US-41 North
Baraga, MI 49908
906-353-6651

Bay City CSC

3580 State Park Drive
Bay City, MI 48706
989-684-9141

Cadillac CSC

8015 Mackinaw Trail
Cadillac, MI 49601
231-775-9727

Crystal Falls Field Office

1420 W. US-2
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