

2019 Michigan Antlerless Deer Digest

Application Period: July 15 - Aug. 15, 2019

Important

- Antlerless deer license applications are available for DMUs with a license quota. After the drawing, all remaining licenses will be sold on a first come, first-served basis.
- DMUs with unlimited antlerless deer licenses may be purchased after the drawing without application.
- For baiting and feeding regulations, including areas with bans in place, see 2019 Hunting Digest.
- See the 2019 Hunting Digest for all deer hunting regulations and CWD information.

Drawing results posted Sept. 3

All remaining licenses on sale Sept. 9 at 10 a.m.

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RAP (Report All Poaching): 800-292-7800

To receive hunting application reminders via text message, text, "MIDNR HUNTAPP" to "468311"

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[Graphic: White-tailed doe]

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The commission conducts monthly, public meetings in locations throughout Michigan. Citizens are encouraged to become actively involved in these public forums. For more information visit Michigan.gov/NRC.

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Deer Hunting Seasons

Season	Location	Season Dates
Early Antlerless Firearm	Private land in select DMUs	Sept. 21 – 22
Liberty Hunt	See 2019 Hunting Digest for dates	
Independence Hunt	Private land statewide and certain public lands by application	Oct. 17 – 20
Archery	Statewide	Oct. 1 – Nov. 14 Dec. 1 – Jan. 1

Regular Firearm	Statewide	Nov. 15 – 30
Muzzleloading	Zone 1 and 2 Zone 3	Dec. 6 – 15 Dec. 6 – 22
Late Antlerless Firearm	Private land in select DMUs	Dec. 23 – Jan. 1

Antlerless Deer Hunting

Antlerless deer (deer with antlers less than three inches in length) may be harvested using an antlerless deer license. Antlerless deer licenses are valid during all deer seasons in zones 2 and 3, and in limited deer management units in zone 1, with hunting equipment and licenses appropriate for the season, hunting zone, and land type. See 2019 Hunting Digest for details.

Early and Late Antlerless Firearm Season

Hunters must possess a private-land antlerless deer license issued, for the Deer Management Unit (DMU) upon which they are hunting, or a Deer Management Assistance (DMA) permit valid for that DMU. A deer kill tag issued under the mentored youth license must be used to harvest an antlerless deer during the antlerless-only seasons.

All hunters are required to wear hunter orange and must have permission from the landowner or leaseholder before hunting on private land. The telephone number of the private landowner is required to acquire a private-land antlerless deer license.

Early Antlerless Firearm

- Season: Sept. 21-22
- Open on private lands only
- Refer to Michigan.gov/Deer to see what counties will be open/closed for the early antlerless firearm season.

Late Antlerless Firearm

- Season: Dec. 23, 2019 – Jan. 1, 2020
- Open on private lands only
- Refer to Michigan.gov/Deer to see what counties will be open/closed for the late antlerless firearm season.

Antlerless Deer Licenses

An antlerless deer license entitles residents and nonresidents to take an antlerless deer within the deer management unit (DMU) specified on the license. Hunters of any age may apply for or purchase antlerless deer licenses, including young hunters licensed under the mentored youth program.

License availability is limited by antlerless deer license quotas established for each DMU. Hunters may apply for one quota-limited license through the drawing or purchase remaining licenses after the drawing. Quotas and previous-year drawing statistics are available at Michigan.gov/Deer.

There are two types of antlerless deer hunting licenses:

1. A public-land antlerless deer license is valid for taking antlerless deer from public lands (including state, federal, and county lands) and required to hunt Commercial Forest lands (see current-year Hunting Digest for more details about hunting on Commercial Forest lands).
 - Public-land hunt numbers begin with “1”. Example: To buy a public land license for DMU 038, purchase hunt number 1038.
2. A private-land antlerless deer license is valid for taking antlerless deer from privately owned lands, with permission of the landowner. The phone number of the landowner is required.
 - Private-land hunt numbers begin with “2”. Example: To buy a private land license for DMU 038, purchase hunt number 2038.
 - When purchasing a private-land antlerless deer license for use on Hunter Access Program (HAP) lands only, use phone number 999-999-9999.

Junior Antlerless Deer License

Hunters who are 16 years of age or younger may purchase one junior antlerless deer license without application from July 15 – August 15. Junior antlerless deer licenses are not subject to license quotas but are only available in DMUs where regular antlerless licenses are available. Youth hunters may also apply for one regular limited-quota antlerless deer license.

	Up to Age: 9	Junior Age: 10 – 16	Resident Age: 17+	Resident Senior Age: 65+	Nonresident* Age: 17+
Mentored Youth License	\$ 7.50				
Application for License Drawing		\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
Base License		\$ 6.00	\$ 11.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 151.00
Antlerless Deer License	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00**

*Nonresidents under 17 years of age may purchase a resident base license.

**Nonresidents first antlerless deer license is \$20; additional antlerless deer licenses are \$170 each.

Active-Duty U.S. Military Personnel and Michigan Veterans with Disabilities

Resident active-duty military personnel and resident veterans with disabilities may obtain a leftover antlerless deer license free of charge beginning Sept. 9 at 10 a.m. EDT. Licenses are full price for those who apply for a license and are selected in the drawing.

Applications and licenses may be purchased at any license agent, DNR Customer Service Center, or online at mdnr-eligence.com. You will need one of the following forms of customer identification:

- Valid Michigan driver's license.
- State of Michigan ID card (issued by the Secretary of State).
- DNR Sportcard (issued through license agents or at mdnr-eligence.com).

