

Tentative NJ Deer Regulation Sets, 2012-2013

NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife

<i>Tentative dates for 2012-13</i> Regulation Set #0	
Zones	21, 23, 24, 34*, 43, 45, 46
Info	<p>* Any antlered deer taken in Zone 34 must have at least three antler points on one side of the rack.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal hunting hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset. No firearm deer hunting on Sunday. Limited Sunday bowhunting allowed • Note: Only one antlerless permit, per zone, may be purchased in each permit season. If a hunter purchases an antlerless permit for more than one zone in a season, the Antlered Buck Permit is valid for a ONE TIME USE in only ONE of the corresponding zones for that season. Properly licensed hunters are still limited to ONE antlered buck per season, regardless of the number of antlerless permits purchased.
Fall Bow	<p>Sept. 29 - Oct. 26, 2012 Season bag limit is one antlerless deer—and only one antlered deer.</p>
Youth Day	<p>Sept. 22, 2012—Bow Only Nov. 17, 2012—Firearm Only</p> <p>Season bag limit is one deer of either sex for qualified youth hunters only. Any deer harvested by a qualified youth hunter accompanied by a similarly licensed, non-shooting adult mentor is NOT included as part of the bag limit for the Fall Bow or Six-day Firearm Season.</p>
Permit Bow	<p>Oct. 27–Nov. 24, 2012 Season bag limit is one antlerless deer and one antlered deer if the Antlered Buck Bow Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter chooses not to purchase the Antlered Buck Bow Permit then the bag limit is one antlerless deer only. (See Note above.)</p>
Permit Muzzleloader	<p>Nov. 26, 27; Dec. 10, 11, 15 -24, 26 -31, 2012 Season bag limit is one antlerless deer and one antlered deer if the Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter chooses not to purchase the Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit then the bag limit is one antlerless deer only. (See Note above.)</p>
Six-day Firearm	<p>Dec. 3–8, 2012 Season bag limit is two antlered deer. However, if a hunter harvests two antlered deer, he/she forfeits the opportunity to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun Season. Only one buck may be taken at a time.</p>
Permit Shotgun Season	<p>Dec. 12, 2012 Season bag limit is one deer. This deer may be antlered if the Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter chooses not to purchase the Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit, or harvested two antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season, then the bag limit is one antlerless deer only. (See Note above.)</p>
Winter Bow	<p>Jan. 1–31, 2013 Season bag limit is one antlerless deer and only one antlered deer.</p>

Tentative dates for 2012-13 Regulation Set #1

Zones	4
Info	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal hunting hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset. No firearm deer hunting on Sunday. Limited Sunday bowhunting allowed • Note: Only one antlerless permit, per zone, may be purchased in each permit season. If a hunter purchases an antlerless permit for more than one zone in a season, the Antlered Buck Permit is valid for a ONE TIME USE in only ONE of the corresponding zones for that season. Properly licensed hunters are still limited to ONE antlered buck per season, regardless of the number of antlerless permits purchased.
Fall Bow	Sept. 29 - Oct. 26, 2012 Season bag limit is two deer—only ONE may be antlered.
Youth Day	Sept. 22, 2012— Bow Only Nov. 17, 2012— Firearm Only Season bag limit is one deer of either sex for qualified youth hunters only. Any deer harvested by a qualified youth hunter accompanied by a similarly licensed, non-shooting adult mentor is NOT included as part of the bag limit for the Fall Bow or Six-day Firearm Season.
Permit Bow	Oct. 27–Nov. 24, 2012 Season bag limit is two deer. ONE may be antlered if the Antlered Buck Bow Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter chooses not to purchase the Antlered Buck Bow Permit then the bag limit is two antlerless deer only. (See Note above.)
Permit Muzzleloader	Nov. 26, 27; Dec. 10, 11, 15 - 24, 2012 Season bag limit is two deer. ONE may be antlered if the Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter chooses not to purchase the Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit then the bag limit is two antlerless deer only. (See Note above.)
Six-day Firearm	Dec. 3–8, 2012 Season bag limit is two antlered deer. However, if a hunter harvests two antlered deer, he/she forfeits the opportunity to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun Season. Only one buck may be taken at a time.
Permit Shotgun Season	Dec. 12, 2012 Season bag limit is one deer. This deer may be antlered if the Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter chooses not to purchase the Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit, or harvested two antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season, then the bag limit is one antlerless deer only. (See Note above.)
Winter Bow	Jan. 1–31, 2013 Season bag limit is two deer—only ONE may be antlered.

