

Vehicle-Killed Deer Tagging and Possession

- Contact your Sheriff's Department to obtain a tag before moving the deer so that the carcass, or part of the carcass, can be legally possessed.
- Any person may claim a deer that has been killed by a motor vehicle operated on a highway. The driver of a vehicle that accidentally collides with and kills a deer has first priority to the deer. If the driver does not want the deer, any other person who arrives at the scene may request a tag for the carcass.

Taxidermists

These regulations are available at dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cs/licenses.htm.

Wisconsin Deer Donation 2008

Hunters, you can help feed needy people throughout Wisconsin this fall by taking four simple steps:

- Field dress the deer and register it at a Wisconsin DNR registration station prior to donating the deer.
- Drop deer off at a participating processor by January 5, 2009. Donate the entire deer to receive the processing for free (head and/or antlers may be removed for mounting).
- Call First! Contact one of the participating processors before dropping the deer off to verify the processor has space to accept your deer.
- When dropping your deer off at a processor, please sign the simple log sheet indicating your desire to donate the deer.

The 2008 deer donation program will begin accepting deer after August 1. Hunters may make voluntary donations to help pay for the costs of deer processing when they buy their hunting license.

Please check our website: dnr.wi.gov/org/land/wildlife/damage/donation/mainindex.htm for updates on participating processors. Thank you for your interest and good luck hunting!

Hunting Incidents

Any person involved in an incident in which a person is injured by a projectile fired from a firearm, or an arrow fired from a bow and arrow or crossbow while hunting or trapping must first render necessary assistance and then immediately report the incident to the local Warden, Sheriff or Police. In addition, every person involved in a hunting accident must render a written report to the DNR within 10 days.

Deer Tagging Instructions

- 1 You must validate the appropriate deer carcass tag immediately upon killing and before field dressing or moving the deer by slitting the appropriate date and time. **Note: An antlerless deer is any deer that does not have any antler of 3 or more inches in length. A buck deer is any deer with an antler 3 inches or longer.**
2. Insert a string or similar fastener through the small hole in the middle of the tag (note: a tab covers the hole) and attach to the deer's ear or antler. You will need to provide your own string or similar fastener to attach the carcass tag to your deer.
3. After the deer has been tagged, it must be registered at an appropriate registration station. Please see the section below on registration.
4. The carcass and registration tags must remain attached to the deer until butchering. The person who killed, tagged or obtained the deer shall retain all tags until the meat is consumed.

Deer Registration

Deer must be kept intact, except for field dressing and skinning, prior to registration. The lower legs, up to the tarsus joint ("ankle or hock") on the hind legs and up to the carpus joint ("wrist or knee") on the front legs, may also be removed. If the skin or legs are removed prior to registration, they must be kept with the carcass until after the deer is registered.

Exemption: Deer may be skinned and quartered by persons holding a Class A or B Disabled Permit. All parts must be presented at the time of registration.

In addition to the tagging requirements, **all deer must be registered** at a DNR Deer Registration Station. Registration forms are available at deer registration stations.

Non-CWD Unit Deer Registration

- **Deadline:** All deer killed by **firearm hunters (including muzzleloader deer season)** must be registered no later than 5:00 p.m. of the day after the close of the season in which the deer was killed. All deer killed by **archery hunters** must be registered no later than 5:00 p.m. on the third day after the deer was killed or by 5:00 p.m. the day after the season closes, whichever occurs first.
- **Location:** All deer killed must be registered in the unit of kill or in an adjoining unit.

CWD Unit Deer Registration

- **Deadline:** All deer killed must be registered no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day after it was killed.
- **Location:** All deer killed in the **CWD Management Zone** must be registered within the unit of kill or adjacent unit of kill **within** the CWD Management Zone.

Collection of samples at time of registration

Note: Any part of any deer may be collected or sampled by the department for disease testing purposes. If requested, you must allow the department to collect a sample for disease testing. Special arrangements can be made at the time of registration for deer that are to be mounted. Failure to provide or allow a sample to be collected may result in a fine.

Deer Hunting Seasons: Regular Units

Regular units are the non-shaded units on the Deer Management Unit (DMU) Map (pages 28–29). **This includes the following units: 7, 10, 28, 29A, 29B, 30, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 43, 44, 45, 49A, 49B, 50, 52.** Deer populations are at or near goal in these units. Harvesting a limited number of antlerless deer maintains a DMU's population near established goals.

