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Multiple Entry Super Tag
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NEW FOR 2018

Permits
There is a new payment process for draw applications, including requirement of email address (see page 10).

Deer
• 1,550 buck permits added in Calamus East, Frenchman, Keya Paha, Loup East, Loup West, Plains, Platte and Sandhills units, and 700 buck permits removed from Blue Northwest and Wahoo units
• 750 any-deer permits removed and 550 whitetail permits added in Pine Ridge Unit
• 855 doe permits added in Buffalo, Calamus East, Calamus West, Frenchman, Plains, Platte, Sandhills and Upper Platte units, and 1,200 doe permits removed from Blue Northwest, Elkhorn and Wahoo units

Antelope
• 9 buck permits added in Sandhills Unit
• 80 doe/fawn permits added in Banner North, Cheyenne and North Sioux units

Elk
• 18 cow permits added in Niobrara and North Platte units
• 6 bull permits added in Box Elder and Niobrara units, and 3 bull permits removed from North Platte Unit
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WHO MAY BUY A PERMIT

- All big game hunters in Nebraska are required to have a species-specific permit for deer, antelope, elk, or bighorn sheep.
- All big game hunters also are required to have a Nebraska Habitat Stamp, except for all landowners, residents younger than age 16 and residents who hold veteran or 69 or older senior permits.
- A Nebraska hunt (small game) permit is not required for big game. A big game permit is valid only for the species-specific season, weapon, and unit or area for which it is issued and may not be exchanged for another permit. Permits are not transferable or refundable.

MINIMUM AGE REQUIREMENT

The minimum age to hunt is 10 years with a deer permit and 12 years with antelope, elk or bighorn sheep permits. Antelope youth archery hunters and deer archery, firearm and muzzleloader hunters age 15 or younger may purchase a youth permit. (See Youth Big Game Hunting on page 29)

WHEN TO BUY OR APPLY FOR PERMITS

Application/purchase periods begin at 1 p.m. Central Time (CT). Applications must be received by the Commission by 5 p.m. CT or online by 11:59 p.m. CT on the final day of the application period.

- **May 21 - June 1, 2018** — Eligible landowners may apply for one elk permit (see page 35).
- **June 11 - 22, 2018** — Residents and nonresidents may apply for one deer permit in any Draw unit (see page 10). Residents may apply for one elk permit and for one buck or either-sex antelope permit in available units. One application allowed per person per species.
- **July 9, 2018 - Close of Season** — Residents, nonresidents and eligible landowners may buy remaining deer and antelope permits. Residents and eligible landowners may purchase remaining elk permits.

HOW TO APPLY FOR A PERMIT

- Online: Visit OutdoorNebraska.org during the applicable periods.
- Via mail: Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, 2200 N. 33rd St., Lincoln, NE, 68503.
- In person: Visit a Commission permitting office.
- Landowner elk applications: See page 35

HOW TO BUY A PERMIT

You must provide:

- A 2018 Big Game Application (available in this guide, at permitting offices or online).
- Full name, birth date, address and physical description.
- Last four (4) digits of Social Security number (Non-U.S. citizens are exempt. Call 402-471-5455.)
- Hunter or bow hunter education number, if required.
- Payment: Credit or debit cards (VISA, Discover and MasterCard only), cash, checks or money orders
- Email address (used to notify successful applicants of permit drawings).

NEBRASKA HABITAT STAMP

This stamp is valid statewide and required of all hunters in Nebraska, except residents younger than 16 years of age and residents who hold veteran or 69-or-older senior permits. EXCEPTION: Farmers, ranchers and qualifying family members who hunt with a landowner permit on land they own or lease for agricultural purposes are exempt. One stamp is required for all hunting in a calendar year, but January deer hunters may use the previous year’s stamp.
HOW MANY PERMITS MAY I HAVE?

Deer – No one may have more than two permits that allow the harvest of an adult buck. There is no limit to the number of antlerless permits a person may buy.

Antelope – No one may have more than one permit per year.

Elk – No more than one a year. General Cow permits: No more than one in five years. General Bull permits: No more than one in five years; harvest limit of one bull in a lifetime. Super Tags and Auction elk permits are exempt. Landowner Cow permits: No more than one a year. Landowner Bull permits: No more than one in three years.

RESIDENCY QUALIFICATIONS

The requirements to qualify as a Nebraska resident to buy a hunting permit:

• Reside in Nebraska continuously for at least 30 days before making application for a permit and intend to become a Nebraska resident.

• Residents in school in another state or stationed outside Nebraska as part of a military assignment that have maintained Nebraska as their state of legal residency.

• Active-duty military personnel and full-time students stationed or attending school in Nebraska for a period of at least 30 days.

NOTE: A new resident should be prepared to provide documentation of residency (driver’s license, voter registration, etc.) to an officer when in possession of a permit.

MULTISPECIES LOTTERY PERMITS

These permits are exempt from big game permit limits.

Super Tag (antelope, deer, turkey, elk) – Permit valid in 2018 and 2019 for one elk of either sex, one antelope of either sex, one deer of either sex, and two turkeys (only toms and bearded hens may be taken in the spring). The permit is valid in open seasons with the appropriate weapons.

• Number of Permits Authorized – One permit is authorized for residents only, and one permit is authorized for residents/nonresidents. Persons may apply for the residents-only permit through a single entry per year. Persons may apply for the resident/nonresident permit through multiple entries per year. Winners require a Habitat Stamp.

Combo (antelope, deer, turkey) – Permit valid in 2018 and 2019 for one antelope of either sex, one deer of either sex, and two turkeys (only toms and bearded hens may be taken in the spring). The permit is valid in open seasons with the appropriate weapons.

• Number of Permits Authorized – One permit is authorized for residents only, and one permit is authorized for nonresidents only. Qualifying persons may apply through multiple entries per year. Winners require a Habitat Stamp.

Application Period – Jan. 2 - July 6, 2018

LANDOWNER PERMITS (Deer and Antelope)

Residents and nonresidents:

1) Eligible family members may hunt together on the described land but are not required to live in the same household; 2) Each person must have his or her own permit; 3) Landowner permits are not transferable.

Residents:

1) Owning or leasing 80 acres or more of land for the purpose of agricultural production by the owner or leaseholder may receive a limited landowner permit for antelope and deer. Hunting is restricted to the land owned/operated by the owner or leaseholder and described on the application. Hunting leases do NOT qualify; 2) Spouse or child of owner or leaseholder or siblings sharing ownership are eligible; 3) Maximum number of landowner permits allowed for one farm or ranch is determined by the size of the property in acres divided by 80. Example: A 240-acre farm could have a maximum of three landowner permits issued, but each person may hold no more than one landowner permit per species per year.

Nonresidents:

1) Owning 320 acres or more of land dedicated to agricultural production may receive a limited landowner permit for deer or antelope. Only one permit will be issued per 320 acres; 2) Spouse or child of owner or siblings sharing ownership are eligible.
DRAW AND BUY UNITS/NONRESIDENT PERMIT AVAILABILITY

Big game permits are issued as Draw units or Buy units. The DRAW unit permits are:

- antelope firearm (either sex) – all permits were issued to residents in 2017;
- antelope muzzleloader – all were issued to residents in 2017;
- antelope landowner;
- Republican Mule Deer unit;
- Platte MDCA and Frenchman MDCA (Mule Deer Conservation Area);
- All elk – residents only, except for landowners

DRAW units are:

- Determined by the overall demand on the unit’s permits;
- Established to provide equal opportunity to obtain permits in the units;
- May be applied for during the June 11 - 22, 2018 draw unit application period, except landowner elk (May 21 - June 1, 2018);
- Residents get preference over nonresidents;
- May be purchased online during applicable periods, by mail or at Game and Parks permitting offices.

