2025 Code of Hunting Ethics
USDA-ARS Northern Great Plains Research Laboratory

Antlerless Archery Deer Season begins August 29,2025.(At 5 PM)

The North Dakota Governor has proclaimed an Experimental Antlerless Deer Bow 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: *"An 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 500 pm Central Time, August 29 ,2025 and close one-half (½) hour after sunset January 31, 2026. A maximum of 30 antlerless deer bow licenses will be available. Application for the lottery for these licenses will be available at www.ars.usda.gov/ plains-area/mandan-nd/ngprl/. Licenses must be purchased at the NDGFD headquarters in Bismarck."*

This hunt will conform to the stipulations of the North Dakota 2025 Deer Hunting Proclamation (*https://gf.nd.gov/ gnf/regulations/docs/deer/deer-guide-2025.pdf*). Opening day (August 29) shall begin at 5:00 p.m. (not noon).

Successful applicants must sign acceptance of this '2025 Code of Hunting Ethics' **And attending a one hour mandatory safety meeting at the USDA-ARS Northern Great Plains Research Laboratory at 6:00 p.m. on August 13, 2025**(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 may hunt only federal non-work days unless notified at a later date. Hunting is allowed from 5:00 p.m. Friday (or day preceding federal holiday) to ½ hour past sundown on Sunday and on federal holidays. Setup may commence at 4:30 p.m. Hunting is allowed all day on federal non-work days except date of the Bis-Man Bird Club's annual Christmas Bird Count (date to be announced later) and other authorized public activities which may be later announced. Please be aware that research personnel may be working in late afternoon and/or evenings.

Scouting for game is permitted after 4:30 p.m. on weekdays and all day on weekends, and federal holidays. No weapons are permitted during scouting.

Successful completion of the International Bowhunters Education Course is required to archery hunt on the USDA-ARS, Northern Great Plains Research Laboratory. To enroll in the International Bowhunters Education Course, visit the North Dakota Game and Fish Department website at: www.gf.nd.gov and click on the Hunter Education tab.

Application deadline is 5:00 p.m. on August 4, 2025. Only hunters selected in a random lottery from names submitted on the NGPRL website (*www.ars.usda.gov/plains-area/mandan-nd/ngprl/)* 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 6, 2025.

USDA-ARS Antlerless Deer Archery Hunting Licenses not purchased by September 1, 2025 will be void. Unsuccessful lottery applicants will have first option for unclaimed licenses. Remaining licenses may be offered to participating hunters.

In addition to this license to hunt antlerless white-tail or mule deer, each successful applicant may also purchase a license (for use only on lands owned and/or managed by the USDA-ARS Northern Great Plains Research Laboratory) to archery hunt Wild Turkeys. The North Dakota 2025 Fall Wild Turkey Proclamation states, *"An experimental turkey bow season is proclaimed for the USDA-ARS Northern Great Plains Research Lab in Mandan, North Dakota. A maximum of 105 licenses will be available and will be distributed to individuals who are licensed to bow hunt deer within the Northern Great Plains Research Lab. Licenses will be available at the NDGFD headquarters in Bismarck. The season shall open on October 18, 2025 and closes January 31, 2026. Specific details, including areas open to hunting, will be determined by the USDA-ARS. Hunters must comply with all other applicable archery rules and regulations issued by the North Dakota Game and Fish Department."* Wild Turkey hunting is permitted only concurrently with deer hunting dates/times.

Special arrangements may be made available for handicapped hunter access. Please contact the USDA-AR Hunting Specialist.

Hunters are personally responsible for security and safety of all personal possessions and 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 and property, and may result in immediate and permanent termination of hunting privileges.

Successful 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. 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 (bicycles and other non-motorized transportation are permitted). All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV/UTV) are not permitted. When harvesting of game, the hunter may be permitted to retrieve the carcass on established trails. Contact USDA-ARS Hunting 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 7,2025 through November 23,2025.

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 a 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 14, 2025(after the safety meeting) through January 31, 2026 if they are concealed from public view and owner's contact information is attached.

Dates to remember:

July 6	License lottery application available on NGPRL web site
August 4	Application lottery deadline
August 6	Lottery applicants notified of results
August 13 @ 6:00 p.m. September 2	Mandatory hunter safety meeting Licenses not purchased are void, next unsuccessful applicant notified of opportunity
August 29 5;00	Deer archery season opens
September 5-7	Deer hunting
September 12-13	Deer hunting
September 19-20	Deer hunting
September 26-28	Deer hunting
October 3-5	Deer & Wild Turkey hunting
October 10-12	Deer & Wild Turkey hunting
October 17-19	Deer & Wild Turkey hunting
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October 31-2	
November 7-9	Deer & Wild Turkey hunting
November 14-16	Deer & Wild Turkey hunting (Blaze Orange required)
November 11	
November 14-16	Deer & Wild Turkey hunting (Veterans Day)
November 21-23	Deer & Wild Turkey hunting Deer & Wild Turkey hunting
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December 5-7	Deer & Wild Turkey Hunting
December 12-13	Deer & Wild Turkey Hunting
December 19-21	Deer & Wild Turkey Hunting
decmber 24-28	Deer & Wild Turkey hunting (Christmas Day)
December 31-1	Deer & Wild Turkey hunting (New Year's Day)
January 2-4	Deer & Wild Turkey hunting
January 9-10	Deer & Wild Turkey hunting Martin Luther King)
January 16-18	Deer & Wild Turkey hunting
January 23-25	
January 30-31	Deer & Wild Turkey hunting (season closes

This hunt is justified for the reduction of animals population numbers and destructive behavior by UDSA-ARS Policies and Procedures document number 151.0-ARS v.2 dated February 21, 2014. Questions or comments may be directed to the USDA-ARS Hunting Specialist @ 701.667.3017 (O), 701.805.1222 (C), or Email Scott.jensen@usda.gov . 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.

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Signature Print and sign Date

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