



STATE OF DELAWARE
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
& ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL
DIVISION OF FISH & WILDLIFE
89 Kings Highway
Dover, Delaware 19901

OFFICE OF THE
DIRECTOR

Severe Deer Damage Assistance Program Applicant:

Enclosed is an application packet for reenrollment into the Severe Deer Damage Assistance Program (SDDAP) during the 2009/10 Season. Please complete and return the application form and any other requested information. Enrollment in this program allows you and any other hunters on your property to:

1. Use red antlerless deer damage tags from August 15 through May 15 to shoot only antlerless deer on permittee's property enrolled in the SDDAP. These additional tags will be provided free of charge by the Division of Fish and Wildlife.
2. Use shotguns, muzzleloaders, crossbows, compound bows, or longbows to shoot only antlerless deer on permittee's property enrolled in the SDDAP during the above mentioned dates. **If a hunter wants to harvest a buck, he/she must follow the regular hunting season framework.**

Along with the application, enclosed is a sheet for listing the names of all hunters that will be hunting on the permittee's property and a separate sheet for listing the tax parcel number(s) for any enrolled properties. Please complete all of these forms and submit them to the address listed below. Tax parcel information can be obtained by visiting the appropriate office or logging on to the applicable website for your county.

Once received, applications will be reviewed and if approved you will be mailed a permit and an allotment of antlerless deer damage tags. If you have any questions regarding the SDDAP please contact, Joe Rogerson (302) 735-3600.

Please return all information to:

Joe Rogerson
Division of Fish and Wildlife
6180 Hay Point Landing Rd
Smyrna, DE 19977
Fax: (302) 653-6755

Sincerely,

Joe Rogerson
Deer & Furbearer Biologist

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Program Description

- Permits will be issued by the Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control. Permits may be used to harvest antlerless deer from August 15, 2009 through May 15, 2010 (excluding Sundays).
- Permits will be issued at a rate of 1 permit/20 acres enrolled in the program (regardless of property size, a minimum of 5 permits will be issued to each enrolled farm). Additional permits can be given at the discretion of the Division of Fish and Wildlife.
- All harvested deer must be registered via the automated deer checking system (phone or Internet deer registration system) within 24 hours of harvest.
 - i. Phone Number: 1-866-511-DEER (3337)
 - ii. Website: <http://www.dehip.com>
- All harvested deer must be utilized by the hunter, his/her family, given away, or donated to the Delaware Sportsman Against Hunger Program. Deer may NOT be left in the field. Those caught doing this will be prosecuted for wanton waste. In addition to butcher shop donation sites, the Division of Fish and Wildlife maintains walk-in-coolers where deer can be dropped-off for donation. Coolers are located at:

New Castle County

Augustine WA – Port Penn

Kent County

Woodland Beach WA (AREC) – Smyrna

Norman G. Wilder WA – Viola

Sussex County

Assawoman WA - Bethany Beach

Trap Pond State Park – Laurel

Gumboro Community Center – Millsboro

Redden State Forest Headquarters (until March 15) – Georgetown

Milford Mosquito Control Office – Milford

As the season approaches, those interested in donating deer should check the Division's website to see if additional drop-off locations have become available.

- Any Delaware licensed hunter, or hunter exempt from purchasing a license as set forth by The Department, is eligible to harvest antlerless deer ONLY in this program.
- At least 400 square inches of hunter orange must be displayed on one's head chest and back while pursuing deer with a shotgun or muzzleloader.

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§ 718. *Requiring wearing of hunter orange in the hunting of deer; violation and penalty.*

(b) During a time when it is lawful to take deer with a firearm, any person hunting any wildlife except migratory game birds in this State shall display on that person's head, chest and back a total of not less than 400 square inches of hunter orange material.

- A copy of the permit must be in the person's possession while he/she is pursuing deer.
 - Deer may not be shot from any vehicle or mechanized farm equipment.
- § 707. *Hunting or shooting from motor vehicle, boats or arm machinery prohibited; penalty.*

(a.) No person shall shoot at or kill any bird or animal protected by the laws of this State by means of any firearms at any time or place while such person is the occupant of any motor vehicle, motor or sail boat or is riding in or upon any piece of farm machinery, unless said person is legally hunting crippled migratory birds from a motorboat as permitted by federal law. The presence of any person in or on any conveyance used in violation of this section shall be deemed to be a violation of this section.

(b) Whoever violates this section in the daytime, between sunrise and sunset, shall be guilty of a class C environmental misdemeanor for each offense. Whoever violates this section between sunset and sunrise of any day, shall be guilty of a class B environmental misdemeanor for each offense. (26 Del. Laws, c. 165, 7 27 Del. Laws, c. 158, q 5; Code 1915, § 2580; 35 Del. Laws, c. 173§]; Code 1935, 2828; 46 Del. Laws, C. 147, 1; 7 Del. C. 1953, 708; 5] Del. Laws, c. 339,q 2; 59 Del. Laws, c. 8]; 70 Del. Laws, c. 275, § 47, 48, 71.)