BUY units are:

- Units that typically don’t sell out quickly or have an unlimited number of permits available. They are issued on a first-come, first-served basis beginning July 9, 2018;
- May be purchased online during applicable periods, by mail or at Game and Parks permitting offices.

Application/purchase periods begin at 1 p.m. CT.

BUDDY APPLICATION

1) Hunters who want to ensure that both or neither of their party will draw a permit in the same unit should apply as “buddies.” If one person fails to draw a permit, both will be excluded; 2) Must be submitted June 11 - 22, 2018 and received at a Commission office no later than 5 p.m. June 22 or 11:59 p.m. if applying online (see page 8); 3) Only two persons may submit applications together as buddy applicants. Both applicants must have the same residency status. If applying by mail, both applications must be marked as buddy and submitted in the same envelope. If applying online, applications must be submitted as buddy applications; 4) One check is allowed for payment. If paying by credit card, buddies must use the same credit card; 5) Preference based on the individual with the fewest preference points; 6) No party hunting allowed. Each permit holder must harvest his or her own animal.

PERMIT SELL-OUT DATES

Visit OutdoorNebraska.org. Click on “Buy a Permit,” then “Remaining Permits,” or see chart on pages 22-25.

PREFERENCE

Applicants who are rejected for a deer permit in a Draw unit in 2018 shall earn a preference point. Points will be accumulated until the applicant is awarded a permit in a Draw unit, at which time points will be removed.
**REQUIREMENTS FOR BIG GAME HUNTERS**

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Permit Types: D – Deer; E – Elk; A – Antelope; S – Bighorn Sheep

* Not required with landowner permits

**HUNTER EDUCATION**

1. Hunters ages 12 through 29 must carry proof of successful completion of firearm hunter education while hunting with a firearm or air gun.
2. Hunters ages 12 through 29 must carry proof of successful completion of bow hunter education while hunting deer, antelope, elk, or bighorn sheep with bow and arrow or crossbow.
3. Hunters ages 12 through 29 who have not completed firearm and/or bow hunter education may obtain an Apprentice Hunter Education Exemption Certificate.

**ACCOMPANIMENT**

4. Firearm hunters ages 11 or younger must be accompanied by a licensed person age 19 or older.
5. Any deer, elk, antelope, or bighorn sheep hunters ages 15 or younger must be accompanied by a licensed person age 19 and older.
6. Hunters holding an Apprentice Hunter Education Exemption Certificate must be accompanied by a licensed person age 19 or older. The accompanying person, if age 19-29, must be certified in hunter education.

**DEFINITIONS**

**Accompanied** – In the presence of a licensed hunter age 19 or older. The accompanying hunter may not accompany more than two hunters at a time using the Apprentice Hunter Education Exemption Certificate. The accompanying adult hunter must at all times be in unaided visual and verbal communication with the novice hunter.

**Licensed** – Has a valid Nebraska hunting permit.

**Apprentice Hunter Education Certificate** – Persons who have not completed a firearm hunter and/or bow hunter education course may obtain an Apprentice Hunter Education Exemption Certificate from Game and Parks. This provides the novice hunter age 12 and older a chance to hunt and receive training before completing hunter education. The certificate may be obtained once in a lifetime, expires on Dec. 31 and may be renewed once. The fee is $5.
DEER

2018 FORECAST
Hunters can expect good success in 2018. Mule deer herds are growing in most units. In 2017, statewide mule buck harvest increased 6 percent to 9,800. Whitetail buck harvest increased 6 percent to 28,786. The number of older bucks in the harvest remains high, with 35 percent of whitetail bucks and 49 percent of mule deer bucks age 3 or older.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF DEER
Buck – A deer having at least one antler 6 inches or more in length.
Antlerless – A deer with no antlers or antlers no more than 6 inches in length.
No one may have more than two permits that allow the harvest of an adult buck.

PERMIT DETAILS
Statewide Buck - Either Species – Valid in nine-day November firearm season. Bag limit: one whitetail or mule deer buck.
Resident — $173
Nonresident — $798

Restricted Statewide Buck – Valid in nine-day November firearm season. Bag limit: one buck. No mule deer may be harvested in Mule Deer Conservation Area.
Resident — $128
Nonresident — $698

Statewide Whitetail Buck – Valid statewide for archery, muzzleloader and November firearm season with weapon legal for each season. Bag limit: one whitetail buck.
Resident — $88
Nonresident — $600

November Firearm Buy Unit – Valid in specific units during November firearm season. Bag limit: varies by sex and species.
Resident — $37
Nonresident — $242
November Firearm Draw Unit – Valid in specific units during November firearm season. Bag limit: varies by sex and species. **See New Process for Payment of Draw Applications on page 10.**
- Resident — $44 ($7 due with application; if drawn, balance due within 15 days of notification)
- Nonresident — $249 ($7 due with application; if drawn, balance due within 15 days of notification)

- Resident — $37
- Nonresident — $242

Muzzleloader – Valid statewide. Bag limit: one deer of either sex. No mule deer may be harvested in Mule Deer Conservation Area.
- Resident — $37
- Nonresident — $242

Season Choice Antlerless Only – Valid in specific units. Bag limit: antlerless only, but varies. Valid in open seasons with weapons legal for each season.
- Resident — $37
- Nonresident antlerless only — $70

Landowner – Valid on qualifying property of landowner. Bag limit: one deer of either sex and one antlerless deer in seasons with weapons legal for each season.
- Resident — $20
- Nonresident — $122.50

Resident Youth Deer – Valid statewide for all seasons with weapons legal for each season. Bag limit: one deer of either sex. Limit of one permit per youth.
- Resident — $8

Nonresident Restricted Youth Deer – Valid in all units, except Frenchman, Platte and Republican, for all seasons, except River Antlerless Private Land Only with weapons legal for each season. Bag limit: one deer of either sex. Limit of one permit per youth.
- Nonresident — $8

Youth Whitetail – Valid statewide for all seasons except River Antlerless Private Land Only with weapons legal for each season. Bag limit: one whitetail. No antlered bucks may be taken in January, and bucks may be taken Dec. 1 - 31 only with archery equipment or muzzleloader.
- Resident — $8
- Nonresident — $8

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River Antlerless Private Land Only – Valid on private land only in River Antlerless Private Land Only Unit with weapons legal for each season. Bag limit: two antlerless whitetails.

Resident — $14
Nonresident — $70

**YOUTH, LANDOWNER AND SEASON CHOICE ANTLERLESS PERMITS**

Persons who obtain a youth, landowner or Season Choice permit may hunt:

- **Firearm:** Nov. 10 - 18
- **Late Firearm:** Jan. 1 - 15, 2019 (antlerless only, any legal weapon)
- **Archery:** Sept. 1 - Dec. 31
- **Muzzleloader:** Dec. 1 - 31

**DEER UNITS WITH SPECIAL RULES AND BOUNDARIES**

- **Calamus West:** Bessey Ranger District of Nebraska National Forest and Valentine National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) are closed to use of bonus antlerless tags, bonus antlerless Whitetail tags and Season Choice antlerless permits.
- **Republican:** Harlan County U.S. Army Corps of Engineer lands are closed to use of Season Choice antlerless permits.
- **Sandhills:** McKelvie National Forest and Valentine NWR are closed to use of bonus antlerless tags, bonus antlerless Whitetail tags and Season Choice antlerless permits.
- **River Antlerless Private Land Only:** Private lands adjacent to the Missouri River (lands within 3 miles of the banks of the Keya Paha, Platte, North Platte, South Platte and Republican rivers; portions of the Cedar, Elkhorn, Loup, North Loup, Middle Loup, South Loup, Niobrara and White rivers. Federal and state public lands closed. (see map on page 20)
- **Frenchman:** Enders, Medicine Creek, Red Willow and Swanson SRA/WMA closed to use of Season Choice Antlerless permits.