Tentative dates for 2012-13 Regulation Set #2

Zones	1, 3*, 18
Info	<p>* Any antlered deer taken in Zone 3 must have at least three antler points on one side of the rack.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal hunting hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset. No firearm deer hunting on Sunday. Limited Sunday bowhunting allowed • Note: Only one antlerless permit, per zone, may be purchased in each permit season. If a hunter purchases an antlerless permit for more than one zone in a season, the Antlered Buck Permit is valid for a ONE TIME USE in only ONE of the corresponding zones for that season. Properly licensed hunters are still limited to ONE antlered buck per season, regardless of the number of antlerless permits purchased.
Fall Bow	<p>Sept. 29 - Oct. 26, 2012</p> <p>Season bag limit is two deer—only ONE may be antlered.</p>
Youth Day	<p>Sept. 22, 2012—Bow Only</p> <p>Nov. 17, 2012—Firearm Only</p> <p>Season bag limit is one deer of either sex for qualified youth hunters only. Any deer harvested by a qualified youth hunter accompanied by a similarly licensed, non-shooting adult mentor is NOT included as part of the bag limit for the Fall Bow or Six-day Firearm Season.</p>
Permit Bow	<p>Oct. 27–Nov. 24, 2012</p> <p>Season bag limit is two deer. ONE may be antlered if the Antlered Buck Bow Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter chooses not to purchase the Antlered Buck Bow Permit then the bag limit is two antlerless deer only. (See Note above.)</p>
Permit Muzzleloader	<p>Nov. 26, 27; Dec. 10, 11, 15 -24, 26–31, 2012; Jan. 1–4, 2013</p> <p>Season bag limit is two deer. ONE may be antlered if the Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter chooses not to purchase the Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit, then the bag limit is two antlerless deer only. (See Note above.)</p>
Six-day Firearm	<p>Dec. 3–8, 2012</p> <p>Season bag limit is two antlered deer. However, if a hunter harvests two antlered deer, he/she forfeits the opportunity to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun Season. Only one buck may be taken at a time.</p>
Permit Shotgun Season	<p>Dec. 12, 2012</p> <p>Season bag limit is one deer. This deer may be antlered if the Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter chooses not to purchase the Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit or harvested two antlered deer during the Six-day firearm season, then the bag limit is one antlerless deer only. (See Note above.)</p>
Winter Bow	<p>Jan. 1–31, 2013</p> <p>Season bag limit is two deer—only ONE may be antlered.</p>

