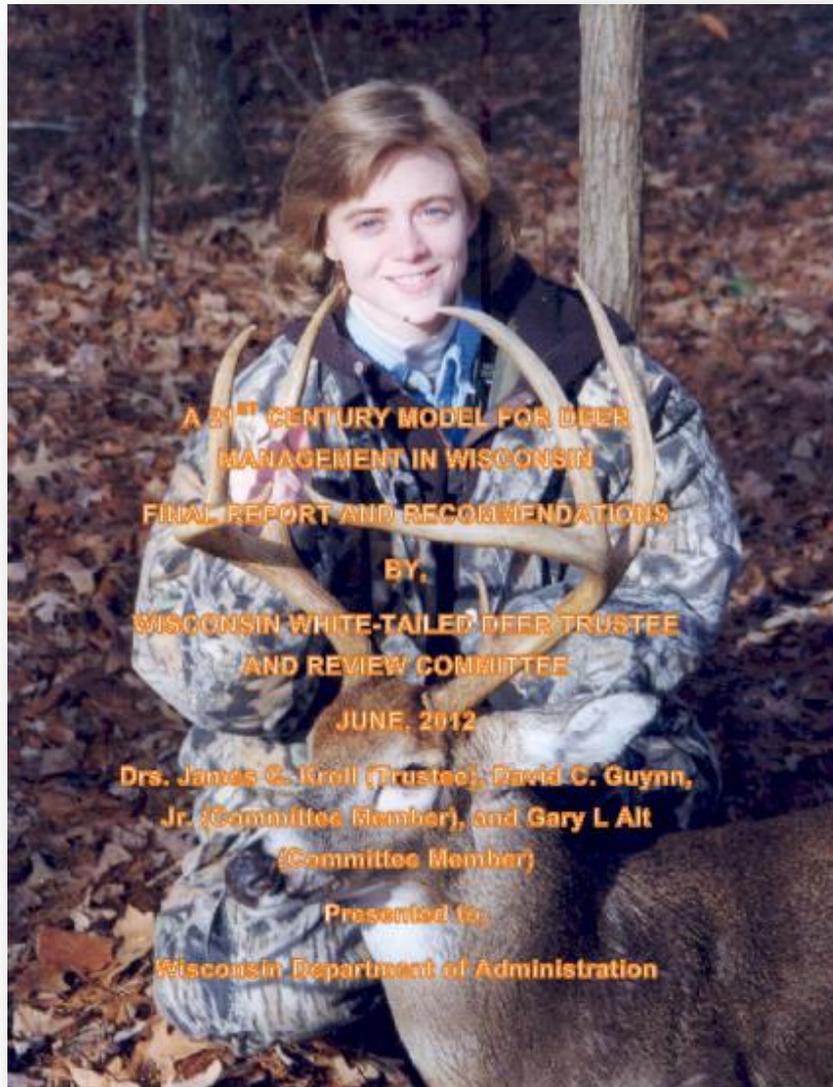


DEER TRUSTEE REPORT (DTR) BOARD ORDER WM-11-13

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DTR Implementation Initiative



Deer Trustee Report Public Action Teams
Implementation Proposals for DTR Recommendations

Final Report

Public Proposals to Implement Recommendations from the Deer Trustee Report

Submitted by
Public Action Teams

- Regulations and Season Structure Action Team
- Herd Health and Chronic Wasting Disease Action Team
- Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) Action Team
- Science and Research Action Team

March 9, 2013 through July 20, 2013

Summary

Following a period of concern expressed by the hunting public, in 2011 the State of Wisconsin Department of Administration contracted with Dr. James Kroll (Deer Trustee) to conduct an independent review of Wisconsin's deer management practices. This evaluation produced a Deer Trustee Report (DTR) in June 2012 with a total of 62 recommendations covering 10 broad categories related to white-tailed deer management in Wisconsin.

To convert 49 of these recommendations into DTR Implementation Action Items, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources began by establishing a public involvement process which consisted of four volunteer public Action Teams. Each team was assigned to develop specific implementation proposals for the recommendations related to regulations, hunting seasons, herd health, chronic wasting disease, science and research, and deer management assistance programs.

This report is the final report on the Action Teams' proposals and follows a total of seven Saturday meetings at the University of Wisconsin Stevens Point – Dreyfus University Center.