Seasons & Harvest Limits

2008 Gun Deer Seasons—Regular Units	
Season	Harvest Limits
October 11–12	Youth Gun Deer Hunt (see page 37)
November 22–30	One buck deer per unused Gun Buck Deer Carcass Tag & additional antlerless deer per unused Unit Specific Antlerless Deer Carcass Tags.
December 11–14	Antlerless deer only hunt: One antlerless deer per unused Unit Specific Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag.

2008 Archery Deer Seasons—Regular Units	
Season	Harvest Limits
September 13–November 20 & December 1–January 4, 2009	One buck per unused Archery Buck Carcass Tag, EXCEPT December 11–14. One antlerless deer per unused Archery Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag & additional antlerless deer per unused Unit Specific Antlerless Deer Carcass Tags.
December 11–14	Antlerless deer only hunt: One antlerless deer per unused Archery Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag & additional antlerless deer per unused Unit Specific Antlerless Deer Carcass Tags.

2008 Muzzleloader Deer Seasons—Regular Units	
Season	Harvest Limits
December 1–10	One buck deer per unused Gun Buck Deer Carcass Tag & additional antlerless deer per unused Unit Specific Antlerless Deer Carcass Tags.

- A *buck deer* means a deer with at least one antler which is 3 inches or longer in length.
- An *antlerless deer* means any deer without antlers or any deer with both antlers less than 3 inches in length.

Deer Hunting Seasons: Herd Control Units

Herd Control Deer Management Units are the light grey shaded units on the Deer Management Unit (DMU) Map. There will be unlimited Antlerless Deer Carcass Tags (valid in Herd Control and EAB units) available. Hunters will receive one free with each deer license and additional tags may be purchased at \$2 each. **There will be an October Antlerless Only season in these units. These units include: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 31, 32, 33, 42, 46, 47, 51A, 51B, 57, 57A, 57B, 57C, 59A, 60A, 62A, 63B, 65A, 69, and 78.** See page 20 for Metro Units 1M and 77M. Units are designated as Herd Control Units when a deer population is well over goal and increased antlerless harvest is required to bring populations toward goal.

2008 Gun Deer Seasons—Herd Control Units	
Season	Harvest Limits
October 11–12	Youth Gun Deer Hunt (see page 37)
October 16–19	Antlerless deer only hunt: One antlerless deer per unused Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag which specify being valid in Herd Control and EAB units.
November 22–30	One buck deer per unused Gun Buck Deer Carcass Tag & additional antlerless deer per unused Antlerless Deer Carcass Tags which specify being valid in Herd Control and EAB units.
December 11–14	Antlerless deer only hunt: One antlerless deer per unused Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag which specify being valid in Herd Control and EAB units.

2008 Archery Deer Seasons—Herd Control Units	
Season	Harvest Limits
September 13–November 20 & December 1–January 4, 2009	One buck per unused Archery Buck Carcass Tag, EXCEPT October 16–19 and December 11–14. One antlerless deer per unused Archery Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag & additional antlerless deer per unused Antlerless Deer Carcass Tags which specify being valid in Herd Control and EAB units.
October 16–19 & December 11–14	Antlerless deer only hunt: One antlerless deer per unused Archery Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag & additional antlerless deer per unused Antlerless Deer Carcass Tags which specify being valid in Herd Control and EAB units.

2008 Muzzleloader Deer Seasons—Herd Control Units	
Season	Harvest Limits
December 1–10	One buck deer per unused Gun Buck Deer Carcass Tag and additional antlerless deer per unused Antlerless Deer Carcass Tags which specify being valid in Herd Control and EAB units.

Herd Control Units: *continued*

Metro Herd Control Units

Units 1M and 77M are **Metropolitan** (Metro) **Herd Control** Units (See EAB section for all other Metro Units season information). These Metro Units have longer seasons due to higher deer populations in and around urban areas. **Note:** Only shotguns, muzzleloaders and handguns are allowed in unit 77M, whereas rifles, shotguns, muzzleloaders and handguns are allowed in unit 1M during firearm seasons.

