



*Thank You,
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Back in the 1990s, the Division of Fish and Wildlife asked for help from our deer hunters to harvest more deer, particularly antlerless deer. Deer numbers had been on the rise for some time despite over 30 years of antlerless deer permit seasons. The high density deer populations of Deer Management Zones (DMZs) in Regulation Set 8 were causing increasing conflicts with both agriculture and rural and suburban homeowners. Fish and Wildlife responded by utilizing the most available and effective wildlife management tool: *the deer hunter*.

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The hunting day length was increased, deer seasons were added and lengthened and bag limits grew. Bonus tags were created as an incentive to kill more antlerless deer. Hunters were educated on the importance of removing breeders from the population for a more lasting reduction. Although deer numbers were moving in the right direction, it became obvious that more antlerless deer had to be harvested to meet management objectives.

In 1999, the Earn-A-Buck Program was introduced in DMZs in Regulation Set 8. Under Earn-A-Buck, hunters had to take an antlerless deer in most seasons before they could shoot a buck. This worked! In the first year's harvest, the antlerless take was up over 60% from the previous year. In 1999, the antlerless harvest was 70% of the total harvest, compared to only 55% of the harvest in 1998.

Yet success did not come without a price. Some hunters complained, wrote letters, forwarded petitions and sent e-mails claiming the deer herd was being over harvested. The deer harvest data and population surveys did not indicate an over harvest and Earn-A-Buck was still considered necessary to maintain management objectives.

However in 2002, data analysis and feedback from sportsmen and sportswomen for DMZ 5, prompted an experimental removal of Earn-A-Buck from that zone. The zone continued to be carefully monitored in subsequent years, with the understanding that should damage complaints increase or hunters regress to harvesting mostly antlered deer, Earn-A-Buck would be reinstated.

The result was that hunters in Zone 5 continued to harvest antlerless deer at the desired rate. The data from DMZ 5 suggested that hunters grew accustomed to longer hunting seasons and harvesting more antlerless deer.

This year, after seven years of Earn-A-Buck, the Fish and Game Council acknowledged that in areas where hunters have access, deer densities have been reduced significantly. You made it happen. The population reduction in combination with the results of suspending Earn-A-Buck in DMZ 5 suggested to the Council that Earn-A-Buck could be relaxed in other DMZs.

Continuing with the relaxed Earn-A-Buck regulation, harvesting an antlerless deer will be required for the first three weeks of the fall bow season in Regulation Sets 4, 6 and 8. The long seasons and liberal antlerless bag limits will continue to reduce deer densities in these zones but at a more moderate level. The impact of relaxing Earn-A-Buck in Regulation Set 8 DMZs will be carefully monitored in the coming years.

The recurring complaint heard from many hunters in Earn-A-Buck zones was how many "once-in-a-lifetime" bucks has to be passed up because a doe had not yet been taken. We'll be looking to see if those "once-in-a-lifetime" bucks show up in this year's bow harvest.

Happy hunting, and thanks again for a job well done! 🦌

Deer Permits are valid for the 2007–2008 hunting season.
New Jersey sporting licenses are valid for the calendar year.

All persons hunting or trapping must be properly licensed. It is unlawful for any person age 10 or older to hunt without a hunting license. It is unlawful for any person age 12 or older to trap without a trapping license. See page 1 for license and permit fees. See page 12 for youth license information. All hunters and trappers must openly display their license *and* any applicable deer, turkey or bear permit in the middle of the back on their outer clothing and must show their license to any law enforcement officer or any person requesting to see it.

Licenses, permits and stamps may be purchased using Fish and Wildlife's Internet sales site (www.WildlifeLicense.com/NJ/) or from approved license agents listed on page 19.

Do NOT heat laminate the durable license or permit. High temperature will destroy these waterproof documents.

Child Support Certifications

The "Child Support Program Improvement Act" requires Fish and Wildlife to collect and maintain Social Security Numbers and a child support obligation certification from license applicants and to make the collection of this information part of the license application. To comply, Fish and Wildlife, working with the Division of Law in the Office of the Attorney General, created the Supplemental License Application available on the Fish and Wildlife Web site at www.NJFishandWildlife.com/child_support_info.htm or at license agents.