*Opportunities for Tribal involvement available throughout

DEER MANAGEMENT ZONES AND UNITS

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Four Management Zones



Management Units

- County boundaries.
- County names.
- No State Park units.
- Tribal reservation DMUs.
- Metro Subunits.



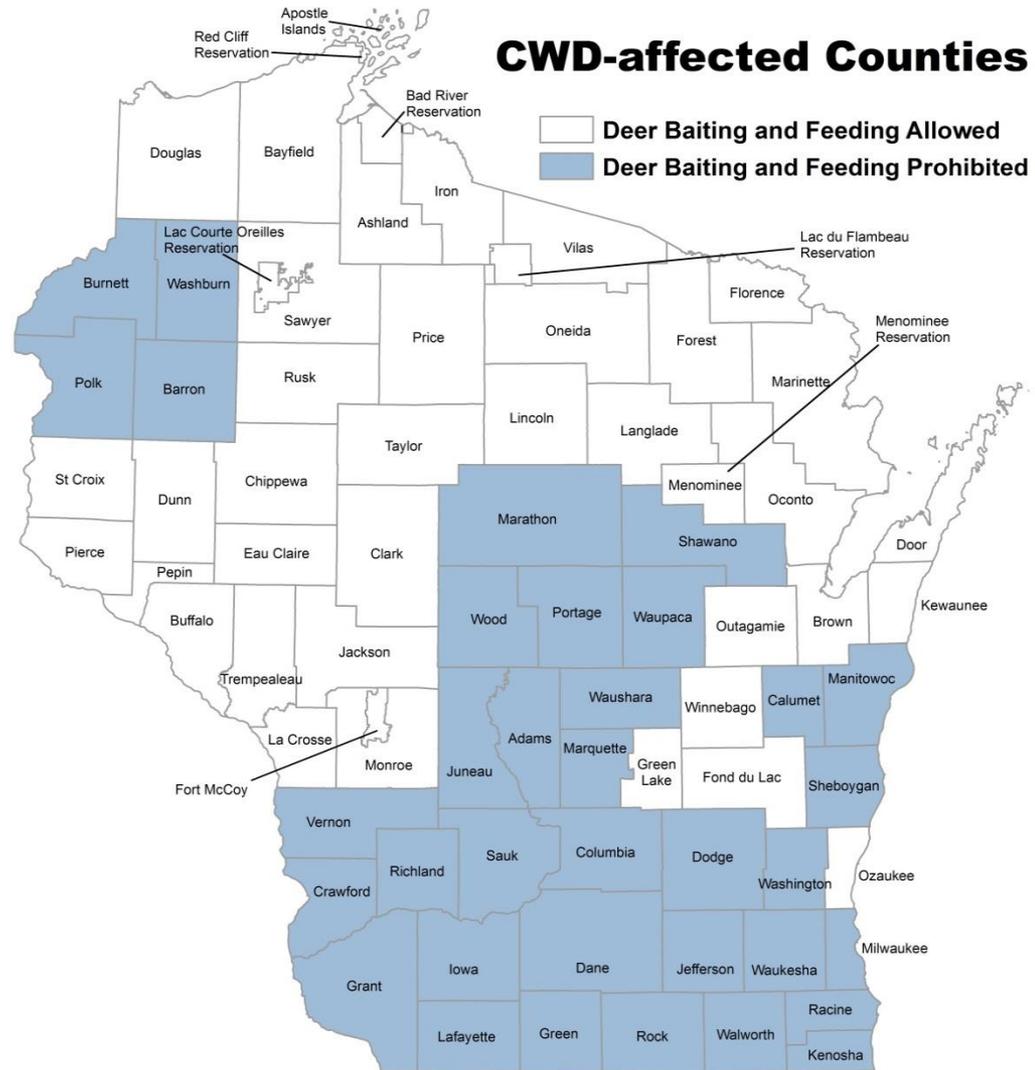
Metro Subunits

- No changes.
- Gun Season:
Any legal weapon may be used.
- Archery/Crossbow Seasons:
bow and crossbow only.
- Any valid unused tag may be filled.



CWD affected Counties

- CWD Management Zone dissolved.
- No Baiting/feeding.
- No free CWD Management Zone tags.



