Gun Buck Deer

Harvest authorization types:

Buck harvest authorization types:

- **Bow Buck Deer**
  - Valid in any unit statewide for harvesting a buck deer that has at least one antler which is 3” or longer in length.
  - This harvest authorization is weapon-specific to either a vertical bow or crossbow. It can only be used with a valid archer and/or crossbow deer license during an open archery or crossbow season except when an antlerless-only firearm season is underway. This harvest authorization is valid to use with either weapon when an archer or crossbow license is purchased at the regular price and the other is obtained by purchasing a $3 upgrade. See the 2018 Wisconsin Deer Hunting Regulations for details.

- **Gun Buck Deer**
  - Valid in any unit statewide for harvesting a buck deer that has at least one antler which is 3” or longer in length.
  - This harvest authorization is not weapon-specific and is valid for harvesting a buck deer killed with a firearm, crossbow or vertical bow under the authority of a valid gun deer license during the November 9-day gun deer season (extended in metro sub-units), December muzzleloader season, special hunts for youth license holders, and land available in select DMUs. These harvest authorizations are Zone, DMU, Metro Sub-unit and land-type specific. This harvest authorization is valid for harvesting an antlerless deer within the specified Metro Sub-unit. These harvest authorizations follow the same fee and availability schedule above.

- **Bonus Metro Sub-unit Antlerless Deer** harvest authorizations may be available in select DMUs. These harvest authorizations are Zone, DMU, Metro Sub-unit and land-type specific. This harvest authorization is valid only for harvesting an antlerless deer within the specified Metro Sub-unit. These harvest authorizations follow the same fee and availability schedule above.

- **Farmland (Zone 2) Antlerless Deer**
  - One or more may be included with the purchase of an archer/crossbow and/or gun deer license depending on your selected DMU.
  - Valid for harvesting an antlerless deer only in the Farmland Zone, DMU and land type (public access or private) specified on the harvest authorization.
  - Harvest authorization is not season- or weapon-specific and may be used during any open gun, archery or crossbow season with the appropriate license.
  - Class A & C disabled permit holders and certain active duty military personnel on leave may use this harvest authorization to tag an antlerless deer harvested in any unit, on the land type specified on the harvest authorization, including back only units. See the 2018 Wisconsin Deer Hunting Regulations for more details.

- **Junior Antlerless Deer**
  - Available to youth ages 17 and under.
  - One harvest authorization is included with the purchase of a Junior archer/crossbow deer license and one with the purchase of a Junior gun deer hunting license. Two harvest authorizations are included with a Junior Conservation Patron license.
  - Valid statewide on the land type specified on the harvest authorization during any open gun, archery or crossbow season.

- **Additional Deer Season Information**

  - For more information about 2018 deer hunting regulations and harvest registration visit dnr.wi.gov, keywords “deer” or “electronic registration.”