

6232.1300 SEASONS FOR TAKING DEER BY FIREARMS.

Subpart 1. **100 Series.** This subpart applies to deer permit areas 100 to 199. Legal bucks may be taken for a 16-day period beginning the Saturday nearest November 6. In managed or intensive deer permit areas, antlerless deer may be taken throughout this season. In lottery deer permit areas and in special hunt areas, antlerless deer may be taken only by permit throughout this season and only within the deer permit or special hunt area specified on each hunter's permit, except as specifically authorized by statute. A person who is authorized by statute to take a deer of either sex without an either-sex permit and who is licensed for season option A may take an antlerless deer without a permit, except in those lottery deer permit areas where no either-sex permits are offered and in youth-only antlerless deer permit areas.

Subp. 2. **200 Series.** This subpart applies to deer permit areas 200 to 299. Legal bucks may be taken for a nine-day period beginning the Saturday nearest November 6. In managed or intensive deer permit areas, antlerless deer may be taken throughout this season. In lottery deer permit areas and in special hunt areas, antlerless deer may be taken only by permit throughout this season and only within the deer permit or special hunt area specified on each hunter's permit, except as specifically authorized by statute. A person who is authorized by statute to take a deer of either sex without an either-sex permit and who is licensed for season option A may take an antlerless deer without a permit, except in those lottery deer permit areas where no either-sex permits are offered and in youth-only antlerless deer permit areas.

Subp. 3. **300 Series.**

A. This subpart applies to deer permit areas 300 to 399. Item B applies to season option A. Item C applies to season option B.

B. Legal bucks may be taken in season option A for a seven-day period beginning the Saturday nearest November 6. In managed or intensive deer permit areas, antlerless deer may be taken throughout this season. In lottery deer permit areas and in special hunt areas, antlerless deer may be taken only by permit throughout this season and only within the deer permit or special hunt area specified on each hunter's permit, except as specifically authorized by statute. A person who is authorized by statute to take a deer of either sex without an either-sex permit and who is licensed for season option A may take an antlerless deer without a permit, except in those lottery deer permit areas where no either-sex permits are offered and in youth-only antlerless deer permit areas.

C. Legal bucks may be taken in season option B for a nine-day period beginning the Saturday nearest November 20. In managed or intensive deer permit areas, antlerless deer may be taken throughout this season. In lottery deer permit areas and in special hunt areas, antlerless deer may be taken only by permit throughout this season and only within the deer permit or special hunt area specified on each hunter's permit, except as specifically authorized by statute. A person who is authorized by statute to take a deer of either sex without an either-sex permit and who is licensed for season option B may take an antlerless deer without a permit, except in those lottery deer permit areas where no either-sex permits are offered and in youth-only antlerless deer permit areas.

Subp. 4. [Repealed, 33 SR 1967]

Subp. 4a. **Metropolitan Deer Management Zone.** Legal bucks and antlerless deer may be taken in the Metropolitan Deer Management Zone beginning on the Saturday nearest November 6 and ending on the last day of the final firearms deer season. The Metropolitan Deer Management Zone is deer permit area 601 according to part 6232.4700, subpart 158.

Subp. 5. **Taking antlerless deer on firearms licenses.** The provisions for taking antlerless deer in this part apply to the use of a regular firearms, all-season, or youth deer license tag. In addition, antlerless deer may be taken and tagged with bonus permits as prescribed in parts 6232.1900 and 6232.1950.

Subp. 6. **Permit quota adjustments.** The commissioner may reduce either-sex and special hunt permit quotas for permit areas wholly or partially within the 1837 Ceded Territory at the time the computerized drawing is conducted to accommodate tribal declarations for antlerless deer harvest in the 1837 Ceded Territory in compliance with *Mille Lacs Band of Chippewa v. Minnesota*, 119 S. Ct. 1187 (1999).

Statutory Authority: *MS s 14.389; 97B.305; 97B.311*

History: *18 SR 83; 19 SR 2222; 30 SR 613; 33 SR 1967; 34 SR 621; 35 SR 2014*

NOTE: This part has been amended, effective upon full implementation of the replacement electronic licensing system. See State Register, volume 49, pages 534 to 548 and 1416.

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