SEASON STRUCTURE

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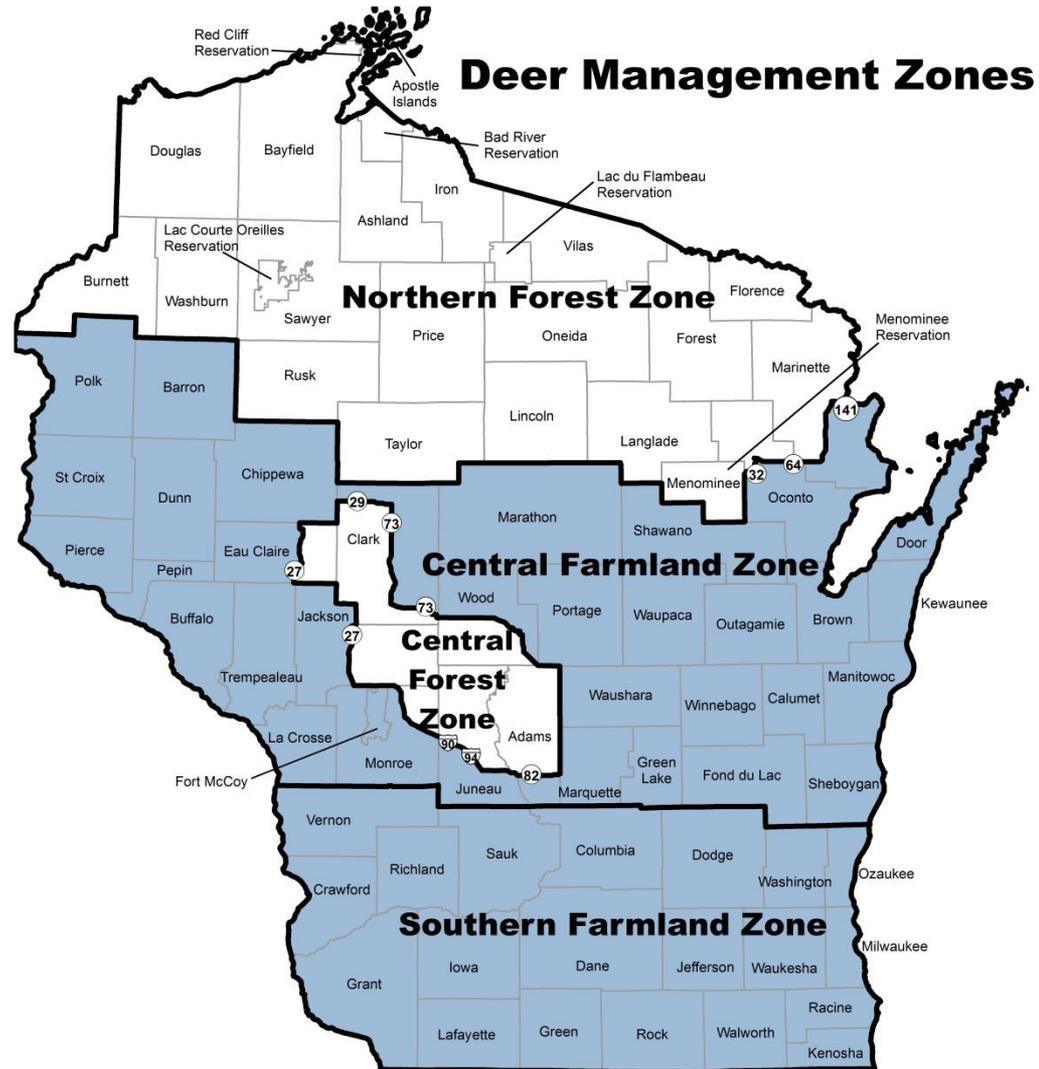
Archery Deer Season

- No closed days.
- Allowed statewide.
- One buck, plus additional antlerless tags where available.



Archery Deer Season

- No closed days.
- Allowed statewide.
- One buck, plus additional antlerless tags where available.
- One free Farmland Zone antlerless tag issued.



Crossbow Deer Season

- Allowed for all hunters.
- Disabled permits no longer allow crossbow use with archer license.
- Crossbow license required.



Crossbow Deer Season

- Allowed statewide.
- One buck, plus additional antlerless tags where available.