2008 Gun Deer Seasons—Metro Herd Control Units	
Season	Harvest Limits
October 11–12	Youth Gun Deer Hunt (see page 37)
October 16–19	Antlerless deer only hunt: One antlerless deer per unused Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag which specify being valid in Herd Control and EAB units.
November 22–December 10	One buck deer per unused Gun Buck Deer Carcass Tag & additional antlerless deer per unused Antlerless Deer Carcass Tags which specify being valid in Herd Control and EAB units.
December 11–14	Antlerless deer only hunt: One Antlerless Deer per unused Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag which specify being valid in Herd Control and EAB units.

2008 Archery Deer Seasons—Metro Herd Control Units	
Season	Harvest Limits
September 13–November 20 & November 22–January 31, 2009	One buck per unused Archery Buck Deer Carcass Tag, EXCEPT October 16–19 and December 11–14. One antlerless deer per unused Archery Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag & additional antlerless deer per unused Antlerless Deer Carcass Tags which specify being valid in Herd Control and EAB units.
October 16–19 & December 11–14	Antlerless deer only hunt: One antlerless deer per unused Archery Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag & additional antlerless deer per unused Antlerless Deer Carcass Tags which specify being valid in Herd Control and EAB units.

- A *buck deer* means a deer with at least one antler which is 3 inches or longer in length.
- An *antlerless deer* means any deer without antlers or any deer with both antlers less than 3 inches in length.

Always Remember the Four Rules of Firearm Safety

1. Treat every gun as if it were loaded.
2. Always point the muzzle in a safe direction.
3. Be sure of your target and beyond.
4. Keep your finger out of the trigger guard until you are ready to shoot.

Deer Hunting Seasons: Herd Control Units without the Early October Gun Hunt

The Herd Control units **WITHOUT** the October antlerless only deer season are the white units with black dots on the Deer Management Unit (DMU) Map (pages 28–29). **This includes the following units: 53, 54A, 55, 56 and 58.** From 2006 to 2007, these units had an average antlerless:antlered harvest ratio of 2:1. As in the other Herd Control units, there will be unlimited Antlerless Deer Carcass Tags (valid in Herd Control and EAB units) available. Hunters will receive one free with each deer license and additional tags may be purchased at \$2 each.

2008 Gun Deer Seasons—Herd control Units without the Oct. 16–19 Antlerless Only Deer Season	
Season	Harvest Limits
October 11–12	Youth Gun Deer Hunt (see page 37)
November 22–30	One buck deer per unused Gun Buck Deer Carcass Tag and additional antlerless deer per unused Antlerless Deer Carcass Tags which specify being valid in Herd Control and EAB units.
December 11–14	Antlerless deer only hunt: One antlerless deer per unused Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag which specify being valid in Herd Control and EAB units.

2008 Archery Deer Seasons—Herd control Units without the Oct. 16–19 Antlerless Only Deer Season	
Season	Harvest Limits
September 13–November 20 & December 1–January 4, 2009	One buck per unused Archery Buck Carcass Tag, EXCEPT December 11–14. One antlerless deer per unused Archery Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag and additional antlerless deer per unused Antlerless Deer Carcass Tags which specify being valid in Herd Control and EAB units.
December 11–14	Antlerless deer only hunt: One antlerless deer per unused Archery Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag and additional antlerless deer per unused Antlerless Deer Carcass Tags which specify being valid in Herd Control and EAB units.

2008 Muzzleloader Deer Seasons—Herd control Units without the Oct. 16–19 Antlerless Only Deer Season	
Season	Harvest Limits
December 1–10	One buck deer per unused Gun Buck Deer Carcass Tag and additional antlerless deer per unused Antlerless Deer Carcass Tags which specify being valid in Herd Control and EAB units.

Deer Hunting Seasons: Earn-a-Buck Units

This season structure requires the hunter to first harvest and tag an antlerless deer before being allowed to harvest and tag a buck deer.

Non-CWD EAB Units.