**DESOTO NWR MUZZLELOADER**


**DESOTO NWR ARCHERY**

**Season:** Oct. 1 - Jan. 10, 2019. Special regulations apply. Contact the refuge at 712-388-4803.
BOYER CHUTE NWR ANTLERLESS
Location: Washington County
Season: Dec. 8 - 16 antlerless hunt only (muzzleloader, no archery allowed).
Permits: Statewide Muzzleloader or AO Season Choice Wahoo, plus special access permit; contact DeSoto NWR at 712-388-4800 for access permit.

GIFFORD WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA (WMA)
Location: Sarpy County
Season Dates: Sept. 1 - Jan. 15, 2019
Permits: Special access permit is required and available to archery, youth deer, muzzleloader, and AO Season Choice Wahoo permit holders.
Special Access Permit Application Period: July 9 - 30, 2018
Rules: There are 200 required access permits issued by drawing. All regulations relating to season dates and weapon types apply, EXCEPT that muzzleloaders are only allowed during the December muzzleloader season and the late firearm season. Muzzleloaders are not allowed during the November firearm season. Centerfire weapons are prohibited.
How to Apply: Contact the Nebraska Game and Parks office in Lincoln at 402-471-5431 or Omaha office at 402-595-2144.

FORT NIOBRAARA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
Location: Cherry County
Season Dates: Sept. 1 - Nov. 9 and Nov. 19 - Jan. 15, 2019
Permits: Access permit is required and available to archery, youth deer, muzzleloader, and AO Season Choice Keya Paha permit holders.
Special Access Permit Application Period: Aug. 1 - Nov. 1
Rules: Only archery equipment and muzzleloaders allowed. Area closed during the Nov. 10 - 18 firearm season. Walk-in or canoe access only. Hunters may harvest a maximum of one deer of either sex and one antlerless whitetail, if allowed on permit.
How to Apply: Contact the refuge office at 402-376-3789 or visit http://www.fws.gov/refuge/fort_niobrara/.

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Archery
- **Parks:** Platte River State Park (SP), Eugene T. Mahoney SP, Schramm Park State Recreation Area (SRA)
- **Dates:** Nov. 26 - 29; Dec. 3 - 6; Dec. 10 - 13; Dec. 17 - 20; Jan. 2 - 3, 2019 (Schramm only); Jan. 7 - 10, 2019 (Schramm only); and Jan. 14 - 15, 2019 (Schramm only)

Muzzleloader
- **Parks:** Platte River SP, Mahoney SP
- **Dates:** Jan. 2 - 3; Jan. 7 - 10; and Jan. 14 - 15, 2019

**Permits:** Special access permits required

**Applicaton Period:** Oct. 1 - 31

**Where to Apply:** Contact Eugene T. Mahoney SP, 402-944-2523 ext.7122, Ak-Sar-Ben Aquarium, 402-332-3901, Platte River SP, 402-234-2217, or Game and Parks’ Southeast District office at 402-471-5431.

RIVER ANTLERLESS PRIVATE LAND ONLY PERMIT

**Seasons:** May hunt with weapons legal for these seasons:
- **Archery:** Sept. 1 - Jan. 15, 2019
- **Muzzleloader:** Dec. 1 - 31
- **Firearm:** Oct. 1 - 10*; Nov. 10 - 18; and Jan. 1 - 15, 2019

*Not open to Season Choice, landowner and youth permits

**Closed Area:**
- State lands, including state parks, state recreation areas, state historical parks and state wildlife management areas.

**Open Area:**
- The following section of the Missouri River: That portion of Nebraska east of a boundary commencing with U.S. Hwy. 281 from the South Dakota border, then south on U.S. Hwy. 281 to Neb. Hwy. 12, then east on Neb. Hwy. 12 to U.S. Hwy. 20, then east on U.S. Hwy. 20 to U.S. Hwy. 75, then south on U.S. Hwy. 75 to

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Neb. Hwy. 133, then south on Neb. Hwy. 133 to U.S. Hwy. 6, then east on U.S. Hwy. 6 to Interstate 480, then south on Interstate 480 to U.S. Hwy. 75, then south on U.S. Hwy. 75 to Neb. Hwy. 67, then east and south on Neb. Hwy. 67 to U.S. Hwy. 136, then east on U.S. Hwy. 136 to Neb. Hwy. 67, then south on Neb. Hwy. 67 to U.S. Hwy. 73, then east and south on U.S. Hwy. 73 to the Kansas border.

- Within 3 miles of the landward banks of these rivers: Missouri, Platte, North Platte, South Platte, Republican, Loup, Keya Paha, Niobrara from mouth to Neb. Hwy. 27, Elkhorn from mouth to Stuart, Nebraska, south fork of the Elkhorn from mouth to Neb. Hwy. 11, North Loup from mouth to Neb. Hwy. 7, Middle Loup from mouth to Neb. Hwy. 2, South Loup from mouth to U.S. Hwy. 83, Cedar from mouth to Neb. Hwy. 11, White between intersection of the White River, and Neb. Hwy. 71, northeast to Nebraska-South Dakota border, Long Pine Creek from its mouth to 5 miles south of U.S. Hwy. 20, and Plum Creek in Brown County from the mouth to U.S. Hwy. 20.

MULE DEER CONSERVATION AREA (MDCA)

Mule deer populations have declined in some units because of habitat conversion to row crops and brainworm disease. Nonresident demand for mule deer permits continues to increase. Permit demand for mule deer exceeds supply in the Frenchman and Platte units.

In the MDCA:

- Statewide archery permits are valid for mule deer and are available all season.
- Statewide muzzleloader permits are not valid for mule deer.
- Firearm hunters who wish to hunt mule deer in the Republican, Frenchman or Platte units must enter the drawing for a permit in the June 11 - 22 application period.
- Buffalo MDCA permits and all remaining mule deer permits are available July 9 on a first-come basis.

In 2017, Buffalo MDCA permits were sold out on Oct. 9.

- 92 percent of Frenchman Unit permits are allocated to residents and 8 percent to nonresidents.
- 85 percent of Platte MDCA permits are allocated to residents and 15 percent to nonresidents.
- In 2017, 1,944 residents applied for 1,748 Frenchman MDCA permits. All residents with preference received a permit.
- In 2017, 407 nonresidents applied for 152 Frenchman MDCA permits.
- The Platte MDCA permit sold out on July 10, 2017, during the second application period.
- The Buffalo MDCA permit sold out on Oct. 9, 2017, during the second application period.

Hunting Area

Buffalo, Frenchman, Platte, Republican units

MDCA Permit/Bag Limit

- Republican Mule Deer – one mule deer buck
- Buffalo MDCA – Any Deer (except antlerless mule deer)
- Frenchman MDCA – Any Deer and one antlerless whitetail
- Platte MDCA – Any Deer (except antlerless mule deer) and one antlerless whitetail

Season Dates:  
• Nov. 10 - 18 with archery or firearm  
• Dec. 1 - 31 with muzzleloader

Whitetail Permit/Bag Limit

- Buffalo Whitetail – one whitetail
- Frenchman Whitetail – one whitetail and one antlerless whitetail
- Platte Whitetail – one whitetail
- Republican Whitetail – one whitetail

Season Dates:  
• Nov. 10 - 18 with archery or firearm

NOTES ON MDCA RULES:

- No person may obtain more than one MDCA permit or one Republican Mule Deer permit.
- Archery permits are valid for mule deer in the MDCA.
- Statewide muzzleloader permits are NOT valid for mule deer in the MDCA.
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* **Permit Rules**
  - One permit allowed per person. 15 percent of permits allocated to nonresidents.
  - Antlerless tags and antlerless whitetail permits and tags not valid in Bessey Ranger District of Nebraska National Forest, McKelvie National Forest, Valentine National Wildlife Refuge.
  - Not valid for antlerless mule deer in the Loup West Unit.
  - Not valid for antlerless mule deer in the Pine Ridge Unit.
  - Antlerless mule deer restrictions on Crescent Lake National Wildlife Refuge.
  - One permit allowed per person.
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# - Draw unit, apply early