Purchase of a license certifies that you meet applicable residency and hunter-safety requirements. Licenses may not be altered or transferred. When hunting, you must carry your antlerless deer license and ID used to purchase that license, and present both upon demand of a Michigan conservation officer, a Tribal conservation officer, or any law enforcement officer.

How to Apply for a Quota-Limited License

Hunters may apply for one quota-limited antlerless deer license during the July 15 – August 15 application period. It costs \$5 to apply.

When applying for an antlerless deer license:

1. See map on pg. 4 and choose the DMU you wish to hunt.
2. Choose a hunt number.
 - Public-land hunt numbers begin with "1"; private-land numbers begin with "2".
Example: If hunting in DMU 038, purchase hunt number 1038 for public land or 2038 for private land.
 - On-line purchasers and license agents: scroll down through the list of hunt choices to select the correct hunt number.
 - If hunting Commercial Forest land, you will need a public-land license.
 - If hunting private land, you will need the landowner's phone number within that DMU. For HAP lands use the phone number 999-999-9999.
3. Purchase your application and verify your application receipt.
 - Hunters may apply for either a public-land license or private-land license (not both).
 - For application assistance, contact 517-284-9453.
4. Check your drawing results, posted at Michigan.gov/Deer on Sept. 3.
 - Successful applicants may purchase their license at any license agent, DNR Customer Service Center, or online at mdnr-eligence.com.
 - Individuals who purchase a license online will receive their license by mail within 7-10 days. If the license is not received, contact customer service at 517-284-6057.

IMPORTANT: You are responsible for submitting a valid application and obtaining a DNR application receipt that states your customer ID and hunt choice. Do not accept a receipt that is not legible. Check this receipt for accuracy and retain as proof that you applied. Ensure any application errors are corrected prior to the application deadline. Applicants who submit an invalid application will be ineligible for the drawing.

License Purchase

When an individual is selected in the drawing or wishes to obtain a leftover license, they may purchase it online at mdnr-eligence.com or from any license agent. Individuals who purchase a license online will receive their license by mail within 7-10 days. If the license is not received, contact customer service at 517-284-6057.

- The telephone number of the private landowner for a private-land license is required. If hunting HAP lands use 999-999-9999 for the phone number.
- Make sure the information on your license is accurate.
- See pg. 7 for license purchase limits.
- Licenses may not be altered or transferred. Purchase of a license certifies that you meet applicable residency and hunter-safety requirements.

When hunting, you must carry your antlerless deer license and ID used to purchase that license, and present both upon demand of a Michigan conservation officer, a Tribal conservation officer, or any law enforcement officer.

Hunting license fees are established by the Legislature. The DNR has authority to discount antlerless deer licenses.

- Antlerless deer licenses are discounted 40 percent in DMUs 452 and 487.
- If you have any license questions, please call 517-284-6057.

Leftover Licenses

All remaining antlerless deer licenses will be sold on a first come, first-served basis beginning Sept. 9 at 10 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time. This includes quota-limited licenses that remain after the drawing as well as licenses for DMUs with unlimited antlerless deer licenses. There is no guarantee that leftover licenses will be available for any DMU.

Leftover licenses will be sold until license quotas are met in each DMU. Current leftover license availability may be viewed at Michigan.gov/Deer.

Purchase Limits for Private-Land Antlerless Deer Licenses (Per Hunter)

An individual may purchase up to a season limit of 5 private-land antlerless deer licenses statewide, with the following exceptions:

- For DMU 487, the CWD Management Zone, and CWD Core Area, an individual may purchase a total of 10 private-land antlerless deer licenses per season.

Base License

A base license is required for every resident and nonresident who hunts in Michigan. Hunters may purchase their antlerless deer license, only after they have obtained a base license for the year. An application may be purchased prior to obtaining a base license. Mentored Youths must be licensed under the mentored youth hunting program to apply. Hunters are encouraged to carry their base license at all times when hunting.

[Graphic: White-tailed deer]

Need information?

Contact a DNR office listed below or visit us online. Customer Service Centers (CSC) are open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Baraga CSC

427 US-41 North Baraga, MI 49908 906-353-6651

Bay City CSC

3580 State Park Drive Bay City, MI 48706 989-684-9141

Cadillac CSC

8015 Mackinaw Trail Cadillac, MI 49601 231-775-9727

Crystal Falls Field Office

1420 W. US-2 Crystal Falls, MI 49920 906-875-6622

Detroit Metro CSC

1801 Atwater St. Detroit, MI 48207 313-396-6890

Escanaba CSC

6833 US-2 41 & M-35 Gladstone, MI 49837 906-786-2351

Gaylord CSC

1732 W. M-32 Gaylord, MI 49735 989-732-3541

Lansing CSC

4166 Legacy Parkway Lansing, MI 48911 517-284-4720

Marquette CSC

1990 US-41 South Marquette, MI 49855 906-228-6561

Naubinway Field Office

PO Box 287 W11569 US 2E. Naubinway, MI 49762 906-477-6048

Newberry CSC

5100 M-123 Newberry, MI 49868 906-293-5131

Norway Field Office

520 W. US-Hwy 2 Norway, MI 49870 906-563-9247

Plainwell CSC

621 N. 10th St. Plainwell, MI 49080 269-685-6851

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