Non-CWD EAB units are the dark grey shaded units on the Deer Management Unit map on pages 28–29. **These units include: 22A, 54B, 54C, 59B, 59C, 59D, 60B, 61, 62B, 63A, 64, 65B, 66, 67A, 67B, 68A, 68B, 72, 73B, 73D, 74A, 74B, 77C, 80A, 80B and 81.**

Seasons & Harvest Limits

2008 Gun Deer Seasons—Non-CWD EAB Units	
Season	Harvest Limits
October 11–12	Youth Gun Deer Hunt (see page 37)
October 16–19	Antlerless deer only hunt: One antlerless deer per unused Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag which specify being valid in Herd Control and EAB units.
November 22–30	One buck deer per unused Gun Buck Deer Carcass Tag provided a Buck Authorization Sticker is affixed to the back, OR an unregistered antlerless deer tagged by the same hunter accompanies the buck deer until both are registered. Also additional antlerless deer per unused Antlerless Deer Carcass Tags which specify being valid in Herd Control and EAB units.
December 11–14	Antlerless deer only hunt: One antlerless deer per unused Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag which specify being valid in Herd Control and EAB units.

2008 Archery Deer Season—Non-CWD EAB Units	
Season	Harvest Limits
September 13–November 20 & December 1–January 4, 2009	One antlerless deer per unused Archery Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag or one buck deer per Archery Buck Deer Carcass Tag provided a Buck Authorization Sticker is affixed to the back or an antlerless deer tagged by the same hunter accompanies the buck until both are registered, EXCEPT October 16–19 and December 11–14. Also, additional antlerless deer may be harvested with unused Antlerless Deer Carcass Tags which specify being valid in Herd Control and EAB units.
October 16–19 & December 11–14	Antlerless deer only hunt: One antlerless deer per unused Archery Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag and additional antlerless deer per unused Antlerless Deer Carcass Tags which specify being valid in Herd Control and EAB units.

Earn-a-Buck *continued*

2008 Muzzleloader Deer Season—Non-CWD EAB Units	
Season	Harvest Limits
December 1–10	One buck deer per unused Gun Buck Deer Carcass Tag provided a Buck Authorization Sticker is affixed to the back, OR an unregistered antlerless deer tagged by the same hunter accompanies the buck deer until both are registered. Also additional antlerless deer per unused Antlerless Deer Carcass Tags which specify being valid in Herd Control and EAB units.

Metro Earn-a-Buck Units

Units 59M, 60M, and 64M are Metropolitan (Metro) Deer Management Units with EAB regulations.

2008 Gun Deer Season—Metro EAB Units	
Season	Harvest Limits
October 11–12	Youth Gun Deer Hunt (see page 37)
October 16–19	Antlerless deer only hunt: One antlerless deer per unused Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag which specify being valid in Herd Control and EAB units.
November 22–December 10	One buck deer per unused Gun Buck Deer Carcass Tag provided a Buck Authorization Sticker is affixed to the back, OR an unregistered antlerless deer tagged by the same hunter accompanies the buck until both are registered. Also additional antlerless deer per unused Antlerless Deer Carcass Tags which specify being valid in Herd Control and EAB units.
December 11–14	Antlerless deer only hunt: One antlerless deer per unused Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag which specify being valid in Herd Control and EAB units.

2008 Archery Deer Season—Metro EAB Units	
Season	Harvest Limits
September 13–November 20 & November 22–January 31, 2009	One antlerless deer per unused Archery Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag or one buck deer per unused Archery Buck Deer Carcass Tag provided a Buck Authorization Sticker is affixed to the back, OR an antlerless deer tagged by the same hunter must accompany the buck until both are registered. Also, additional antlerless deer may be harvested with unused Antlerless Deer Carcass Tags which specify being valid in Herd Control and EAB units. EXCEPT October 16–19 and December 11–14.
October 16–19 & December 11–14	Antlerless deer only hunt: One antlerless deer per unused Archery Antlerless Deer Carcass Tag & additional antlerless deer per unused Antlerless Deer Carcass Tags which specify being valid in Herd Control and EAB units.

Carcass Tags, *continued*

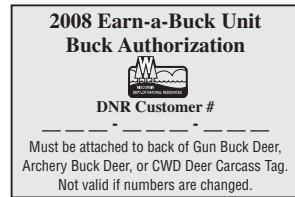
FOR CWD UNITS ONLY, hunters may use any of the tags described on page 25 to tag a buck or an antlerless deer in the CWD Management Zone. For these tags to be valid for a buck, a Buck Authorization Sticker must be attached to the back of the tag (see this page) or an unregistered antlerless deer tagged by the same hunter accompanies the buck deer until both are registered.

