

2012 Code of Hunting Ethics

USDA-ARS Northern Great Plains Research Laboratory

Antlerless Archery Deer Season begins August 31, 2012.

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 concurrent experimental antlerless deer bow season is proclaimed for the USDA-ARS Northern Great Plains Research Lab in Mandan, North Dakota. The season shall open at 12:00 (noon) CDT, August 31, 2012, and close one-half (½) hour after sunset January 31, 2013. A maximum of 35 antlerless deer bow licenses will be available. Applicants for these licenses must first obtain a permit from USDA-ARS. Licenses will be available at the NDGFD headquarters in Bismarck.”**

This hunt will conform to the stipulations of the North Dakota 2012 Deer Hunting Guide Proclamation (<http://gf.nd.gov/sites/default/files/regulations/deer/pdf/proc-deer-2012.pdf>). Hunters should refer to the 2012 Deer Hunting Guide (<http://gf.nd.gov/sites/default/files/regulations/deer/pdf/deer-guide.pdf>) for more details. Opening day (August 31st) shall begin at 5 PM (not noon).

Successful applicants must sign acceptance of this ‘2012 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 28, 2012** (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 15, 2012. 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 or before August 22nd.

USDA-ARS Antlerless Deer Archery Hunting Licenses not purchased by August 31, 2012 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 areas. Please do not block gates or vehicle access routes when parking.

Each hunter will annotate their onsite or offsite situation on their 'Hunter Sign In' 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' status sheet 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.

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 9th through November 25th.

Baiting of game, use of alcohol, open fires, or smoking are not permitted on USDA owned and/or controlled property. It is prohibited 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 August 31, 2012 through January 31, 2013 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 25	License lottery application available on NGPRL web site	November 2-4	Turkey Hunting (no deer hunting)
August 15	Application lottery deadline	November 9-12	Deer Hunting (Veterans Day)
August 22	Lottery applicants notified of results	November 16-18	Turkey Hunting (no deer hunting)
August 28	Mandatory Hunter Safety Meeting	November 21-22	Deer Hunting (Thanksgiving Day)
August 31	Licenses not purchased are void, next unsuccessful applicant notified of opportunity	November 23-25	Deer Hunting
August 31- September 3	Deer archery season opens (Labor Day)	November 30-December 2	Deer Hunting
September 7-9	Deer Hunting	December 7-9	Deer Hunting
September 21-23	Deer Hunting	December 14-16	Deer Hunting
September 28-30	Deer Hunting	December 21-23	Deer Hunting
October 5-8	Deer Hunting (Columbus Day)	December 24-25	Deer Hunting (Christmas Day)
October 12-14	Deer Hunting	December 31-January 1	Deer Hunting (New Years Day)
October 19-21	Turkey Hunting (no deer hunting)	January 4-6	Deer Hunting
October 26-28	Deer Hunting	January 11-13	Deer Hunting
		January 18-21	Deer Hunting (Martin Luther King Day)
		January 25-27	Deer Hunting (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 2012 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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