- Legal methods of take (**NO CENTERFIRE RIFLES OR HANDGUNS**):
 1. Compound Bow
 2. Recurve Bow
 3. Longbow
 4. Crossbow
 5. Muzzleloader
 6. Shotgun
- Shooting hours: 30 minutes before sunrise through 30 minutes after sunset
- Before removing a deer from the field a Antlerless Deer Damage Tag (red) must be affixed to the animal.

7.2.1 Attaching Tags, Each licensed person who hunts and kills a deer shall, immediately after the killing and before removing the deer from the location of the killing, attach an approved tag to the deer.

Requirements for Enrolling in This Program

1. Require at least person to harvest deer that is not an immediate family member or employee of the enrolled property.

2. Develop a white-tailed deer harvest objective/plan for the enrolled farm. This plan will help to establish harvest goals. These goals would include a target total harvest as well as a target percentage of female deer in the total harvest.
3. Records must be kept for every deer harvested on the enrolled property. The recorded information must include, but is not limited to:
 - a. Hunter's name
 - b. Harvest date
 - c. Type of deer harvested
4. The name of all individuals that will be harvesting deer must be submitted to the Division of Fish and Wildlife, This information is requested to assist Law Enforcement Officials identify legal individuals (have a permit) from those pursuing deer illegally (don't have a permit).
5. Tax Parcel numbers for all properties enrolled in the program must be submitted to the Division of fish and Wildlife. This information is also requested to assist Law Enforcement Officers identify which properties are authorized to have an extended season.

How to Enroll

You must be enrolled in the Deer Damage Assistance Program (DDAP) for at least 1 year to be eligible for this program. If you meet this requirement, there are 2 ways in which a farm can be enrolled in the program.

Automatic Enrollment:

1. The White-tailed deer density in the Deer Management Zone in which the farm is located exceeds a target/goal population density as determined by the Division of Fish and Wildlife. This density is to be determined by an approved population estimation technique.

Criteria Based Enrollment:

A site visit by a member of the Division of Fish and Wildlife is required to establish a need for this program if the applying farm is located within a Deer Management Zone that has a deer density below the target/goal population density as set by the Division of Fish and Wildlife. An enrolling farm must meet both of the following requirements:

1. Experience substantial monetary loss due to white-tailed deer browsing.
2. Experience a substantial percentage of crop loss due to white-tailed deer browsing.

Note:

Extreme caution should be taken while other hunters are in the woods, as some of them may not be wearing hunter orange during certain seasons (i.e. archery, waterfowl, and spring turkey).



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**DELAWARE SEVERE DEER DAMAGE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SDDAP)
2009/10 APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE (Renewal Applicant)**

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

DATE OF APPLICATION _____

NAME OF CONTACT PERSON _____

MAILING ADDRESS OF
CONTACT PERSON _____

PHONE NUMBER OF CONTACT PERSON _____

EMAIL ADDRESS OF CONTACT PERSON _____

LANDOWNER(S) NAME(S) _____

USE BACK OF PAGE IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED

COUNTY(S) WHERE PERMITS
WILL BE USED (CHECK) NEW CASTLE___ KENT___ SUSSEX___

DEER ZONES WHERE PERMITS WILL BE USED (INCLUDED)

CIRCLE ALL _____ ZONES _____
ZONES THAT APPLY 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17

