

[2021 deer licenses in North Dakota at highest level in a decade; drought a concern](#) May 4, 2021

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... 72,200 deer licenses available to hunters this year ... 3,150 more than last year and 67% higher than the recent low point of 43,275 licenses just six years ago ... Extreme drought covers 83% of North Dakota ...

[Survey shows robust North Dakota mule deer population; extreme drought is a concern](#)

May 17, 2021 North Dakota, Blue Mountain Eagle

... "Mild winters are certainly helpful for mule deer; not only did we have a mild winter out west, we pretty much didn't have winter," state Wildlife Chief Jeb Williams said. "They made it through the winter in good shape and will be going into the fawning season in about as good of condition as one could expect in North Dakota." ...

[Deer season set](#) May 18, 2021 North Dakota, The Bowman Extra

... with 72,200 licenses available to hunters, 3,150 more than last year. In total, any-antlered licenses increased ... In total, any-antlered licenses increased by 1,500 from last year, any-antlerless by 1,250, antlered whitetail by 100, antlerless whitetail by 100, antlerless mule deer by 200 and antlered mule deer licenses remained the same...

[A snapshot of wildlife surveys](#) December 30, 2021 North Dakota, The Bismarck Tribune

... "This year's count was the lowest fawn-to-doe ratio since 2011 and 2012, following the severe winters of 2008 through 2010," said Bruce Stillings, department big game management supervisor in Dickinson. "Nutritional stress related to the drought was also apparent, with considerably more yearling bucks observed as spikes rather than forked bucks." ...