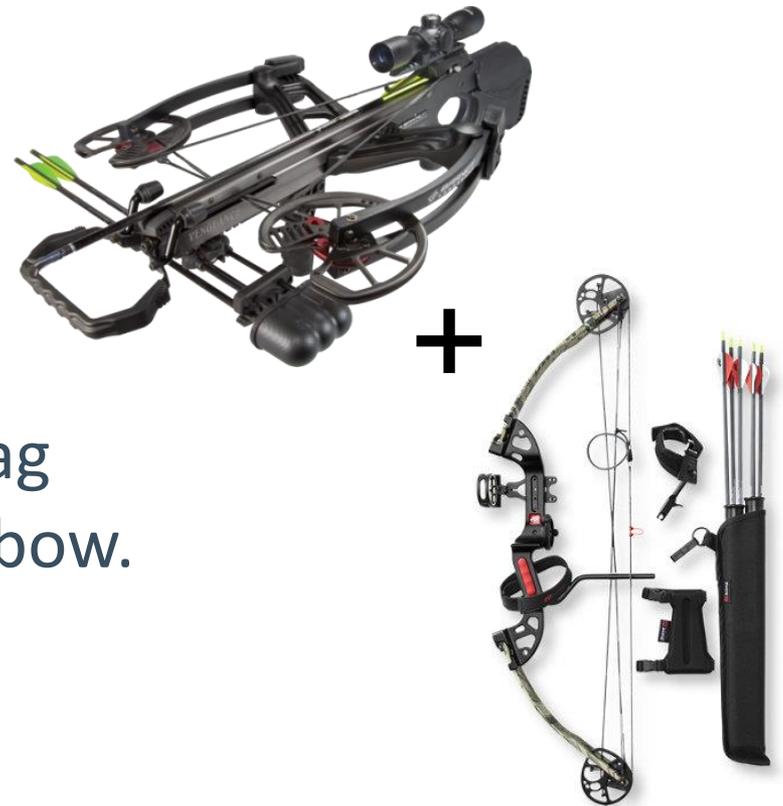
Crossbow Deer Season

- Allowed statewide.
- One buck, plus additional antlerless tags where available.
- One free Farmland Zone antlerless tag.



I want to use both!

- Both archer and crossbow licenses may be purchased.
- Buy one at regular price.
- Upgrade to second for \$3.
- Only one buck and antlerless tag filled using either bow or crossbow.



Traditional Gun Season

- 9 consecutive days.
- One buck, plus additional antlerless where available.



Traditional Gun Season

- 9 consecutive days.
- One buck, plus additional antlerless where available.
- One free Farmland Zone antlerless tag issued with license.



Muzzleloader Season

- Statewide.
- Day after close of gun season.
- 10 consecutive days.
- Any unused gun buck tag or valid antlerless tag.



December 4-day Antlerless only Season

- Central Forest and Central Farmland Zones ONLY.
- Antlerless deer ONLY.



Holiday Hunt

- Southern Farmland Zone.
- December 24 – January 1 annually.
- No buck hunting allowed.
- Unused antlerless tag required.



PERMITS AND TAG OPTIONS

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Buck Tags

No change.

Gun Buck Deer
Carcass Tag

Valid only in the
following unit(s):

ANY UNIT STATEWIDE

See Deer Management Unit Map in
Deer Regulation Book

Slit Month/Date/Time (AM/PM) of kill
and attach to Ear(or Antler)