The online child support application allows an individual to be certified from the privacy of their home. Once completed-over

the Internet or at a license agent equipped with the electronic licensing system - the certification remains valid for the calendar year in which the certification was completed.

Farmer License Exemption

A farmer and the immediate members of the family who also reside on the farm may hunt, trap and fish on the farm without being licensed or possessing a valid rifle permit. A farm is defined as an area of at least five acres and having gross income of at least \$500, and tax assessed as farmland.

This exemption does not apply to a tenant or employee who is not an immediate family member.

See also *Permits for Farmers*, page 13; *Farmer Regulations*, page 27.

Hunter and Trapper Education Requirements

New Jersey requires that anyone applying to hunt with a shotgun, rifle or bow must show a previous resident license of the appropriate type from this or any state, or a course completion card from the appropriate hunter education course.

The New Jersey Hunter Education Program is offered as a home study video-based course. Students can obtain course materials at most license agents and Fish and Wildlife field offices. After completing an extensive homework assignment, the student may choose from a list of testing facilities and dates to complete their hunter education course. For more Hunter Education Program details, including course material availability, facility locations, dates, and course registration, go to Fish and Wildlife's Web site at

www.NJFishandWildlife.com/hunted.htm or call (877) 2HUNTJN.

Trapper education courses are offered four times throughout the state in the months of September and October. To enroll in a trapper education course go to the Fish and Wildlife Web site or call (877) 2HUNTJN to register.

Lost Licenses

A license, permit or stamp-excluding any license or permit that contains transportation tags-can be replaced at any license agent or at Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site, www.WildlifeLicense.com/NJ/. Licenses and permits which contain transportation tags can be duplicated at license agents or on the Internet sales site only *one* time. All subsequent duplicates of these license and permit types must be handled in person at Fish and Wildlife regional offices or the Pequest Natural Resource Education Center. The Trenton Office is no longer open to the public for license and permit sales.

National Guard Licenses

Eligible National Guard personnel are entitled to free licenses, permits and stamps. Further information can be obtained by visiting https://www.nj.gov/military/fishing_application.html or writing to: NJ Department of Military and Veteran Affairs, 101 Eggerts Crossing Rd., Lawrenceville, NJ 08648, Attn: 1st Sgt. Turrian, or call (609) 530-6866.

Non-resident Licenses

Non-residents must show either a resident license from their state or proof of successfully completing an appropriate hunter education course in order to obtain a license to

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Disabled Veteran Licenses, Stamps and Permits

Free hunting and fishing licenses, stamps and permits are available for resident disabled veterans

For the purposes of this program, legislation defines disabled veterans as "...any resident of New Jersey who has been honorably discharged or released under honorable circumstances from active service from any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States and who has been declared by the United States Department of Veteran Affairs, or its successor, to have a service-connected disability of any degree ..."

New applicant disabled veterans may obtain their hunting and fishing licenses and stamps at the following Fish and Wildlife field offices: Pequest Trout Hatchery/Natural Resource Ed. Ctr, Oxford, Warren Co., (909) 637-4125; Central Region Office, Upper Freehold Twp., Monmouth Co., (609) 259-2132; and Southern Region Office, Sicklerville, Camden Co., (856) 629-0090.

A new policy this year, veterans are eligible for multiple free antlerless deer permits for the Permit Bow, Permit Shotgun, and Permit Muzzleloader seasons.

Disabled Veteran Applicants:

1. Documentation of current benefits for a service-connected disability and proof of honorable discharge (such as a copy of your DD-214, VA card or monthly check stub) must be presented to obtain a free disabled veteran license.
2. Applicant must provide a hunter education course (archery, shotgun or rifle) certificate applicable to the license for which he or she is applying or previously issued resident archery or firearm license or rifle permit. Resident licenses from other states issued to hunters prior to establishing residency in New Jersey will be accepted if the license indicates the sporting arm for which it was valid. Non-resident licenses from other states are not acceptable.
3. To obtain the free disabled veteran deer permits one must first have a **free** disabled veteran hunting license.
4. **Fish and Wildlife is enhancing the free permit opportunities for disabled veterans; however, details were not finalized at press time.** All disabled veterans already on Fish and Wildlife's database should have received a letter in August detailing the disabled veteran deer permit issuing process. This information will also be posted on Fish and Wildlife's Web site: www.NJFishandWildlife.com/dvinfo.htm.