**LEGEND**

AO — Antlerless only  
Any Deer — any mule deer or whitetail  
Any Deer — any deer except antlerless mule deer  
MD — Mule deer  
WT — Whitetail  
SC — Season Choice  
UNL — Unlimited  

*Ar, Mz, F — Archery, Sept. 1 - Jan. 15, 2019  
Muzzleloader, Nov. 10 - 18, Dec. 1-31  
Firearm, Nov. 10 - 18, Jan. 1 - 15, 2019 antlerless

*Mz, F — Muzzleloader, Dec. 1 - 31; Firearm, Nov. 10 - 18

Any Legal — Archery, muzzleloader, shotgun, pistol, rifle as defined in Weapons Legal for Big Game.
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HUNTERS HELPING THE HUNGRY

This donation-funded program provides ground venison to Nebraskans in need. Hunters can make cash donations to the program when buying permits and can offer deer for donation to contracted processors. Anyone can make a cash donation to support the program at any time. For more information about the program or to make a donation without purchasing a permit, visit OutdoorNebraska.org/hhh/

DEER EXCHANGE

- The Deer Exchange program allows hunters and nonhunters to sign up to exchange deer or deer meat. Persons or organizations may sign up to receive or donate deer or may search the site by county and call people who have signed up and arrange a transfer of the deer.
- Deer must be legally harvested, and a custody tag (see page 44) must be filled out by the donating party.
- Donors must provide clean, high quality deer meat.
- Recipients should inspect the deer meat before receiving it.
- Deer meat may not be sold.
- Historically, there have been more recipients than donors.
- Register at: outdoornebraska.org/deerexchangeprogram/

2017 DEER HARVEST BY UNIT
(Includes all seasons)

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### 2017 Bucks Harvested Per 100 Square Miles

Density of white-tailed deer and mule deer bucks harvested in all seasons per 100 square miles in each county in 2017.

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**Average** 37 13

### 2017 Deer Harvest by Permit Type

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NA – Data not available  MD – Mule Deer  WT – Whitetail
**Instructions:** Separate applications must be submitted for each permit request. Applicants are limited to one landowner permit for deer, antelope, elk, and spring and fall turkey.

Check applicable boxes and provide the legal description of all qualifying property you will be hunting. Make checks payable to Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and enclose the appropriate fee with your application. Mail to Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, P.O. Box 30370, Lincoln, NE 68503-0370.

Application must be received at NGPC by 5 p.m. on final day of application period.

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All permit prices include a $3 issuing fee. *Includes $5.50 nonrefundable application fee.

I certify that I am eligible to apply for a limited landowner permit. All farm and ranch land listed is qualifying property owned and/or leased by me or a member of my immediate household. I, as the qualified applicant, request a limited landowner permit to be issued to me.

Signature of Qualified Applicant:

Date:

I certify that I am a RESIDENT of the State of Nebraska as defined by the rules and regulations of the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.

I certify that my privilege to hunt, fish or harvest fur is NOT currently revoked in any jurisdiction (county, state, federal or Canadian province), and I am NOT delinquent on any child support payments.

NOTE: Submitting incomplete information will result in the return of your application.

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**Hunters Helping the Hungry Donation (tax deductible)**

$25.00

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Check the box below that best certifies your qualifications for a limited landowner permit:

- [ ] I qualify as the owner/leaseholder of the land listed.
- [ ] I qualify as the spouse or child of the owner or leaseholder, or sibling sharing ownership, of the land listed.

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**FARM AND RANCH LAND - LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

(If additional room is needed, an attachment form is available. Photocopied application forms are acceptable.)

**Residency**

 Resident

 Nonresident

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| Email address of applicant for permit notification |

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| Mailing Address |

| City |

| State |

| ZIP |

| Last Four Digits of Social Security Number |

| Sex |

| Birthdate |

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The farm or ranch land listed in this application must be used for agricultural purposes.
NEBRASKA BIG GAME APPLICATION

Instructions: Check all applicable boxes and provide information as requested. Submitting incomplete information will result in the return of your application. Make checks payable to Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and enclose the appropriate fee with your application. Mail to: Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, PO Box 30370, Lincoln, NE 68503-0370. Photocopied application forms are acceptable. Application must be received at NGPC by 5 p.m. on final day of application period.

First Name ___________________ Middle Initial _______ Last Name ___________________

Mailing Address _________________________________________________________________

City ___________________ State _______ ZIP __________

Daytime Phone Number (required for draw applications) _______________________

Email address of applicant for permit notification — required for draw applications ______

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NOTE: If this is a draw application for a deer, antelope or elk permit, do not request a habitat stamp.

Yes ☐ No ☐ I certify that I am a RESIDENT of the State of Nebraska as defined by the rules and regulations of the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.
AWARDING DRAW PERMITS

- Draw status information will be available within 3 days after the draw.
- Successful applicants will be notified via email and will have a designated 15-day period in which to pay for the permit online or at a Commission district office or service center.
- Visit https://ngpc-homenegov/ and log into your profile. You will be able to pay for and print your awarded permit (excluding paddlefish) from the "My Profile" section.
- Online enrollment assistance is available from our district offices.
- Nonpayment will automatically forfeit the permit and any bonus or preference points.

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* Includes $5.50 nonrefundable application fee  **Includes $10 nonrefundable application fee
***Includes $7 nonrefundable application fee

† Complete an application for each individual when applying for a buddy permit. Mark Buddy Application section on each application form. Buddy applicants must have the same residency status.

Submit one total payment for both applications, mail together in the same envelope.
Instructions:
Separate applications must be submitted for each permit request. Applicants are limited to one landowner permit for deer, antelope, elk, and spring and fall turkey. Check applicable boxes and provide the legal description of all qualifying property you will be hunting. Make checks payable to Nebraska Game and Parks Commission and enclose the appropriate fee with your application. Mail to: Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, P.O. Box 30370, Lincoln, NE 68503-0370. Application must be received at NGPC by 5 p.m. on final day of application period.

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All permit prices include a $3 issuing fee.

* Includes $5.50 nonrefundable application fee.

I certify that I am eligible to apply for a limited landowner permit. All farm and ranch land listed is qualifying property owned and/or leased by me or a member of my immediate household. I, as the qualified applicant, request a limited landowner permit to be issued to me.

Signature of Qualified Applicant: ____________________________
Date: ____________________________

Email address of applicant for permit notification

First Name Middle Initial Last Name

City

Mailing Address

State ZIP

I certify that I am a RESIDENT of the State of Nebraska as defined by the rules and regulations of the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.
I certify that my privilege to hunt, fish or harvest fur is NOT currently revoked in any jurisdiction (county, state, city, federal or Canadian province), and I am NOT delinquent on any child support payments.

NOTE: Submitting incomplete information will result in the return of your application.

FARM AND RANCH LAND - LEGAL DESCRIPTION
(If additional room is needed, an attachment form is available. Photocopied application forms are acceptable.)

Check the box below that best certifies your qualifications for a limited landowner permit:

I qualify as the owner/leaseholder of the land listed.

I qualify as the spouse, child, or sibling sharing ownership, of the land listed.

The farm or ranch land listed in this application must be used for agricultural purposes.

Antelope Unit (first choice): ____________________________
Antelope Unit (second choice): ____________________________

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YOUTH BIG GAME HUNTING

ANTELOPE (Archery Only)

Age Requirement: Youth age 12-15 may hunt with a youth archery antelope permit. Youth may apply for a draw unit permit at age 11 provided they are age 12 by the start of the season. Youth age 16 may hunt on youth antelope permits provided they are age 15 when they apply and provided they are age 15 on Aug. 20 (start of the season) of the calendar year.