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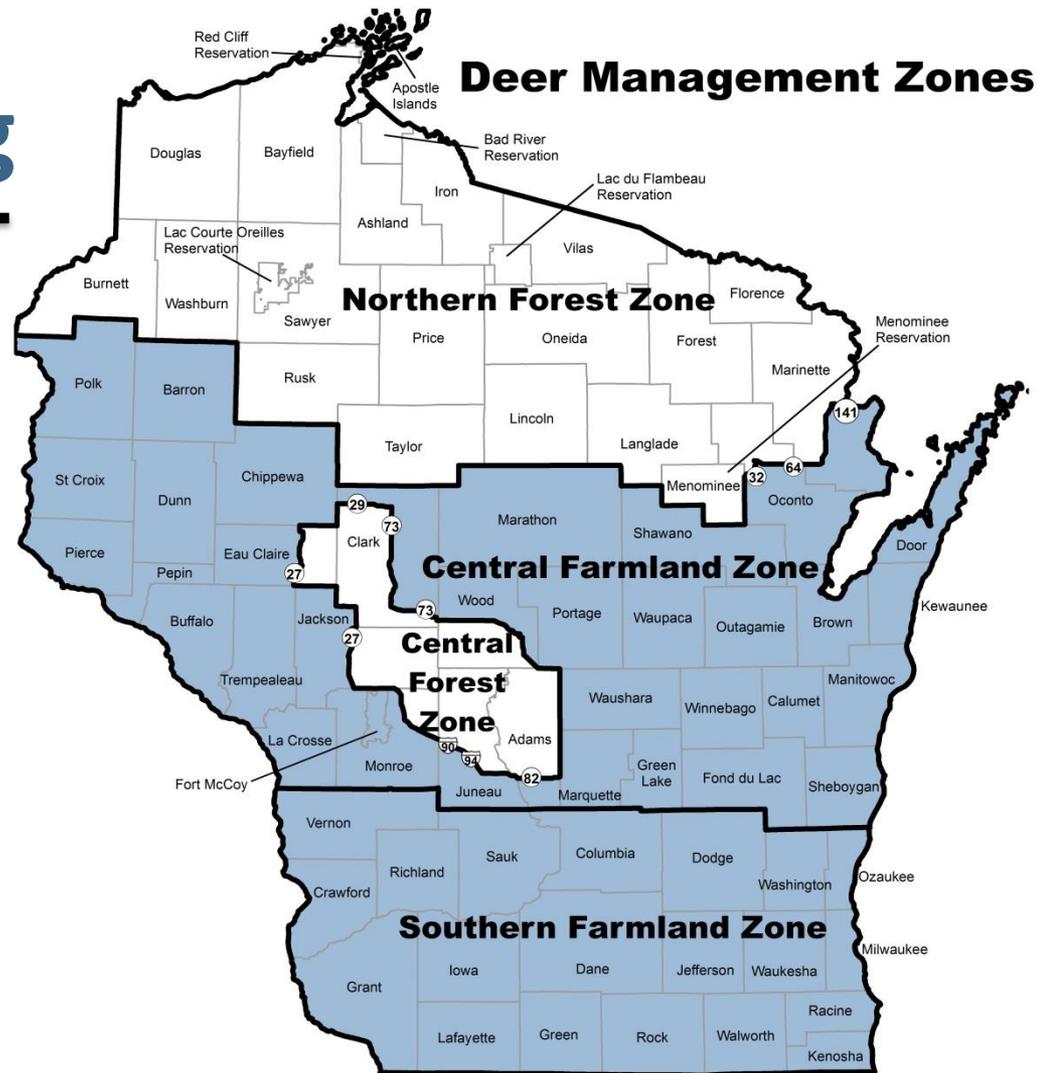
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Farmland Zones: Free Antlerless Tag

- One free antlerless tag with each deer hunting license (gun, archer/crossbow).
- Valid ONLY in Farmland Zones.
- **Must specify DMU and land-type (public or private land) at purchase.**
- Not weapon or season specific.



Bonus Antlerless Tags

- Must specify zone, DMU and land-type (public or private land) at purchase.
- Not weapon or season specific.

Bonus Antlerless Deer
Carcass Tag

Valid only in the following
EAU CLAIRE COUNTY
CENTRAL FARMLAND ZONE
PRIVATE LAND

See Deer Management Unit Map in Regulations

Slit Month/Date/Time (AM/PM) of kill
and attach to Ear(or Antler)

JOHN Q TEST
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OTHER RULES

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Restriction on the harvest of white or albino deer



Electronic Deer Registration

- Registration remains mandatory.
- Options include telephone or internet.
- All deer registered by 5 p.m. day after kill.
- Record confirmation number on carcass tag.
- While afield, you may not possess/transport a deer tagged by another unless they are present.

Bonus Antlerless Deer
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Confirmation number here