Highlights of Important Changes in the Hunting and Trapping Regulations

Changes to deer regulations for the 2007-08 seasons are complex and involve modifications to license and permit structure, antlered deer bag limits and tagging requirements. See *Deer Hunting Regulations* on page 30 for complete details.

Zone 6: Antler Point Restrictions are removed from this zone only.

Zones 7-15, 36, 41, 49, 50 and 51 (Regulation Set 8): The Earn-A-Buck regulation in these zones is reduced to occur in early the Fall Bow Season only through Sept. 28. Therefore, Bank-A-Doe is eliminated.

The early antlerless-only harvest days of the Permit Muzzleloader Season are reduced to three days and moved from the week of Thanksgiving to the Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of the week following Thanksgiving, with the Monday and Tuesday of that week remaining either-sex.

The early antlerless-only days of the Permit Shotgun Season are reduced to three days and moved from the week of Thanksgiving to the Wednesday, Thursday and

Friday of the week following Thanksgiving.

The Permit Bow season is added to the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Thanksgiving week.

Licenses and Permits — Reduction in

Antlered Tags: Bowhunters may harvest two bucks on their archery or all-around license (Fall Bow and Winter Bow); a third tag is available for purchase as an Antlered Buck Bonus Bow Permit for use during Permit Bow Season. Firearm hunters may harvest two bucks on their firearm or all-around license during the Six-day Firearm Season; additional buck tags may be purchased as an Antlered Buck Bonus Permit (one each for the Permit Muzzleloader and Permit Shotgun seasons.). The total, legal, annual antlered bag limit per hunter remains the same at six deer. Hunters still have a choice of harvesting two antlered bucks during the Six-day Firearm Season and none during the Permit Shotgun Season OR harvesting one buck during Six-day and one buck during Permit Shotgun Season.

Special Areas Changes: See the *Special Areas Deer Hunting Season Information* on page 49.

Zone 38: (Great Swamp NWR) has permit quota changes.

Zone 40 (Earle Naval Weapon Station) has season format changes.

Zone 53 (Lakehurst Naval Air Engineering Station) has season format changes

Zone 54 (Picatinny Arsenal) has permit quota changes.

Zone 57 (Edwin B. Forsythe NWR) has season format changes.

Zone 58 (Edwin B. Forsythe NWR) is now divided into two zones, north and south of Route 72; the northern section will remain Zone 58, the southern section is added as Zone 70 with season format changes.

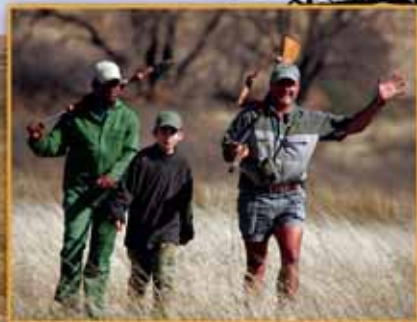
Zone 59 (Supawna Meadows NWR) is now incorporated into the surrounding Zone 63, with season format changes.

Zone 64 (Monmouth Battlefield State Park) has season format changes.

Zone 68 (Franklin Parker Preserve) is added.

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hunt or trap in New Jersey. Non-immigrant aliens who temporarily import firearms to the United States must first obtain a Form 6 Import Permit from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF). The approval may take up to 12 weeks. Contact ATF's Explosives Imports Branch at (202) 927-8320 or download a form from their Web site at www.atf.treas.gov.

Non-resident Servicemen Licenses

Any person on active duty in the armed services, regardless of their current residency, may buy a New Jersey resident hunting license. Present a previous resident license (from this or any other state) of the appropriate type or show proof to the license agent of successful completion of the appropriate hunter education course along with proof of your current active duty status in the armed services.

One-day License

A one-day license may be issued for hunting on a licensed commercial shooting preserve. This license may be obtained at the shooting preserve and is valid only on the day issued for the species covered by the preserve's license. Hunter Education requirements still apply.

Resident Licenses

A resident license may be purchased if one has resided in the state for at least six months immediately prior to application.