Tentative dates for 2012-13 Regulation Set #3

Zones	22, 26, 30*, 55, 65
Info	<p>* Any antlered deer taken in Zone 30 must have at least three antler points on one side of the rack.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal hunting hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset. No firearm deer hunting on Sunday. Limited Sunday bowhunting allowed • Note: Only one antlerless permit, per zone, may be purchased in each permit season. If a hunter purchases an antlerless permit for more than one zone in a season, the Antlered Buck Permit is valid for a ONE TIME USE in only ONE of the corresponding zones for that season. Properly licensed hunters are still limited to ONE antlered buck per season, regardless of the number of antlerless permits purchased.
Fall Bow	<p>Sept. 29 - Oct. 26, 2012</p> <p>Season bag limit is two deer—only ONE may be antlered.</p>
Youth Day	<p>Sept. 22, 2012—Bow Only</p> <p>Nov. 17, 2012—Firearm Only</p> <p>Season bag limit is one deer of either sex for qualified youth hunters only. Any deer harvested by a qualified youth hunter accompanied by a similarly licensed, non-shooting adult mentor is NOT included as part of the bag limit for the Fall Bow or Six-day Firearm Season.</p>
Permit Bow	<p>Oct. 27–Nov. 24, 2012</p> <p>Season bag limit is two deer. ONE may be antlered if the Antlered Buck Bow Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter chooses not to purchase the Antlered Buck Bow Permit then the bag limit is two antlerless deer only. (See Note above.)</p>
Permit Muzzleloader	<p>Nov. 26, 27; Dec. 10, 11, 15 - 24, 26–31, 2012; Jan. 1–4, 2013</p> <p>Season bag limit is two deer. ONE may be antlered if the Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter chooses not to purchase the Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit, then the bag limit is two antlerless deer only. (See Note above.)</p>
Six-day Firearm	<p>Dec. 3–8, 2012</p> <p>Season bag limit is two antlered deer. However, if a hunter harvests two antlered deer, he/she forfeits the opportunity to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun Season. Only one buck may be taken at a time.</p>
Permit Shotgun Season	<p>Dec. 12–14, 2012</p> <p>Season bag limit is two deer. ONE may be antlered if the Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter chooses not to purchase the Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit or harvested two antlered deer during the Six-day firearm season, then the bag limit is two antlerless deer only. (See Note above.)</p>
Winter Bow	<p>Jan. 1–31, 2013</p> <p>Season bag limit is two deer—only ONE may be antlered</p>

Tentative dates for 2012-13 Regulation Set #3A

Zones	6
Info	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal hunting hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset. No firearm deer hunting on Sunday. Limited Sunday bowhunting allowed • Note: Only one antlerless permit, per zone, may be purchased in each permit season. If a hunter purchases an antlerless permit for more than one zone in a season, the Antlered Buck Permit is valid for a ONE TIME USE in only ONE of the corresponding zones for that season. Properly licensed hunters are still limited to ONE antlered buck per season, regardless of the number of antlerless permits purchased.
Fall Bow	<p><i>First deer must be antlerless (not required for youth hunters):</i> Sept. 8–Sept. 28, 2012</p> <p><i>First deer may be antlered or antlerless:</i> Sept. 29 - Oct. 26, 2012</p> <p>Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.</p>
Youth Day	<p>Sept. 22, 2012—Bow Only</p> <p>Nov. 17, 2012—Firearm Only</p> <p>Season bag limit is one deer of either sex for qualified youth hunters only. Any deer harvested by a qualified youth hunter accompanied by a similarly licensed, non-shooting adult mentor is NOT included as part of the bag limit for the Fall Bow or Six-day Firearm Season.</p>
Permit Bow	<p>Oct. 27–Nov. 24, 2012</p> <p>Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer. ONE may be antlered if the Antlered Buck Bow Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter chooses not to purchase the Antlered Buck Bow Permit then the bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer only. (See Note above.)</p>
Permit Muzzleloader	<p>Nov. 26, 27; Dec. 10, 11, 15 - 24, 26–31, 2012; Jan. 1–4, 2013</p> <p>Season bag limit is two deer. ONE may be antlered if the Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter chooses not to purchase the Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit, then the bag limit is two antlerless deer only. (See Note above.)</p>
Six-day Firearm	<p>Dec. 3–8, 2012</p> <p>Season bag limit is two antlered deer. However, if a hunter harvests two antlered deer, he/she forfeits the opportunity to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun Season. Only one buck may be taken at a time.</p>
Permit Shotgun Season	<p>Dec. 12–14, 2012</p> <p>Season bag limit is two deer. ONE may be antlered if the Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter chooses not to purchase the Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit or harvested two antlered deer during the Six-day firearm season, then the bag limit is two antlerless deer only. (See Note above.)</p>
Winter Bow	<p>Jan. 1–31, 2013</p> <p>Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer—only ONE may be antlered.</p>