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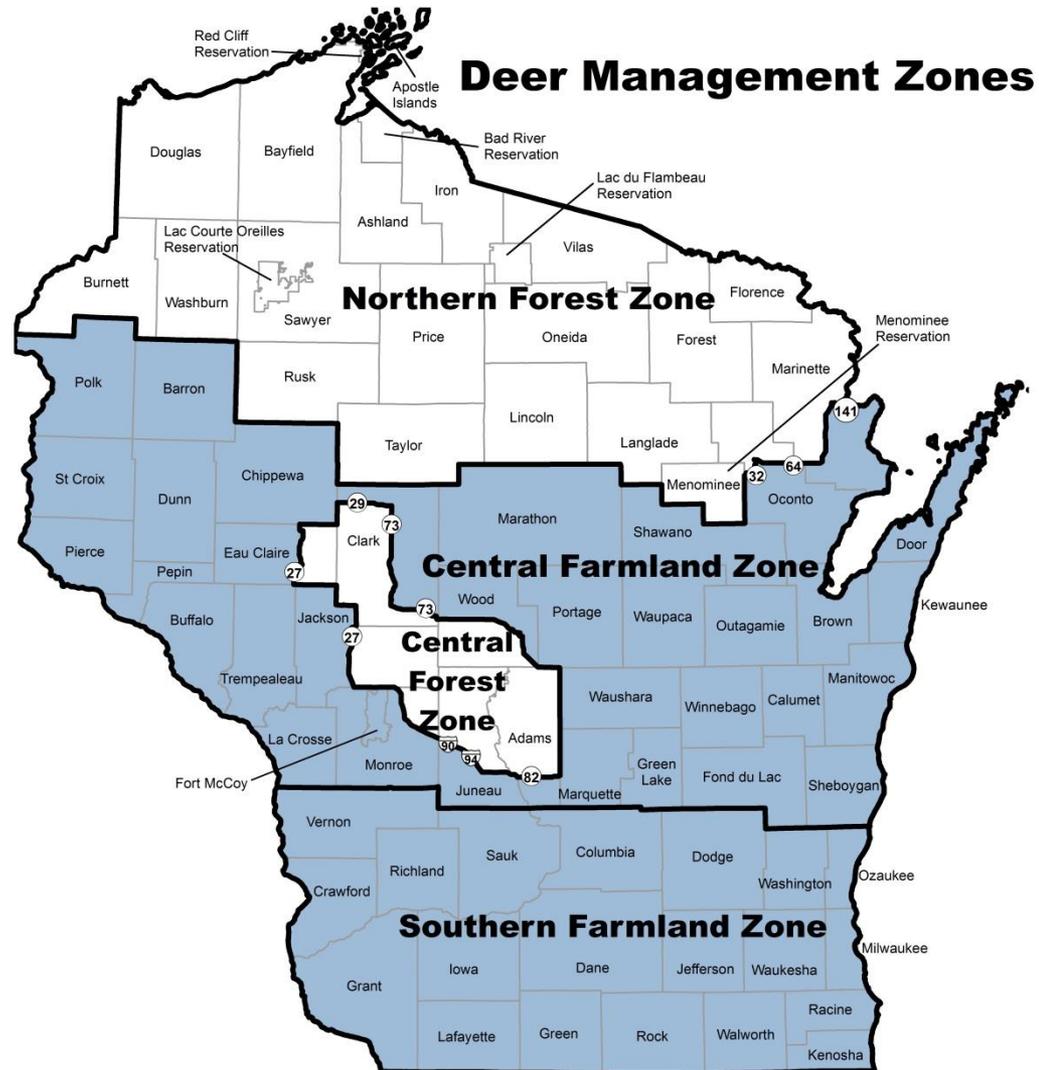
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NEW FOR 2015

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Bonus Buck

- No longer part of standard season framework.
- Could be implemented in a Farmland Zone - **with 2/3 vote by all CDACs zone wide.**



County Deer Advisory Councils

1. Gather public opinion on deer populations goals, antlerless quotas, and season options.
2. Review and consider metrics on deer herd trends, impacts and human interactions.
3. Provide DNR with recommendations on deer populations, antlerless quotas and season options.



County Deer Advisory Councils

- CDACs could recommend a variety of additional season frameworks.
- The department may implement these additional season frameworks provided there is support by 2/3 of the councils in a zone.
- Recommendations could be in effect for three years.