Hunters can obtain 2008 & 2009 CWD Deer Carcass Tags free of charge (limit 4 per hunter per day) at deer registration stations and participating license vendors located in the CWD Management Zone and at all DNR Service Centers.

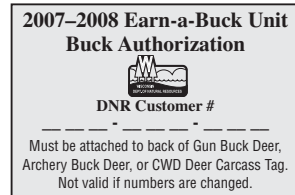
Tip: Hunters planning on hunting outside of the CWD Management Zone should save the buck carcass tag issued with their license for use during those hunts, and should use the free 2008 & 2009 CWD Deer Carcass Tags for hunting within the CWD Management Zone.

EAB Units: Buck Authorization Stickers

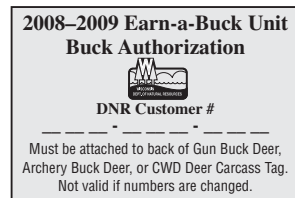
Buck Authorization Stickers are used to validate the earner's Gun Buck Deer Carcass Tag, Archery Buck Deer Carcass Tag, or 2008 & 2009 CWD Deer Carcass Tag in an EAB unit.



This green Buck Authorization Sticker would have been earned by registering an antlerless deer during the 2007 deer hunting season in a Deer Management Unit that was not an EAB unit in 2007 but is designated an EAB unit in 2008. This authorization will be mailed in August to those hunters who registered an antlerless deer in 2007 in units which are EAB in 2008.



This green Buck Authorization Sticker would have been earned during the 2007 deer hunting season by registering an antlerless deer in an Earn a Buck unit. If this sticker was not used in 2007 to validate a buck carcass tag, it is still valid for the 2008 deer hunting season for that hunter.



The 2008–2009 Buck Authorization Sticker is yellow and can be earned during the 2008 deer hunting season by tagging and registering an antlerless deer in an EAB unit. The hunter will receive his/her sticker at the registration station. These stickers can be used during the 2008 deer season in an EAB unit, or, if not used in 2008 can be used in an EAB unit during the 2009 deer season. Be sure not to misplace it.

Buck Authorization Sticker Frequently Asked Questions

Where is my buck authorization valid?

They are valid in **ANY EAB unit** throughout the state.

How many buck authorizations can I earn?

During the 2008 season, a buck authorization will be issued for each antlerless deer registered in all EAB units. One may be used to validate your Gun Buck Deer Carcass Tag and another may be used to validate your Archery Buck Deer Carcass Tag. Additional buck authorizations (over two) earned in 2008 **may not** be used in the 2008 deer season, but can be used in any unit designated as EAB in the 2009 season (up to two). **Except**, in CWD units (see page 24 for details).

Is the buck authorization weapon or season specific?

No. An antlerless deer harvested with a gun or bow in an EAB unit will earn a buck authorization that can be used with either a Gun Buck Deer Carcass Tag or an Archery Buck Deer Carcass Tag, but may not be used during any antlerless only season.

Can I earn a buck for someone else?

Buck authorizations are non-transferable. Only those who tag and register an antlerless deer will be issued a buck authorization. Group hunting is allowed to earn or harvest a buck during the gun season, but only the person who tags and registers an antlerless deer will receive the buck authorization. Only the person who has been issued a buck authorization may use it to tag a buck.

How do I prequalify for a buck for next year (2009)?

During a 2008 deer season, if you tag and register an antlerless deer killed in a Herd Control Unit that becomes EAB in 2009, you will be prequalified and will be mailed an EAB Authorization for the 2009 deer season in August of 2009. In addition, an EAB authorization issued when you register an antlerless deer in a 2008 EAB unit will be valid in any 2009 EAB unit if it is not used in 2008.

Hunters' Code of Ethics

1. Respect Landowners

- Always know where you are hunting and gain permission before entering private lands. Know how to use a map, compass or GPS unit when needed.
- Be courteous, follow the landowner's rules and treat their property with respect.

2. Respect other Hunters

- Don't interfere or disrupt the hunt of another. Treat other hunters in a manner that you would expect to be treated.

3. Respect Non-Hunters

- Understand that not everyone supports hunting. While everyone is entitled to their own view, positive hunting behavior will not turn someone who is neutral into someone that is opposed.

4. Respect Wildlife and other Natural Resources

- Follow all hunting laws and report violations observed to your local warden.