Revocation of Licenses

Anyone convicted of a second fish and game violation within a period of five years will have their New Jersey hunting and fishing privileges revoked for two years. Certain violations carry greater periods of revocation, ranging from three years to lifetime revocation. Two convictions of any wildlife management area regulation will result in a five-year revocation. Two convictions of the following will result in lifetime revocation: safety zone violation, causing damage to real or personal property and negligent use of a firearm or bow. Fish and Wildlife may revoke any permit or other authorization issued for violation or due cause.

Youth Licenses, Resident and Non-Resident

See *Take a Kid Hunting* pages 24-26. Properly licensed youth hunters ages 10-13 may hunt only when under the direct supervision of a properly licensed adult age 21 or older. Youths 15 years of age and under are able to hunt, fish, and trap for free, provided they have passed a Hunter Education course. Youth hunters who pre-registered and successfully completed a hunter education course will receive their youth license at the course. A Youth Firearm or Youth Bow and Arrow License is valid from the time of issuance until end of the year that he or she turns 16.

Permits for Hunters and Trappers

Lottery Permit Application Process

A lottery is conducted to allocate turkey, beaver, otter, black bear and certain deer permits. To receive certain permits you must first apply for the lottery. The application period is listed below with each type of permit. Apply at license agents or via the Internet. Be sure to have your Conservation ID (CID) on hand. A non-refundable \$2 application fee is charged for each lottery application.

Hunters or trappers will have three choices in each lottery. If you will accept a permit

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only for one particular zone (and/or period), complete only a **first** choice selection. There is no obligation to select a second or third choice; these are optional. When an applicant's first choice cannot be filled, the computer will check for the second choice listed. If this selection is also sold out, the computer will check for your third choice. Each lottery is completely random and awards only ONE permit — not three. Your chance of winning a permit in the lottery depends on the number of applicants and the number of permits allocated (permit quota).

Application via the Internet - Before you Start:

- Know your Conservation ID (CID) number or Social Security Number and date of birth (DOB).
- Know your desired permit zone (if applicable) and time period or season. **IMPORTANT:** After a period of inactivity, the Internet transaction will time out, requiring you to start over from the beginning.
- Have your payment ready. Internet transactions may be paid either by electronic check (e-check) or major credit card. For e-check transactions, have ready your bank routing number and your check book before you begin.
- During every transaction, there are several opportunities to review your information for accuracy. A complete review at each step will allow you to make corrections now, if necessary. Once a transaction is complete there will be NO refunds or exchanges. Applicants will have the opportunity to edit their application at any time before the lottery takes place; see Changing Your Application, below. Applicants are responsible to make application carefully. When the process is complete, print the confirmation page or note the transaction number for your records.

Application at License Agent Locations — Know Before You Go

- Know your Conservation ID (CID) number or Social Security Number and date of birth (DOB). Know your desired permit zone (if applicable) and time period or season. The store proprietor or clerk is not responsible to know the zone/area of your hunting/trapping property. Be sure to review the map and zone descriptions at home before you arrive at the license agent. Not sure of your area? Study a county map, then, using a pen or highlighter, follow the zone or area description either on Fish and Wildlife's Web site, in this hunting *Digest* or in the turkey permit supplement.
- To speed your transaction, write down your

information (CID#, DOB, lottery type, first, second and third choices) and hand it to the license agent.

- **NOTE** for applying at license agents: Agents using a VeriFone® machine (a special keypad) can print a transaction receipt, but might do so only at your request. Therefore, you should ask for a receipt of the transaction. This receipt will list your choices and the transaction number. Agents using Web-based (computer) systems may or may not be able to print a receipt. **ASK FIRST!** When an agent cannot print a receipt, it's important to have the clerk orally verify your application choices and provide your transaction number. Keep this transaction number; it can be helpful should a problem occur with your application.
- Each agent decides what types of payment to accept. Learn this in advance, then have the correct payment ready when you arrive.

Changing Your Lottery Application

Regardless of where or how you applied for a lottery, applicants may review their information at any time from any computer with Internet access. Check your application status or edit your application if you discover a correction is necessary. With your CID and DOB, visit www.WildlifeLicense.com/NJ/ to access your profile and follow the prompts. Applications may be edited only during the actual application period. Once the application period is closed, it is impossible to change your application. License agents and Fish and Wildlife offices **DO NOT** have the ability to change your application once submitted. Only you can make changes. Take care during the application process.