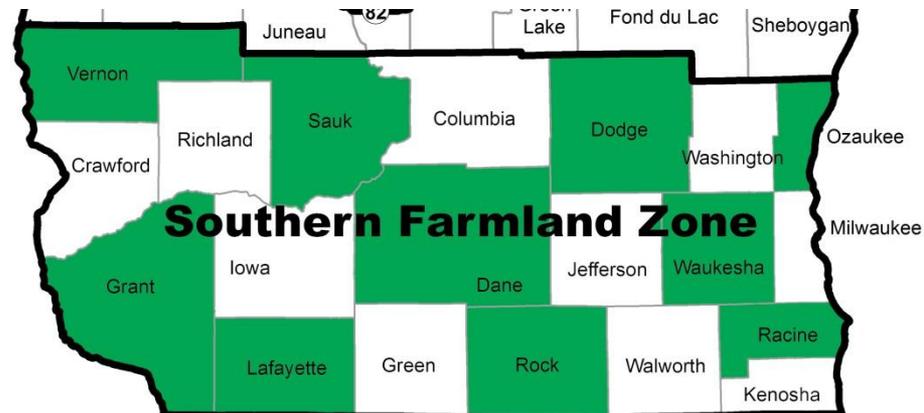
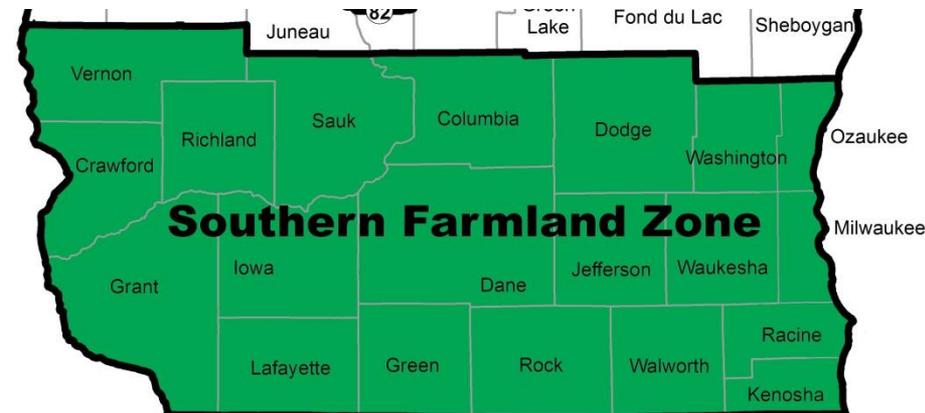
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Natural Resources Board requested feedback: Should implementation be across an entire zone, or county-by-county?

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OR



CDAC Options

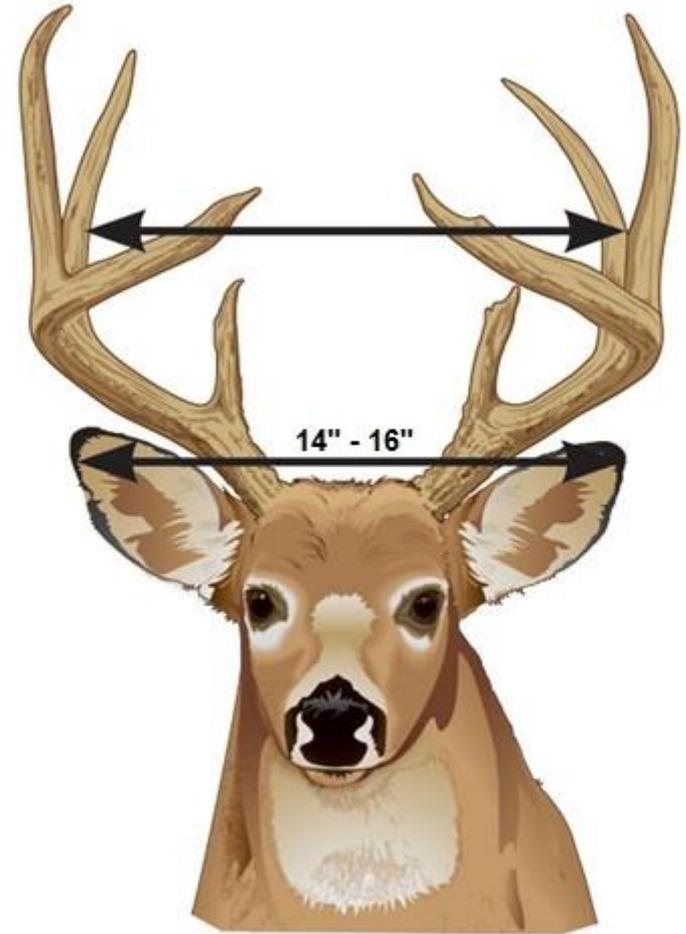
Farmland Zones

- Buck harvest during the holiday hunt.
- Bonus buck in a Farmland Zone.
- In the Southern Farmland Zone, a December four-day antlerless-only firearm season.
- In the Central Farmland Zone, the holiday hunt.