Youth Permit Fee: $13.50 for residents and nonresidents (includes $5.50 application and $3 issue fees)

Youth Permit Limit: One per youth.

Youth Permit Type: Archery only. Youth ages 12-15 wishing to hunt antelope with a firearm or muzzleloader must apply for a general firearm or muzzleloader permit.

Area Open: Statewide.

Season: Aug. 20 - Dec. 31

ELK AND BIGHORN SHEEP

Age Requirement: Youth may apply at age 11 provided they are age 12 by the start of the season.

Permit Type: No youth permit authorized, but youth may hunt on general big game permits.

DEER

Age Requirement: Youth age 10-15 may hunt with a youth deer permit. Youth may apply for a draw unit permit at age 9 provided they are age 10 by the start of the season. Youth age 16 may hunt on youth deer permits provided they are age 15 when they apply and provided they are age 15 on Sept. 1 (start of the season) of the calendar year.

Youth Permit Fee: $8, for residents and nonresidents (includes $3 issue fee).

Youth Permit Limit: Two per youth, but only one may allow the harvest of a mule deer.

Youth Permit Types:
- Youth Whitetail - valid for one whitetail for residents and nonresidents.
- Resident Youth Deer - valid for any deer.
- Nonresident Restricted Youth Deer - valid for any deer (not valid in draw units).

Area Open: Statewide, except the Nonresident Restricted Youth permit is not valid in the Frenchman, Platte and Republican units.

Seasons: Youth Deer permits are valid in these seasons:
- Archery: Sept. 1 - Dec. 31
- November Firearm: Nov. 10 - 18
- Muzzleloader: Dec. 1 - 31
- Late Firearm Antlerless: Jan. 1 - 15, 2019 (antlerless only)

Habitat Stamp: Required of nonresident youth. (See page 8)
2018 FORECAST

Populations are at desired levels in most units. Permit increases will allow more hunting opportunity for residents. Success rates for hunters who draw a firearm permit should remain high. Hunters who wait 3-6 years to earn enough preference points for buck permits should consider doe permits, which are first-come, first-served and do not use preference points. Archery permits are unlimited and hunters can get an either-sex permit every year. Nonresident opportunity is restricted to unlimited statewide archery permits.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF ANTELOPE

**Buck** – Antelope with horns longer than its ears.

**Doe/Fawn** – Antelope with no horns or with horns shorter than its ears.

PERMIT DETAILS

* $5.50 due with application; if drawn, balance due within 15 days of notification; See New Process for Payment of Draw Applications on page 10.

**Firearm** – Issued for specific units during October Firearm or Late Doe/Fawn seasons for use with firearms and archery equipment. Bag limit varies by unit.

- Resident — $42.50*
- Nonresident doe/fawn only — $184.50*

**Archery** – Valid statewide, except for Fort Robinson State Park, Fort Robinson WMA and federal and state sanctuaries, unless authorized during the archery season.

- Resident — $42.50*
- Nonresident — $184.50*

**Muzzleloader** – Issued for specific units during muzzleloader season for one antelope of either sex.

- Resident — $42.50*
- Nonresident — Not eligible

**Landowner** – Issued for specific units on property of landowner in open seasons with the appropriate weapons, except not valid on federal and state sanctuaries and refuges. Bag limit varies by unit.

- Resident — $25.50*
- Nonresident — $96.50*

**Youth Archery** – Valid statewide, except for Fort Robinson State Park, Fort Robinson WMA and federal and state sanctuaries, unless authorized during the archery season.

- Resident — $13.50*
- Nonresident — $13.50*

**The bag limit is one antelope of either sex, except on the Bessey Ranger District of the Nebraska National Forest where the limit is one antelope with horns longer than its ears.**

WHO MAY APPLY FOR ANTELOPE PERMITS

- Persons age 12 or older or those age 11 if they are age 12 by Aug. 20.
- Resident and nonresident landowners. Residents have preference for firearm and muzzleloader permits, as well as landowner firearm permits. Doe/fawn permits are available to residents and nonresidents starting July 9.
  - Applicants may submit only one antelope permit application.

LANDOWNER PERMITS

Quota is 50 percent of the general permit quota for each unit.
ANTELOPE PREFERENCE POINTS

- Any resident who properly applies for and is denied a firearm or muzzleloader antelope permit will receive one preference point for each unsuccessful year.
- Nonresident landowners gain 0.9 preference points.
- Accumulated points shall be used to determine priority in the permit drawing.
- In buddy applications, priority will be given based on the lower number of points possessed by either applicant.
- Any person issued a firearm or muzzleloader buck or either-sex permit shall lose all preference points.
- Purchasing archery or antlerless permits will not cause a loss of preference points.
- Antlerless permits are issued on a first-come basis to residents and nonresidents. Preference points are not used.

CHECKING PREFERENCE POINTS

Visit OutdoorNebraska.org, then click “Buy a Permit,” then log in. Click “My Profile,” then scroll down to “Bonus and Preference Points.”

2018 ANTELOPE PERMIT INFORMATION

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<td>4</td>
<td>88%</td>
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<td>80</td>
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1. Bessey Ranger District of the Nebraska National Forest is closed to muzzleloader and firearm hunting. It is open to archery for bucks only. Crescent Lake and Valentine national wildlife refuges are closed to antelope hunting.

2. Esex: Either Sex
   - Buck Only: Antelope with horns longer than ears
   - Doe/Fawn: Antelope with no horns or horns shorter than ears

3. Includes landowner harvest

4. Does not include the landowner quota (50 percent of general permits)

MZ - Muzzleloader      UNL - Unlimited
2018 FORECAST
Populations are at desired levels in most units. Average bull age (4.89 years), main beam length (46.4 inches) and bull harvest success (88 percent) should remain high. Elk permits will continue to be difficult to draw, with 3,798 resident hunters applying for 329 permits in 2017. The use of bonus points increases draw odds for hunters who apply for bull permits annually. Nonresidents are not eligible for general elk permits.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF AN ELK
Bull – A male with antlers 6 inches or more in length.
Antlerless – No antlers or antlers less than 6 inches in length.

PERMIT DETAILS
* $10 due with application; if drawn, balance due within 15 days of notification; See New Process for Payment of Draw Applications on page 10.

Antlerless – Issued for and valid in specific units for one antlerless elk. See page 36.
Resident — $189*
Nonresident — Not eligible

Bull – Issued for specific units for one bull elk.
Resident — $189*
Nonresident — Not eligible

Landowner – Valid in specific units. Landowners with property within an elk management zone are eligible to apply. Valid in open seasons with appropriate weapons for one elk (sex depends on unit). Bull permits issued by drawing and preference points.
Resident — $48*
Nonresident — $542*

WHO MAY APPLY FOR PERMITS
People age 12 and older are eligible. Youth age 11 may apply provided they are age 12 by the start of the season. General permits are available to residents only. Landowner permits are available to residents and nonresident landowners, although residents get preference. Applicants may not apply for a landowner bull and general bull permit in the same calendar year.
PERMIT AVAILABILITY
No one may have more than one elk permit a year. General Cow permits: No more than one in five years. General Bull permits: No more than one in five years; harvest limit of one in a lifetime. Super Tags and Auction elk permits are exempt. Landowner Cow permits: No more than one a year. Landowner Bull permits: No more than one in three years.

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* 3 auction, 2 lottery, valid statewide in all units
** Bonus points not included in calculations
1 Archery bull season begins Sept. 1.
2 Antlerless season on private land begins Aug. 15.

NOTE: Nebraska’s elk populations move freely between private and public land, but the majority of elk are sighted on private property. Landowners may charge a fee for permission to hunt on their property.