Application Status Check

Hunters and trappers may check their application status at any time. Go to the licensing Web site (www.WildlifeLicense.com/NJ/) to access your profile using your CID and DOB, then follow the prompts. The system displays if the lottery has been run and if you won a permit. When the system shows 'pending,' the lottery has not been completed. During the application period the system displays your application as 'pending'.

Notification of Lottery Results (Did you win a permit?)

Once the lottery is complete, applicants will be notified of their results. When hunters or trappers first apply, the system may have asked your choice for either e-mail or postcard lottery results notification. For those who choose e-mail, be sure to review the junk or spam e-mail filters so the lottery results noti-

fication is accepted by your computer. When applying at a license agent, applicants may or may not be asked to choose a notification mode. Some license issuing machines must use the default method of mailing a postcard notification. Applicants who don't receive notification by the date posted in this Digest can check their application status online.

Claiming Your Permit

Lottery permit winners may claim their permit(s) by going to any license agent or via the Internet. See the corresponding lottery permit "pick up" dates listed in this Digest for bear, beaver/otter, deer and fall turkey permits. Recall that at the time of application, you paid only the non-refundable \$2 application fee; the actual permit fee must still be paid. At license agents, be sure to bring your CID; tell the agent you're there to pick up your Fish and Wildlife awarded lottery permit. Permits claimed via the Internet are subject to an additional convenience fee and will take 7-10 business days for your permit to arrive.

Purchasing Non-lottery and Unclaimed Lottery Permits

Leftover (unclaimed) lottery permits and non-lottery permits are available at license agents and via the Internet. Internet purchases **CANNOT** be printed from home. Plan ahead, as it may take 7-10 business days for your permit(s) to arrive. During every transaction, there are several opportunities to review your information for accuracy. A complete review at each step will allow you to make corrections now, if necessary. **Once a transaction is complete there will be NO refunds or exchanges.** When purchasing permits at a license agent, speed your transaction by presenting to the agent a written note with your CID# and DOB, plus the season and zone of your permit choices.

Beaver and Otter Permits

- Beaver and otter trapping are allowed by special permit only.
- Additional information - including the zone map and descriptions - becomes available Sept. 17 on Fish and Wildlife's Web site, www.NJFishandWildlife.com.
- Application period: Oct. 1-31.
- Leftover permits, if available, will be sold at all license agents and at Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site. For updates on availability see our Web site or call the Permit Hotline at (609) 292-9192 during the week of Nov. 26, 2007. **S**

- For trapping season information including regulations, season dates and bag limits see *Trapping Regulation Regulations*, page 64.

Black Bear Hunting Permits

The black bear hunting season is closed until the DEP Commissioner approves a comprehensive black bear management policy. Should this policy contain provisions for a black bear season, information will be posted on Fish and Wildlife's Web site.

Coyote, Red and Gray Fox Hunting Permits

- A \$2 permit is required to hunt coyote, red or gray fox from Jan. 14 - Feb. 18, 2008.
- Permits will be available at any license agent or via Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site beginning Dec. 15, 2007. A 2008 hunting license must be purchased prior to, or in conjunction with, the purchase of a 2008 Coyote/Fox Permit.
- For season details, see coyote and fox hunting regulations, page 59.

Deer Hunting Permits

- Permits are required to hunt during the Permit Bow, Permit Muzzleloader and Permit Shotgun deer seasons.
- Permits may be purchased either at a license agent, at Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site www.WildlifeLicense.com/NJ/ or through the deer permit lottery system for select zones. For details, see *Deer Season Permits*, page 16.

Falconry Permits

Hunting with raptors (birds of prey) is allowed only with a falconry permit and a hunting license. For hunting regulations see *Falconry*, page 27.

Rifle Permits

A valid rifle permit is required, and must be in possession, while hunting coyote, deer, squirrel and woodchuck with a muzzleloading rifle; raccoon and opossum hunting with a .22 caliber rifle; and for dispatching trapped animals, other than muskrat, with a .22 caliber rifle. Initial rifle permit applicants must be at least 10 years old and have successfully completed a rifle Hunter Education Course.