Tentative dates for 2012-13 Regulation Set #4

Zones	2, 16, 27*, 28*, 29*, 31*, 35*, 47*, 63*
Info	<p>* Any antlered deer taken in Zone 27, 28, 29, 31, 35, 47 or 63 must have at least three antler points on one side of the rack.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal hunting hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset. No firearm deer hunting on Sunday. Limited Sunday bowhunting allowed • Note: Only one antlerless permit, per zone, may be purchased in each permit season. If a hunter purchases an antlerless permit for more than one zone in a season, the Antlered Buck Permit is valid for a ONE TIME USE in only ONE of the corresponding zones for that season. Properly licensed hunters are still limited to ONE antlered buck per season, regardless of the number of antlerless permits purchased.
Fall Bow	<p><i>First deer must be antlerless (not required for youth hunters):</i> Sept. 8–Sept. 28, 2012</p> <p><i>First deer may be antlered or antlerless:</i> Sept. 29 - Oct. 26, 2012</p> <p>Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.</p>
Youth Day	<p>Sept. 22, 2012—Bow Only</p> <p>Nov. 17, 2012—Firearm Only</p> <p>Season bag limit is one deer of either sex for qualified youth hunters only. Any deer harvested by a qualified youth hunter accompanied by a similarly licensed, non-shooting adult mentor is NOT included as part of the bag limit for the Fall Bow or Six-day Firearm Season.</p>
Permit Bow	<p>Oct. 27–Dec. 24, 26–31, 2012</p> <p>Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer. ONE antlered deer may be harvested if the Antlered Buck Bow Permit is purchased. (See Note above.)</p>
Permit Muzzleloader	<p>Nov. 26, 27; Dec. 10, 11, 15 -24, 26–31, 2012; Jan. 1–4, 2013</p> <p>Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer. ONE antlered deer may be harvested if the Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter chooses not to purchase the Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit, then the bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer only. (See Note above.)</p>
Six-day Firearm	<p>Dec. 3–8, 2012</p> <p>Season bag limit is two antlered deer. However, if a hunter harvests two antlered deer, he/she forfeits the opportunity to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun Season. Only one buck may be taken at a time.</p>
Permit Shotgun Season	<p>Dec. 12–14, 2012; and Jan. 12–19, 2013</p> <p>Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer. ONE antlered deer may be harvested if the Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter harvests two antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season, then the bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer only. (See Note above.)</p>
Winter Bow	<p>Jan. 1–31, 2013</p> <p>Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.</p>

Tentative dates for 2012-13 Regulation Set #6

Zones	5, 17, 19, 25, 42, 48
Info	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal hunting hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset. No firearm deer hunting on Sundays. Limited Sunday bowhunting allowed • Note: Only one antlerless permit, per zone, may be purchased in each permit season. If a hunter purchases an antlerless permit for more than one zone in a season, the Antlered Buck Permit is valid for a ONE TIME USE in only ONE of the corresponding zones for that season. Properly licensed hunters are still limited to ONE antlered buck per season, regardless of the number of antlerless permits purchased.
Fall Bow	<p><i>First deer must be antlerless (not required for youth hunters):</i> Sept. 8–Sept. 28, 2012</p> <p><i>First deer may be antlered or antlerless:</i> Sept. 29 - Oct. 26, 2012</p> <p>Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.</p>
Youth Day	<p>Sept. 22, 2012—Bow Only</p> <p>Nov. 17, 2012—Firearm Only</p> <p>Season bag limit is one deer of either sex for qualified youth hunters only. Any deer harvested by a qualified youth hunter accompanied by a similarly licensed, non-shooting adult mentor is NOT included as part of the bag limit for the Fall Bow or Six-day Firearm Season.</p>
Permit Bow	<p>Oct. 27–Dec. 24, 26–31, 2012</p> <p>Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer. ONE antlered deer may be harvested if the Antlered Buck Bow Permit is purchased. (See Note above.)</p>
Permit Muzzleloader	<p><i>Antlered or Antlerless:</i> Nov. 26, 27; Dec. 10, 11, 15-24, 26–31, 2012; and Jan. 1–31, 2013</p> <p><i>Antlerless deer only:</i> Dec. 3–8, 2012</p> <p>Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer. ONE antlered deer may be harvested if the Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter chooses not to purchase the Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit, then the bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer only. Two deer may be taken at a time. (See Note above.)</p>
Six-day Firearm	<p>Dec. 3–8, 2012</p> <p>Season bag limit is two antlered deer. However, if a hunter harvests two antlered deer, he/she forfeits the opportunity to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun Season. Only one buck may be taken at a time.</p>
Permit Shotgun Season	<p><i>Antlerless deer only:</i> Dec. 3–8, 2012</p> <p><i>Antlered or Antlerless:</i> Dec. 12–14, 2012; Jan. 5–31, 2013</p> <p>Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer. ONE antlered deer may be harvested if the Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter harvests two antlered deer during the Six-day firearm Season, then the bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer only. Two deer may be taken at a time. (See Note above.)</p>
Winter Bow	<p>Jan. 1–31, 2013</p> <p>Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.</p>