TILLABLE ACRES (APPROXIMATE) YOU ARE ENROLLING _____

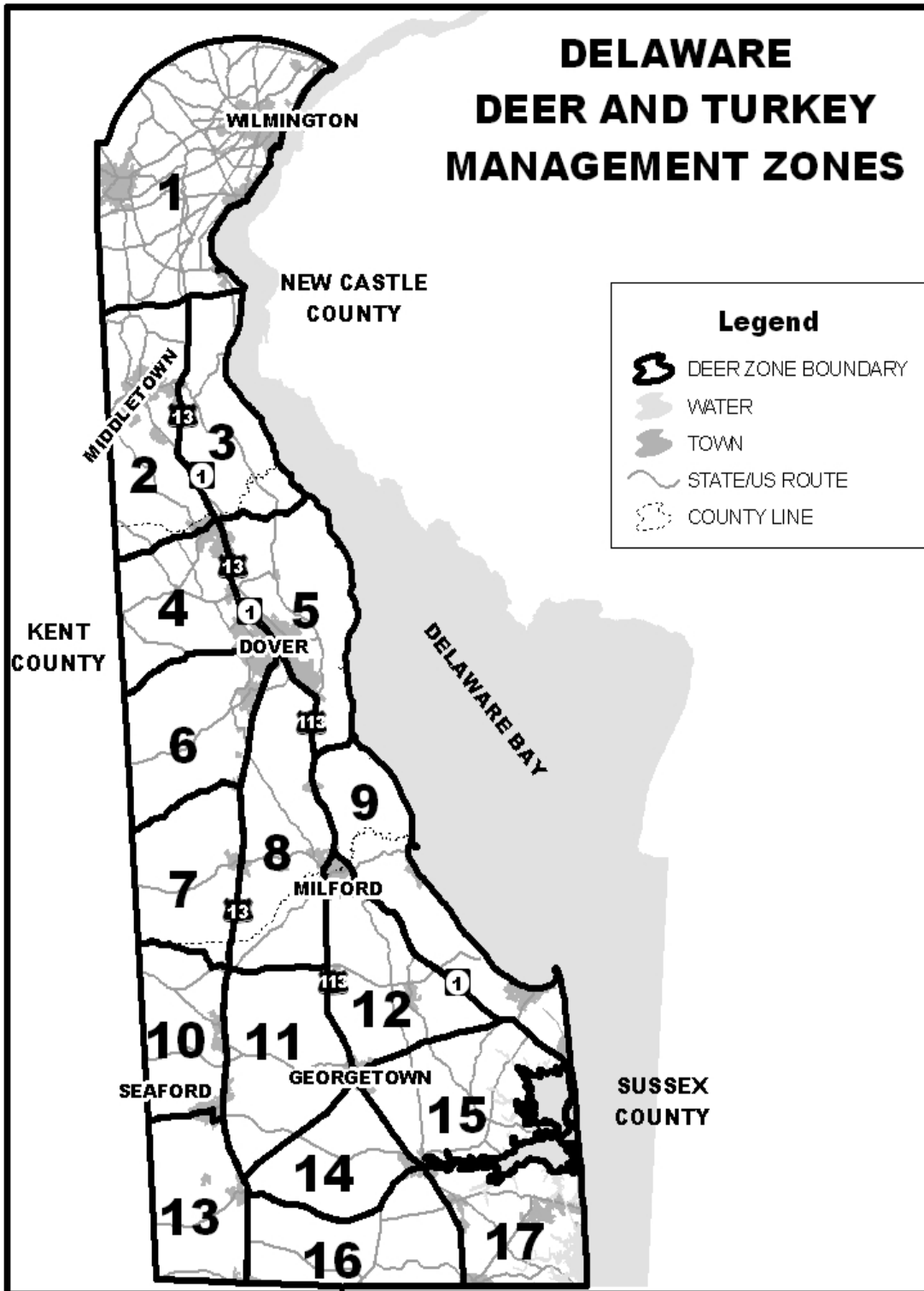
FORESTED AND/OR WETLAND ACRES (APPROXIMATE) YOU ARE ENROLLING _____

BY SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT YOU AGREE TO ABIDE BY ALL OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS SET FORTH BY THE DELAWARE DIVISION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN CRIMINAL PROSECUTION AND/OR THE REVOCATION OF YOUR PERMIT. IF YOU ARE NOT THE LANDOWNER, BY SIGNING YOU ACKNOWLEDGE THAT YOU HAVE CONSENT FROM THE LANDOWNER TO ENROLL HIS/HER PROPERTY(S) INTO THIS PROGRAM.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

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DELAWARE DEER AND TURKEY MANAGEMENT ZONES



DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE BOUNDARY DESCRIPTIONS

- Zone 1** - All land north of the C&D Canal.
- Zone 2** - Land bordered north by C&D Canal, south by Route 6, east by Route 13, and west by the Maryland State Line.
- Zone 3** - Land bordered north by the C&D Canal, south by Route 6, east by the Delaware River, and west by Route 13.
- Zone 4** - Land bordered north by Route 6, south by Route 8, east by Route 13, and west by the Maryland State Line.
- Zone 5** - Land bordered north by Route 6, south by Road 18, east by Delaware Bay, and west by Routes 13 and 113.
- Zone 6** - Land bordered north by Route 8, south by Route 12, east by Routes 13 and 113, and west by the Maryland State Line.
- Zone 7** - Land bordered north by Route 12, south by Route 16, east by Route 13, and west by the Maryland State Line.
- Zone 8** - Land bordered north by intersection of Routes 13 and 113, south by Route 16, east by Route 113 and west by Route 13.
- Zone 9** - Land bordered north by Road 18, south by Route 1, east by Delaware Bay and Atlantic Ocean and west by Routes 113 and 1.
- Zone 10** - Land bordered north by Route 16, south by Route 20, east by Route 13, and west by the Maryland State Line.
- Zone 11** - Land bordered north by Route 16, south by Route 9, east by Route 113 and west by Route 13.
- Zone 12** - Land bordered north by intersection of Routes 113 and 1, south by Route 9, east by Route 1 and west by Route 113.
- Zone 13** - Land bordered north by Route 20, south by Maryland State Line, east by Route 13, and west by Maryland State Line.
- Zone 14** - Land bordered north by Route 9, south by Route 24, east by Route 113, and south by Route 24.
- Zone 15** - Land bordered north by Route 9, south by south shore of Indian River Bay, east by the Atlantic Ocean, and west by Route 113.
- Zone 16** - Land bordered north by Route 24, south by Maryland State Line, east by Route 113, and west by Route 13.
- Zone 17** - Land bordered north by Indian River Bay, south by the Maryland State Line, east by the Atlantic Ocean, and west by Route 113.