Rifle permits may be purchased at license agents or at Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site. Rifle permits for 10- to 17-year-olds will be valid only for muzzleloaders. No persons under 18 years old may hunt with centerfire or rimfire rifles.

Turkey Hunting Permits, General

- Turkey hunting is by permit only. For turkey season details, see page 63.

- Spring and fall permit applications are now handled on two separate applications; only one application may be made for each season.
- Complete instructions for the 2008 Spring Gobbler season will be detailed in the *2008 Wild Turkey Hunting Season* Permit supplement, available in late January at license agents, Fish and Wildlife offices, and on our Web site at www.NJFishandWildlife.com.

Turkey Permits, 2007 Fall Season

- Fall turkey hunting is by permit only.
- The 2007 Fall Turkey Permit Lottery Application period is Aug. 1 - Sept. 9.
- Award notification and permit pickup will begin September 24th.
- Leftover permits will go on sale beginning Tuesday, October 9, at 10 a.m., first come, first served, at license agents and at Fish and Wildlife's Internet sales site www.WildlifeLicense.com/NJ/.
- Detailed information on the application procedures, season dates, bag limits and permit quotas are available in the 2007 Turkey Permit Supplement, which can be found on Fish and Wildlife's Web site or at license agents.
- For more detailed information including the status of available permits, check the Web site or call the 24-hour automated Permit Hotline at (609) 292-9192.

Permits for Farmers

- In 2006, special applications were mailed to all individuals listed in Fish and Wildlife's farmer database.
- Farmers who returned that application and received either a 2006 Farmer Deer Permits or 2007 Farmer Spring Turkey Permit will be in our database already and need not reapply.
- Farmers who did not claim 2006 Farmer Deer Permits or 2007 Farmer Spring Turkey Permits or are a new farmer MUST apply. Applications are available on Fish and Wildlife's Web site at www.NJFishandWildlife.com/farmer.htm or at your local county agriculture extension office.
- **The preferred application period for farmers is June 1 - August 1.**
- Once approved and in the new license system, farmers may claim their farmer permits by going to any license agent. The dates when permits will become available are listed below.

Farmer Deer Permits

- Farmers may claim deer permits beginning on Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2007 at 10 a.m. at any license agent.
- Approved farmers are eligible for one free bow, shotgun and muzzleloader permit and one free Antlered Buck Permit for each of the three permit seasons. See *Farmer License Exemption*, page 8. See also *Farmer Regulations* under *General Hunting*, page 27.
- Two types of farmer permits - occupant and non-occupant farmer- allow the applicant to decide for which permit it is easiest to qualify; see below. Farmer who must change the occupancy status for their deer permit should contact the Permit Hotline at (609) 292-9192.
- Only a qualified farmer or the spouse or children of that farmer who reside in the farmer's household, are eligible to apply for occupant and non-occupant farmer deer permits.
- Farmers may also apply for (or purchase at any license agent) regular deer permits in addition to the free farmer permits.

Occupant Farmer Deer Permits

- Applicants must be the owner, lessee or immediate family (spouse and children only) who actually reside on the farm property.
- Land must be at least five acres, tax-assessed as farmland.
- Occupant permits are valid only on the farm property where the applicant resides.

Non-Occupant Farmer Deer Permits

- Applicants are not required to live on the farm property.
- Farmer(s) and their immediate family members (spouse and children only) may qualify, up to a total of five people.
- Must actively till at least 30 acres of land which is tax-assessed as farmland.
- Woodlots do not qualify.
- To apply for hunting leased farmland, a copy of all leases authorizing the agricultural and hunting uses of the land must be attached to the application.
- Non-occupant permits are valid in the entire zone for which the permit was applied.
- An applicant who lives on a farm and actively tills at least 30 acres may apply either as an occupant or a non-occupant.

Farmer Turkey Permits

- Fall Season Farmer Turkey Permits may be claimed beginning on Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2007 at 10 a.m. at any license agent.

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- Qualified farmers may apply only if their land is in a turkey hunting area open to hunting.
- Farmer turkey permits are available only to the farmer and immediate family **who reside on the farm.**
- For the purpose of Farmer Turkey Permits "immediate family" includes the spouse, mother, father, child, stepchild, stepparent, legal guardian, mother-in-law, father-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandparent, great grandparent, brother, sister, stepsister, stepbrother, brother-in-law and sister-in-law of the farm owner or lessee who resides thereon.