**Landowner (LO) Elk Preference Points:**

Resident Landowners
- Failed bull applicants earn 1 point
- Own 320 acres or lease 640 acres
- Leaseholder is eligible

Nonresident Landowners
- Failed bull applicants earn 0.9 point
- Own 1,280 acres
- Leaseholder is not eligible

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FORT NIOBRARA NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE ELK HUNT

Access Permits: An access permit is required to hunt in designated areas on Fort Niobrara NWR. The application period for access permits is Aug. 1 - Nov. 1.

Who May Apply: Hunters who possess a valid Niobrara River Unit elk permit may apply. Persons with landowner elk permits are not eligible.

Location: Successful applicants would receive an access permit to hunt within the 5-mile river corridor within Fort Niobrara NWR (Cherry County), where wild elk are commonly located. Specific boundaries and details will be provided by refuge staff.

Access Dates: Sept. 21 – Oct. 31 (cow and bull elk permits) and Dec. 1 – Jan. 15, 2019 (cow permits)

Rules: Legal weapons include archery or muzzleloader as described in the 2018 Big Game Guide. Access is allowed by foot, canoe or horse only. Centerfire firearms are not allowed.

How to Apply: Contact the refuge office at 402-376-3789 or visit fws.gov/refuge/fort_niobrara/

BONUS POINTS

The bonus point system for general bull elk permits will give those who have applied for a bull elk permit and been unsuccessful a better chance of drawing a permit. Beginning in 2014, a person received a bonus point each time he or she applied for but did not receive a permit in subsequent years. Applicants receive an additional entry into the draw for each bonus point accrued. Odds shown above are for zero points. Persons with bonus points have better odds.

LANDOWNER ELK PERMIT APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Obtain an application by requesting from the Commission by telephone, picking up from Commission district offices, or downloading from OutdoorNebraska.org
2. Determine if your land is in an elk zone and if you qualify.
3. Between May 21 and June 1, deliver completed application and payment for the permit price and application fee to the following Commission district office only, depending on unit. Applications received after 5 p.m. on June 1 will be rejected.
   - Northwest District - 299 Husker Road, P.O. Box 725, Alliance, NE 69301. Units: Ash Creek, Bordeaux Creek, Hat Creek, and North Platte River.
   - Northeast District - 2201 N. 13th St., Norfolk, NE 68701. Unit: Boyd.
   - Bassett Service Center - 524 Panzer St., P.O. Box 508, Bassett, NE 68714. Unit: Niobrara.
   - Southwest District - 301 E. State Farm Road, North Platte, NE 69101. Unit: Box Elder.
4. District staff will validate your application and enter in drawing, if eligible.
5. Failure to provide complete and accurate information may lead to disqualification.

Resident and Nonresident Landowner Elk Eligibility Rules:

- Eligible property must be within an elk management zone.
- Minimum acres: Resident (own 320 or lease 640); Nonresident (own 1,280).
- Land must be used for agricultural purposes.
- Spouse or child of resident owner/leaseholder or sibling sharing ownership is eligible. Spouse or child of nonresident owner is eligible.
- One application is allowed per described property.

Resident and Nonresident Landowner Elk Procedure Rules:

- No more than one permit per person per year or one bull permit every three years.
- Persons receiving a bull permit in 2016 or 2017 cannot get a bull permit in 2018.
- Persons may apply for a bull permit each year and earn preference points if they are eligible for a bull permit. Preference points are awarded to failed landowner bull applicants.
ELK MANAGEMENT UNITS

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BIGHORN SHEEP

2018 FORECAST
Bighorn sheep herds inhabit the Pine Ridge and Wildcat Hills of western Nebraska, with a current population of approximately 250. Past transplants have established bighorns in some of their historic range. Research efforts continue to monitor herd health, movement, distribution and future transplant locations. Lamb survival in the southern Panhandle remains good, with populations stable to increasing. Lamb survival in Pine Ridge populations was poor in 2016 and 2017. A significant loss of adults in the Sowbelly herd resulted in a population reduction. Staff continue to monitor populations and herd health.

BIGHORN SHEEP
HUNTING AREA
All of Banner, Box Butte, Dawes, Morrill, Scotts Bluff, Sheridan, and Sioux counties. The exact hunting location within Banner, Box Butte, Dawes, Morrill, Scotts Bluff, Sheridan and Sioux counties will be determined by the Commission, depending on ram availability.

PERMITS
- One lottery permit and one auction permit are authorized for 2018.
  - Only residents may apply for the lottery permit.
  - The lottery application fee is a nonrefundable $29.
  - The application period is April 16 - Aug. 3, and the drawing will be Aug. 16.
  - Mail order applications must be received at the Lincoln office of Nebraska Game and Parks by 5 p.m. CT on Aug. 3, 2018.
  - Online applications will be accepted until 11:59 p.m. CT on Aug. 3, 2018.

LOTTERY AND AUCTION
Proceeds from lottery entries and auctions have raised more than $1 million for the Bighorn Sheep Program. These proceeds are a critical revenue source for the program.

APPLICATIONS

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AUCTION RESULTS
Highest auction bid, with sponsoring organization:
1998 - $87,500, Safari Club International
2000 - $85,000, Foundation for North American Wild Sheep
2002 - $55,000, Safari Club International
2005 - $83,000, Grand Slam Club Ovis
2009 - $80,000, Foundation for North American Wild Sheep
2011 - $117,500, Grand Slam Club Ovis
2015 - $130,000, Wild Sheep Foundation
2017 - $115,000, Wild Sheep Foundation
2018 - $135,000, Grand Slam Club Ovis
WHERE TO HUNT

PRIVATE LANDS
It is the responsibility of every hunter to get permission to hunt, trail game or retrieve downed game on private land, whether posted or not (including railroad right-of-ways). Hunting without permission may result in a fine of up to $500, three months in jail and the loss of hunting privileges for up to three years.

PUBLIC LANDS
The Nebraska Small Game Guide and Public Access Atlas list more than 300 publicly owned areas. Refer to that guide for area-specific regulations. Unless otherwise posted, big game hunting is allowed on all wildlife management areas (WMA). Hunting is allowed on most state recreation areas (SRA) beginning the Tuesday following Labor Day, with hunting prohibited within 100 yards of any public use facility or activity area.

Some areas have specific restrictions:
• State parks (SP), wayside areas, hatcheries, reserves, and state refuges are closed to hunting unless otherwise posted. Indian Cave, Niobrara and Ponca SPs are open to archery deer hunting during the last half of the season. A free access permit is required. Contact the park superintendent.
• Portable tree stands and steps may be used on WMAs but may not be installed, used or left in place from Feb. 1 - Aug. 15. They may be used on SRAs open to hunting, but must be removed at the end of each day. It is unlawful to build or use any permanent tree stand or steps that attach to any tree with nails, screws, bolts, or wire. Screw-in steps may be used on WMAs but may not be used on SRAs.
• On state-owned lands, all motorized vehicles are restricted to roadways and parking areas. No ATVs are permitted.
• Target shooting is permitted on most WMAs but prohibited on certain posted areas.
• Most national wildlife refuges managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and national forests and grasslands managed by the U.S. Forest Service are open to hunting, unless otherwise posted. Check with those agencies for special regulations.