Farmland Zones

- Buck harvest during the holiday hunt restricted to deer with:
 - four antler points on one side or,
 - an antler spread width that is wider than the spread of the deer's ears.



CDAC Options

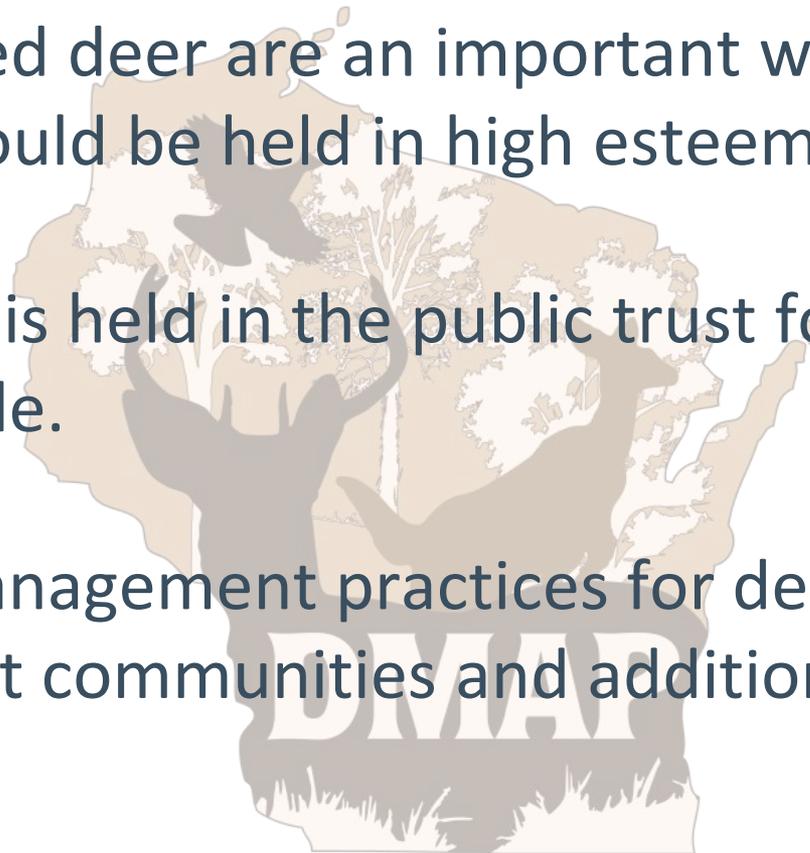
Any Zone

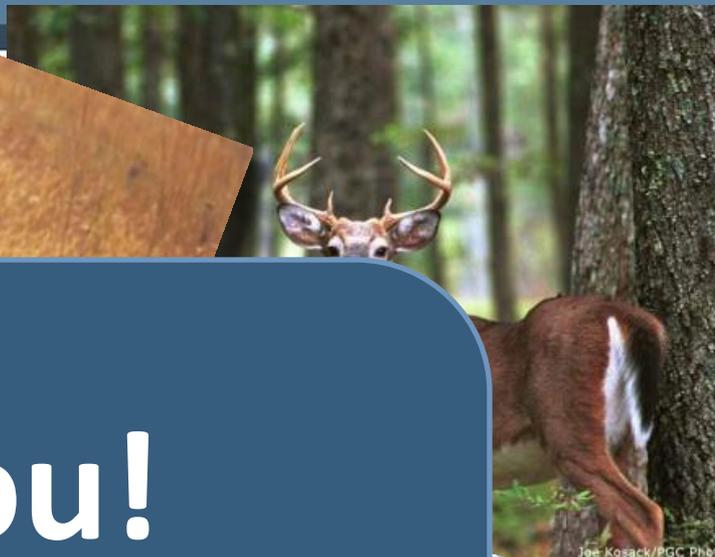
- Limit harvest to antlerless deer-only for all archery or firearm seasons.
- Buck harvest limited to the first two days of the 9-day firearm season.



Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP)

- White-tailed deer are an important wildlife species in WI and should be held in high esteem.
- All wildlife is held in the public trust for the benefit of all people.
- Habitat management practices for deer will benefit forest plant communities and additional wildlife.





Thank You!

Comment on this rule online at
dnr.wi.gov - keyword: deer

