

Deer Season Set, Apply Online May 7, 2025 North Dakota Game and Fish

North Dakota's 2025 deer season is set, with 42,300 licenses available to hunters, down 7,800 from last year.

In addition, muzzleloader licenses decreased by 150 and restricted youth antlered mule deer licenses remained the same.

Casey Anderson, North Dakota Game and Fish Department wildlife division chief, said population, harvest and survey data indicate the state's deer population is stable to decreasing throughout the state.

"The state's deer population continues to recover from the 2021 EHD outbreak and the severe winter of 2022-23, which limited population growth despite reduced gun licenses during 2023 and 2024 hunting seasons," Anderson said. "Modest license allocations are intended to maintain hunting opportunities while encouraging population growth in the state."

High-quality deer habitat is not abundant, which has limited the potential for population recovery. If CRP contracts continue to expire, Anderson said 85% of the once 3.4 million acres present in 2007 will be lost by 2026.

The spring mule deer survey showed western North Dakota's population is 14% lower than last year despite a reduced harvest and consecutive mild winters.

[Deer gun tags drop nearly 8,000 in North Dakota this year](#) May 8, 2025 KX News

... Wildlife division chief Casey Anderson says despite two straight mild winters, white tail and mule deer are still not rebounding in terms of fawn production. He also points to habitat loss around the state... It's the fourth straight season that available licenses have been lowered ...

[Deer numbers for upcoming season](#) May 10, 2025 North Dakota, KFYY

...Whitetail deer numbers are struggling to rebound because of disease, weather, and lack of good quality habitat... The mule deer population is slightly down from last year..

[A look back at North Dakota's 2024 deer season and ahead to 2025](#) May 20, 2025

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Game and Fish

... More than 70,000 individuals applied for a deer gun lottery license, in addition to over 12,000 gratis applicants. The 2025 deer gun proclamation allows for 42,300 deer gun season licenses...