Tentative dates for 2012-13 Regulation Set #8

Zones	7, 8, 9*, 10, 11, 12, 13*, 14, 15, 36, 41, 49, 50, 51
Info	<p>* Any antlered deer taken in Zones 9 or 13 must have at least three antler points on one side of the rack.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal hunting hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset. No firearm deer hunting on Sundays. Limited Sunday bowhunting allowed • Note: Only one antlerless permit, per zone, may be purchased in each permit season. If a hunter purchases an antlerless permit for more than one zone in a season, the Antlered Buck Permit is valid for a ONE TIME USE in only ONE of the corresponding zones for that season. Properly licensed hunters are still limited to ONE antlered buck per season, regardless of the number of antlerless permits purchased.
Fall Bow	<p><i>First deer must be antlerless (not required for youth hunters):</i> Sept. 8–Sept. 28, 2012</p> <p><i>First deer may be antlered or antlerless:</i> Sept. 29 - Oct. 26, 2012</p> <p>Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.</p>
Youth Day	<p>Sept. 22, 2012—Bow Only</p> <p>Nov. 17, 2012—Firearm Only</p> <p>Season bag limit is one deer of either sex for qualified youth hunters only. Any deer harvested by a qualified youth hunter accompanied by a similarly licensed, non-shooting adult mentor is NOT included as part of the bag limit for the Fall Bow or Six-day Firearm Season.</p>
Permit Bow	<p>Oct. 27–Dec. 24, 26–31, 2012</p> <p>Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer. ONE antlered deer may be harvested if the Antlered Buck Bow Permit is purchased. (See Note above.)</p>
Permit Muzzleloader	<p><i>Antlered or Antlerless:</i> Nov. 26–27 and Dec. 10,11, 15-24, 26–31, 2012; and Jan. 1–Feb. 9, 2013</p> <p><i>Antlerless deer only:</i> Nov. 28 -30 and Dec 3–8, 2012</p> <p>Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer. ONE antlered deer may be harvested if the Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter chooses not to purchase the Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit, then the bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer only. Two deer may be taken at a time. (See Note above.)</p>
Six-day Firearm	<p>Dec. 3–8, 2012</p> <p>Season bag limit is two antlered deer. However, if a hunter harvests two antlered deer, he/she forfeits the opportunity to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun Season. Only one buck may be taken at a time.</p>
Permit Shotgun Season	<p><i>Antlerless deer only:</i> Nov. 28-30 and Dec. 3–8, 2012</p> <p><i>Antlered or Antlerless:</i> Dec. 12–14, 2012; and Jan. 5–Feb. 9, 2013</p> <p>Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer. ONE antlered deer may be harvested if the Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter harvests two antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season, then the bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer only. Two deer may be taken at a time. (See Note above.)</p>
Winter Bow	<p>Jan. 1–Feb. 16, 2013</p> <p>Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.</p>