MOUNTAIN LIONS ON CAMERA
Game and Parks would like anyone who captures a photo of a mountain lion to contact the nearest agency district office or Sam Wilson, furbearer and carnivore program manager at 402-471-5174 or sam.wilson@nebraska.gov.
PUBLIC LAND CLOSURES FOR DEER HUNTING

• All federal and state land – Closed to use of River Antlerless Private Land Only deer permits.
• All federal and state land in Pine Ridge Unit – Closed to antlerless mule deer harvest.
• Bessey Ranger District of the Nebraska National Forest – Closed to use of AO SCA deer permits and antlerless bonus tags. Closed to muzzleloader and firearm antelope hunting. Closed to doe/fawn antelope harvest by archery.
• Crescent Lake National Wildlife Refuge – Closed to harvest of antlerless mule deer and all antelope.
• McKelvie National Forest – Closed to use of AO SCA deer permits and antlerless bonus tags.
• Valentine National Wildlife Refuge – Closed to use of AO SCA deer permits and antlerless bonus tags.
• Harlan County Reservoir (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land) – Closed to AO SCA Republican deer permits.
• Enders, Medicine Creek, Swanson and Red Willow SRA/WMA – Closed to AO SCA Frenchman West and AO SCA Frenchman deer permits.
• Fort Robinson State Park – Closed to antelope hunting.
• Fort Niobrara National Wildlife Refuge – Closed to all hunting during the November firearm season.

OPEN FIELDS AND WATERS PROGRAM

This program has opened approximately 240,000 acres of private land to public walk-in hunting access. For locations of participating tracts of land, read the Nebraska Public Access Atlas, available at OutdoorNebraska.org, Game and Parks offices and permit vendors.
GENERAL INFORMATION

TELECHECK
- Telecheck allows hunters to check deer or antelope by telephone or online, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. To use Telecheck, visit OutdoorNebraska.org/Telecheck or call the toll-free number on your permit.
- All deer harvested outside the November firearm season and all antelope harvested outside the October firearm season must be checked via Telecheck.
- When completing Telecheck, the following information will be required from your permit or animal: species, permit code, permit number, date of kill, county of kill, management unit (see maps below), sex of animal, and age of animal (adult or fawn).
- You may be asked the inside spread in inches between main beams on your deer and the type of weapon used to harvest it.
- You may be asked whether the longest horn on your antelope is less than or more than 9½ inches (measure from the base around the outside curve to the horn tip).
- Write the seal number and security code on the permit after completing Telecheck.

Use following maps to determine management unit.

DEER MANAGEMENT UNITS

ANTELOPE MANAGEMENT UNITS
FIND PUBLIC LAND TO HUNT AND FISH

PUBLIC ACCESS ATLAS

Find a place to pursue your passion in the Nebraska Public Access Atlas.

Available online or in a printed format, the Atlas provides information on federal, state and partner lands that are open for public hunting and fishing.

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CHECKING DEER, ANTELOPE AND ELK

- A list of check stations may be found on the deer, antelope and elk regulations sheets and at OutdoorNebraska.org.
- It is unlawful to separate a deer or antelope carcass into sections smaller than quarters before completing the check station process. Quartering is defined as four legs, with femur or scapula naturally attached, and loins. Hunters may remove meat from an elk carcass in the field, but the head and all edible portions of meat must then be presented at a check station.
- If delivery to a check station is required, the head must accompany the carcass to the check station.
- Permit and check station seal number or check station verification number must be retained when transporting all or a portion of the carcass to a point of permanent storage or processing.
- Following the kill, hunters who harvest any big game animal must immediately punch or notch the permit or tag to indicate sex and date of kill. The canceled permit or tag must be attached to the animal, or it may remain with the hunter if the carcass remains in the hunter’s possession.
- Deer, antelope and elk must be checked in before the carcass leaves the state.
- Deer harvested during the November firearm season must be delivered to a check station no later than 1 p.m. on the day following the close of the season.
- Each permit holder must accompany the deer to the check station.
- Deer harvested during seasons outside the November firearm season (Nov. 10 -18) must be checked via Telecheck within 48 hours of kill and before 1 p.m. on the day following the close of the season.
- Hunters must record the seal number and security code on the permit.
- Antelope harvested during the October firearm season must be delivered to a check station no later than 1 p.m. on the day following the close of the season.
- Antelope harvested during seasons outside the October firearm season must be checked via Telecheck within 48 hours of kill and before 1 p.m. on the day following the close of the season.
- Elk must be delivered to a check station within 48 hours of the time of kill.

BIG GAME
CUSTODY/TRANSFER TAG
Nebraska Game and Parks Commission
Law Enforcement Division

Date: __________
Owner Name: ______________________
Phone Number: ____________________
Permit # or Seal #: __________________
(If big game)
Estimated Pounds: __________________
Species Donated: __________________
# of animals donated: _______________
Signature of Donor: __________________
Recipient Name: ____________________
Date of Transfers: __________________

This tag must remain with the game or fish being transferred to another person until it is consumed.

NOTICE

Game or fish taken in Nebraska must not be held in cold storage or home freezer longer than specified in season regulations. All game or fish taken within or outside the state and placed in cold storage must be tagged. Game or fish taken in other states and brought into Nebraska may legally be put in cold storage, if properly tagged and identified.

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For more information, visit OutdoorNebraska.org.
CUSTODY TAG
Any person transferring game, fish or parts thereof to another person must provide a custody tag. See example on page 44.

RECOVERING DEER
The use of tracking dogs is legal for the recovery of deer.

HUNTING NEAR DWELLINGS
200-Yard Rule: It is unlawful to hunt any form of wild mammal or wild bird with a rifle within a 200-yard radius of an inhabited dwelling or livestock feedlot, unless permission to do so has been granted by the owner or tenant of that dwelling or feedlot.
100-Yard Rule: It is unlawful to hunt any form of wild mammal or wild bird with archery equipment, handgun or shotgun within a 100-yard radius of an inhabited dwelling or livestock feedlot, unless permission to do so has been granted by the owner or tenant of that dwelling or feedlot.

TURKEY HUNTING
Turkey hunting is legal during the November firearm deer season. People hunting with a fall turkey permit are required to wear hunter orange when hunting during the November firearm deer season. Legal weapons include shotgun and archery only; rifles are not allowed. Electronic calls are illegal.

LIQUIDATED DAMAGES
The following are penalties for illegally killing big game in Nebraska.

- **Bighorn Sheep** — $25,000
- **Elk** — Bull, 12 points or more, $10,000; other elk — $3,000
- **White-tailed Deer** — 8 points or more with 16-inch spread — $10,000; other antlered bucks — $2,000; antlerless — $500
- **Mule Deer** — 8 points or more with 22-inch spread — $10,000; other mule deer — $2,000
- **Antelope** — Buck with 14-inch horn length — $5,000; other antelope — $1,500
- **Mountain Lion** — $5,000
- **Bear or Moose** — $1,500

SHOOTING HOURS
It is legal to hunt big game 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes following sunset.

UNLAWFUL ACTS
- **Shooting from the Road** — It is illegal to shoot from a bridge or public road, including the travelled surface and right of way.
- **Hunting Over Bait** — It is illegal to establish a baited area from 10 days before the opening of any big game or turkey season and throughout those entire seasons for the purposes of taking big game or turkey. An area within 200 yards of bait is considered baited for 10 days following the removal of all bait. The hunter and the animal must be outside of a baited area.
- **Guiding for Fee** — It is illegal to provide guide service for a fee on state wildlife management areas.
- **Weapon Sights** — Red-dot and illuminated reticle sights and laser rangefinder scopes are permitted.
- **Drones** — It is illegal to use drones to spot or locate game animals or birds during a hunting season.

TRAVEL ON U.S. FOREST SERVICE LAND
Visit fs.fed.us/r2/nebraska for information about traveling on U.S. Forest Service land in Nebraska. This includes the Pine Ridge and Bessey Ranger Districts of Nebraska National Forest, McKelvie National Forest, and Oglala National Grasslands.
TROPHY MANAGEMENT
The average age of bucks has increased over the past 20 years and in 2017, 35 percent of harvested whitetail bucks and 49 percent of harvested mule deer bucks in Nebraska were age 3 or older. During the peak years of 2007-2011, approximately one in 400 bucks were entered in Nebraska’s Big Game trophy record book, scoring 150-plus Boone and Crockett Club points. Hunters who wish to improve the odds of seeing older bucks should consider the following:

• Pass up shots on small bucks and harvest does to keep the population in check.
• Provide food plots or security cover away from roads where deer can hide.
• Don’t enter bedding or security areas during hunting season or deer may leave.
• Learn about your deer herd by using trail cameras so you can see the results.
• Learn to age deer and age all harvested bucks and does.
• Encourage your neighbors to manage for older bucks.

