

2011 Code of Hunting Ethics

USDA-ARS Northern Great Plains Research Laboratory

Antlerless Archery Deer Season begins September 2, 2011.

The North Dakota Governor has proclaimed an Experimental Antlerless Deer Archery Hunting Season on lands owned and/or managed by the USDA-ARS Northern Great Plains Research Laboratory (NGPRL) to reduce population numbers. These licenses are for USDA-ARS NGPRL owned and managed lands only.

According to the proclamation: **“A maximum of 35 antlerless deer bow permits (available from the Department’s Bismarck office) will be issued for hunting at the USDA-ARS Northern Great Plains Research Lab in Mandan. This special concurrent season will run from September 2, 2011 through January 31, 2012. Applicants must first obtain a permit from USDA-ARS and can apply only through their website at www.mandan.ars.usda.gov.”**

This hunt will conform to the stipulations of the North Dakota 2011 Deer Hunting Guide Proclamation. Hunters should refer to the 2011 Deer Hunting Guide (<http://gf.nd.gov/regulations/deer/pdf/deer-guide.pdf>) for more details. Opening day (September 2nd) shall begin at 5 PM (not noon).

Successful applicants must sign acceptance of this ‘2011 Code of Ethics’ and purchase a special license and other required licenses at the North Dakota Game & Fish Headquarters (100 North Expressway, Bismarck ND 58504) **prior to attending a one hour mandatory safety meeting at the USDA-ARS Northern Great Plains Research Laboratory at 7 PM on August 30, 2011** (Bridge Conference Center, 1701 10th Avenue SW, Mandan, ND 58554).

This license may be received in addition to the North Dakota general archery deer hunting license. Each selected hunter will be allowed to hunt only non-federal work days. This includes weekend hunting from 5 PM Friday (or day preceding federal holiday) to ½ hour past sundown on Sunday, and on federal holidays. Hunting is prohibited during federal work hours. Please be aware that research activity may possibly occur in late afternoon and/or evenings.

Application deadline is 5 PM, Friday, August 19, 2011. Only hunters selected in a random lottery from names submitted on the NGPRL website (<http://www.mandan.ars.usda.gov>) will be approved for hunting access to USDA-ARS owned and/or managed lands during the dates and times specified. Applicants will be notified of results via email on August 22nd.

USDA-ARS Antlerless Deer Archery Hunting Licenses not purchased by September 1, 2011 will be void. Unsuccessful lottery applicants will have first option for unclaimed licenses. Remaining licenses may be offered to participating hunters.

Scouting for game is permitted after 4:30 PM on weekdays and all day on weekends, and federal holidays. No weapons are permitted during scouting. No hunting, other than for antlerless white-tail or mule deer will be allowed. No firearms are permitted.

Special arrangements may be made available for handicapped hunter access. Please contact the USDA-ARS Technical Information Specialist @ 701.667.3018 (O) - 701.527.3795 (C) - 701.223.9169 (H) if required.

Hunters are personally responsible for security and safety of all personal possessions and shall hold the U.S. Government, its agencies, partners, and employees harmless in the event of personal injury, and/or property loss or damage. Hunters will bear liability for harm to public buildings or property and may result in immediate and permanent termination of hunting privileges.

Applicants will receive vehicle parking permits and federal access guidelines upon completing forms at the North Dakota Game & Fish Department Headquarters. A ‘USDA-ARS Parking Permit’ shall be prominently exhibited in the vehicle front window while on campus. Vehicles on the USDA-ARS campus not exhibiting a valid permit may be towed at the owner’s expense. Hunters must park in established parking lots. Vehicles on the NGPRL campus not exhibiting a valid permit may be towed at the owner’s expense. Please do not block gates or vehicle access routes when parking.

Each hunter will annotate their onsite or offsite situation on their 'Status Sheet' which is to remain in the 'Hunter Sign In' mail box located to the west of Building 1 (main building). One sheet per weekend is acceptable. Photocopies are acceptable. Please also annotate the 'Hunter Sign In' when and where game is harvested.

Walk-in hunting only. All Terrain Vehicles (ATV) are not permitted. Upon harvesting of game, the hunter may be permitted to retrieve the carcass on established roads. Contact USDA-ARS Technical Information Specialist for assistance in opening gates if needed.

No smoking and/or open fires are permitted on USDA-ARS owned and/or controlled property. No alcohol is permitted on federal property. Under no circumstances will hunting be permitted within 440 yards of buildings without notification and permission of the occupants prior to hunting each time. All hunters must wear blaze orange during the North Dakota Deer Gun hunting season November 4th through November 20th.

Baiting of game, use of alcohol, open fires, and/or smoking are not permitted on USDA owned and/or controlled property. It is illegal to hunt in unharvested crops, including alfalfa, clover and other grasses grown for seed. Emerged winter wheat is an unharvested crop.

Defacing or disfiguring trees in any manner is prohibited. No permanent tree stands are allowed. Portable tree stands may remain in place from September 1, 2011 through January 31, 2012 if they are concealed from public view and owner's contact information is attached.

Setup may commence at 4:30 PM with active hunting restricted until 5 PM on Friday or day prior to Federal Holiday. Hunting is allowed all day on federal non-work days except dates for Wild Turkey hunting and the Bis-Man Bird Club's annual Christmas Bird Count (date to be announced later).

Dates to remember:

July 29	License lottery application available on NGPRL web site	October 21 - 23	Turkey Hunting (No Deer Hunting)
August 19 @ 5 PM	License lottery deadline	October 28 - 30	Turkey Hunting (No Deer Hunting)
August 22	Lottery applicants notified of results	November 4 - 6	Hunting (Wear Blaze Orange)
August 30 @ 7 PM	Mandatory Hunter Safety Meeting at USDA-ARS Bridge Conference Center	November 10 - 13	Hunting (Wear Blaze Orange) (Veterans Day - Federal Holiday)
September 1 @ 5 PM	Licenses not purchased are void, next unsuccessful applicants notified of opportunity	November 18 - 20	Hunting (Wear Blaze Orange)
September 2 - 5	Season Opens - (Labor Day)	November 23 - 24	Hunting (Thanksgiving Day - Federal Holiday)
September 9 - 11	Hunting	November 25 - 27	Hunting
September 16 - 18	Hunting	December 2 - 4	Hunting
September 23 - 25	Hunting	December 9 - 11	Hunting
September 30 - October 2	Hunting	December 16 - 18	Hunting
October 8 - 10	Hunting (Columbus Day - Federal Holiday)	December 23 - 26	Hunting (Christmas Day - Federal Holiday)
October 14 - 16	Turkey Hunting (No Deer Hunting)	December 30 - January 2	Hunting (New Years Day - Federal Holiday)
		January 6 - 8	Hunting
		January 13 - 15	Hunting
		January 20 - 22	Hunting
		January 27 - 29	Hunting (USDA Approved Season Closes)

This hunt is justified for the reduction of animal population numbers and destructive behavior by USDA-ARS Bulletin 05-151 dated 3/9/2009. Questions or comments may be directed to the USDA-ARS Technical Information Specialist @ 701.667.3018 (O), 701.527.3795 (C), or 701.223.9169 (H). Although there are currently significant populations of deer on USDA-ARS properties, no guarantee is made of game availability in-season. USDA-ARS retains all rights to modify or terminate this activity at any time.

I accept the 2011 Code of Hunting Ethics. I agree to abide by all hunter safety guidelines and ensure safety during this activity.

Name Date

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