Permits for Hunters with Disabling Conditions

Permits for Physically Challenged Hunters
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Permits to Shoot from a Standing Vehicle

A permit to hunt or shoot from a standing vehicle that is parked off the road may be issued to licensed hunters who 1.) have a permanent or irreversible physical disability that limits their ambulatory ability, 2.) suffer from cardiovascular disease and are classified as Class 3 or 4 heart patients according to American Heart Association standards, or 3.) suffer from chronic lung disease. This permit will be issued if the need is certified by a licensed physician or chiropractor.

Individuals hunting with a permit to hunt or shoot from a motor vehicle must mark the vehicle being used for the purpose of hunting either with handicapped license plates issued by the Motor Vehicle Commission or by displaying a sign provided by Fish and Wildlife in the rear window of the vehicle being used.

Bow Use Permit

A special Bow Use Permit may be issued to disabled hunters who cannot use a conventional bow as described in the Game Code. This permit allows the alteration of a long bow, recurve bow or compound bow with a mechanical device that will enable the archer to draw and cock the bow at full or partial draw. In case of demonstrated need, a permit to use a crossbow may be issued.

Special Bow Use Permit applicants must have a disability that meets any one of the following criteria: amputation or other loss of one or both arms above the wrist; an amputation or other loss of index or middle finger on the hand used to draw and release the bow; permanent, substantial loss of function or range of motion in one or both arms, one or both hands, or one or both shoulders; or suffer from cardiovascular disease and are designated as a Class 3 or 4 heart patient according to the American Heart Association standards. These permits will be issued only if the need is certified by a licensed physician.

Additional information about permits for hunters with disabling conditions is available by writing: NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife, Handicapped Permits, P.O. Box 400, Trenton, NJ 08625-0400 or downloaded directly from our Web site:
www.NJFishandWildlife.com/disinfo.htm

Permits, Other

Captive Wildlife Permits

The possession, ownership and release of wildlife is regulated and allowed only for limited purposes. Information and applications may be obtained online or by calling:

Nongame and Exotics Permits

at (908) 735-5450,
www.NJFishandWildlife.com/exotic_apps.htm;
or for Game birds and Mammals:
(609) 292-2966,
www.NJFishandWildlife.com/captpermits.htm.

Deer Road-Kill Permits

Deer accidentally killed by motor vehicles may be possessed for private consumption only by obtaining a free permit from the local police department or from a Fish and Wildlife regional law enforcement office. The permit only authorizes the possession of the meat for consumption and is good only for 90 days. The possession of all other parts such as antlers, under terms of this permit, is expressly prohibited. Wrapped venison packages must be labeled with the permit number.

Stamps

Stamps (such as state and federal migratory bird stamps) are not transferable to another person and are not valid unless signed across the face in ink. Stamps need not be affixed to the license. Pheasant and quail "stamps" now print directly on your license at the time of purchase, replacing the former paper stamps for these privileges.

Pheasant and Quail Stamp

Anyone aged 16 and over (except 16 year olds whose youth license remains valid through the end of the year in which they turn 16) hunting or possessing pheasant or quail on the following designated wildlife management areas shall have in possession a current Pheasant and Quail Stamp (the free youth hunting license includes a pheasant and quail stamp): Assunpink, Berkshire Valley, Black River, Clinton, Colliers Mills, Dix, Flatbrook, Glassboro, Greenwood Forest, Howardsville, Heislerville, Mad Horse, Manahawkin, Manasquan River, Medford, Millville (Bevan), Nantuxent, Peaslee, Pequest, Port Republic, Stafford Forge, Tuckahoe (MacNamara), Walpack, Whittingham and Winslow. Other designated areas include the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area and Fort Dix. Pheasant and quail stamps are valid for the calendar year, January-December.

New Jersey Waterfowl Stamp

Anyone 16 or older who hunts waterfowl must possess a New Jersey Waterfowl Stamp in addition to the Federal Duck Stamp. Both stamps are valid for the fiscal year, July 1-June 30. A Harvest Information Program (HIP) certification is also required. For HIP details, see *Migratory Bird Regulations*, page 68. 🦆

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