BIG GAME RECORDS
Nebraska’s Big Game Trophy Records book contains records of more than 4,000 bighorn sheep, deer, elk and antelope. To learn more about Nebraska’s Big Game Trophy program, visit: http://outdoornebraska.org/biggametrophyrecords/

FIREARM RESTRICTIONS
During the November firearm deer season, only hunters with a valid unfilled firearm deer permit may hunt wildlife other than deer with centerfire rifles or centerfire handguns, provided they are hunting in the management unit for which their deer permit is valid.

SHOOTING RANGES
Sighting in a firearm or bow that will be used for deer hunting is essential to humane and ethical harvest of deer. Before you begin hunting, go to a shooting range to sight in your weapon of choice. It is essential to know that your weapon shoots accurately with the ammunition that you will use in the field. Hunters who have landowner permission and access to a safe backstop in rural Nebraska can set up an impromptu range that can be as simple as a bipod and a target.

For many who live in more populated areas, you can take advantage of one of the many firearm ranges in Nebraska. Find information on Nebraska Game and Parks Commission shooting facilities at OutdoorNebraska.org. Hunters from Lincoln may use the Nebraska Game and Parks Outdoor Education Center at 4703 N. 44th St. To find shooting ranges in Nebraska, visit: WhereToShoot.org

HUNTER ORANGE
Any people hunting antelope, elk, mountain (bighorn) sheep, or deer under the authority of a firearm permit during an authorized firearm season must display on his or her head, chest and back at least 400 square inches of hunter orange material. Hunter orange requirements also apply while hunting under the authority of a muzzleloader permit during muzzleloader seasons. Archery deer hunters must do the same while archery hunting during the November firearm deer season and during the Jan. 1 - 15 deer season.
HUNTING SAFETY TIPS
The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission reminds hunters of the most important thing they should remember when hunting — safety. Two main causes of incidents in which a turkey hunter is injured are shooting at sound and movement and shooting down range of a turkey. To prevent accidental shootings, follow these general firearm hunting safety tips:

- Treat each firearm as if it is loaded.
- Keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
- Never point a firearm at anything you don’t want to shoot.
- Know your target and what lies beyond it.
- Keep the barrel clear of obstructions.
- Unload firearms when not in use.
- Store firearms and ammunition in separate locked locations.
- Never jump a creek or climb a fence, tree, or tree stand with a loaded firearm.
- Never shoot at a flat, hard surface or water.
- Never stalk a turkey; it could be another hunter. If you think another hunter is stalking you as a possible turkey, call out to alert him to your presence.

TREE STAND SAFETY
What can hunters do to prevent tree-stand accidents?

- Wear a safety harness.
- Use a rope to raise or lower hunting gear.
- Maintain three points of contact when climbing.
- Keep stand height below 10 feet.
- Use a live tree that supports your stand.
- Let family know where you hunt and have a cell phone.

IMPACT OF INVASIVE SPECIES IN NEBRASKA
Invasive species are plants, animals or pathogens that are non-native to an ecosystem. They cause harm to the economy, environment or human health. They interfere with recreation opportunities and affect wildlife. They impact wildlife by significantly reducing desirable wildlife forage, altering thermal and escape cover, affecting water availability for wildlife, and reducing vegetation biodiversity necessary for wildlife survival.

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- Before leaving home or camp, inspect and remove all plant parts, animals, mud, and other debris from gear, pets and vehicles. Dispose of the debris on site. Do the same before leaving your hunting site.
- Follow existing trails to prevent invasive and noxious plant parts and seeds from getting on clothes and pets. Avoid areas infested with invasive and noxious plant species.
- Only burn locally sourced firewood. Invasive insects, including the Emerald Ash Borer, can be spread by bringing non-locally sourced firewood into an area. Leave any unburned firewood at the camp site or with a camp host.
- Drain all water from watercraft before leaving an area. Wash your boat and allow it to dry completely before entering another body of water. Never transport live fish or bait. Dumping bait or fish into another water body can introduce invasive aquatic invaders.

For more information, contact Allison Zach, Nebraska Invasive Species Program Coordinator, at invasives@unl.edu or visit neinvasives.com.
TAKE YOUR FAMILY HUNTING IN NEBRASKA!

The family hunt is alive and well in Nebraska!

Deer and turkey tags are readily available, and those 15 and under can get deer and turkey permits for only $8 - even for non-residents.

Get the details at OutdoorNebraska.org/YouthPermits
EPIZOOTIC HEMORRHAGIC DISEASE (EHD) SUMMARY
The 2012 EHD event killed about a third of Nebraska’s white-tailed deer herd. Estimated unit losses ranged from 4-45 percent. All units, except the Frenchman, had losses exceeding 17 percent. In 2013, EHD caused additional losses in the Plains, Pine Ridge and Sandhills units. Most whitetail herds will have recovered. For more on EHD in Nebraska, visit OutdoorNebraska.org/ehd/

CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE
Chronic wasting disease (CWD) is found in 24 states, and it has been detected in 45 Nebraska counties (See map below). The Nebraska Game and Parks Commission tested 2,387 white-tailed deer and 479 mule deer (2015-2017). The results were:

- Northeast: 0.4 percent of white-tailed deer tested positive in 2015
- Southeast: 0.5 percent of white-tailed deer tested positive in 2016
- Southwest: 9 percent of mule deer and 13 percent of white-tailed deer tested positive in 2017
- Northwest: 12 percent of mule deer and 16 percent of white-tailed deer tested positive in 2017

What is CWD? — CWD is a prion disease of deer and elk. It is not known to spread to humans even though it is estimated that thousands of people have eaten meat from infected deer. Species specific prion diseases, like CWD are present in sheep (Scrapie), cattle (BSE/Mad Cow), mink (TME) and humans (Creutzfeldt-Jakob).

How does CWD spread? — CWD is spread in deer herds by direct contact with infected animals or contaminated substances: saliva, urine, feces, blood, brain, spinal cord, or soil. CWD has the potential to infect any deer herd, and may severely reduce deer numbers. There is no known method to eliminate CWD from wild herds.

How can we reduce the spread of CWD and reduce human contact with CWD prions? — Follow these steps:

- Educate yourself and others about CWD.
- Do not artificially congregate deer by using supplemental feeds or methods that concentrate deer. These sites can become CWD hot spots contaminated with feces, urine and prions from infected deer. Infected sites are impossible to clean up, but fencing or burial can reduce access.
- Dispose of deer remains (bones and tissue) at a landfill. Place remains in a heavy plastic bag before disposal to prevent contamination of soil. DO NOT transport the carcass back to the field.
- Contact your local Nebraska Game and Parks office if you discover sick or symptomatic animals.

How can I get my deer tested for CWD? — Hunters who wish to have a deer tested for CWD can contact an accredited lab in Nebraska or surrounding states for details by visiting: https://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/nahln/downloads/cwd_lab_list.pdf

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**Notes for All Big Game Permits**

- Semi-automatics may hold no more than six cartridges; fully automatic, full-metal jacket and incendiary bullets are prohibited.
- Slingbows and airbows are not legal for turkey or big game.
- Arrows and spears must have sharpened hunting head with a blade of at least 7/16-inch radius from the center of the arrow shaft. Arrows and spears containing poison or stupefying chemical or having an explosive tip are prohibited.
- Magnifying and variable-power scopes are allowed for hunting big game. Scopes capable of using electricity to amplify natural light and those that project a visible light beam to a target are prohibited.

**Drone Law**

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