

ANTLERLESS FIREARMS SEASON DEER

All antlerless deer taken during the antlerless deer season or the portion of the antlerless deer season concurrent with buck firearms season must be taken on a Class N or NN stamp, Class DT license or as a landowner. Only one antlerless deer may be taken on each Class N or NN stamp. See exception for concurrent archery and crossbow hunting on page 27.

All West Virginia residents must purchase a Class N stamp to hunt during the antlerless season with the following exceptions:

- Resident landowners (see page 10) may hunt antlerless deer on their land without a license provided the land is in a county or part thereof open to antlerless deer hunting.
- Resident landowners, their resident children or resident parents do not have to live on the property. However, a resident tenant must permanently live on the land.
- Resident stockholders of resident corporations formed for the primary purpose of hunting or fishing who own in fee no less than 1,000 acres may hunt antlerless deer on their own land, provided the land is in a county or part thereof open to antlerless deer hunting.
- Residents or nonresidents who hold Class DT licenses are not required to purchase Class N or NN stamps but must abide by all other antlerless regulations.

All nonresidents, military personnel, senior citizens, Class Q and QQ, Class XS, disabled veterans, former POWs and underage hunters not exempted must purchase a Class N or NN stamp to hunt antlerless deer during the antlerless season.

- Class N or NN stamps may be purchased at any license agent, the DNR offices in South Charleston and Elkins, or on the DNR website (see page 44).
- Class N or NN stamps are nontransferable. Class N or NN stamps are not county specific, but in limited resident counties, State Forests or WMAs, the Class N stamp must be accompanied by a valid eligibility card.
- During the antlerless season, a Class N or NN stamp holder may substitute a bow or crossbow for a firearm to take antlerless deer.

A hunter may harvest two deer on the same day, but only one antlered buck may be harvested on the same day. The first deer does not have to be electronically registered prior to harvesting the second deer in the same day. However, all deer legally harvested must be electronically registered and legally tagged prior to hunting during a subsequent day.

No person may actively participate (i.e., drive) in any manner in hunting antlerless deer without a valid Class N or NN stamp or otherwise being exempt from having a Class N or NN stamp.

HOW TO REPORT HARVEST OF TAGGED WHITE-TAILED DEER

In February 2021, WVDNR started a white-tailed deer research project examining survival, cause-specific mortality, habitat selection, and movement rates of male and female deer across West Virginia. This project will be ongoing for the next five years.

Radio-tagged animals are legal game during the hunting season. If you harvest a radio-tagged deer, please do not cut the collar off the animal. After harvesting a radio-tagged deer, please call Brett Skelly at the Elkins Operation Center at (304) 637-0245 to report the tag number and return the collar. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and important to the success of this project.



Above: a radio-tagged buck

Right: radio collar.

Below: ear tag showing WVDNR phone number.



DEER ANTLERLESS FIREARMS SEASON



Counties or parts thereof with a Bag Limit of Three Class N or NN Deer in Antlerless Season and Counties with a Bag Limit of Three Class N or NN Deer with Special Regulations

Counties or parts thereof with a bag limit of three Class N or NN deer in antlerless season having a special regulation

There are 10 counties or parts thereof where a hunter may take three antlerless deer during the antlerless season by purchasing multiple Class N or NN stamps (see pages 15 and 20). Hunters may take up to three antlerless (Class N or NN) deer in each county or part thereof and not to exceed the annual statewide bag limit of three antlerless (Class N or NN) deer. **There are 10 counties or parts thereof (see pages 15 and 20) that require hunters to take an antlerless deer within the county, which may be taken during any regular deer season open to antlerless deer hunting, before killing a second antlered deer within the county. This regulation applies across all the combined regular deer seasons and the Mountaineer Heritage Season.** See pages 18, 19 and 20 for antlerless regulations on WMAs and other public lands.

Counties or parts thereof with a bag limit of three Class N or NN deer in antlerless season

There are 18 counties or parts thereof where a hunter may take three antlerless deer during the antlerless season by purchasing multiple Class N or NN stamps (see pages 15 and 20). Hunters may take up to three antlerless (Class N or NN) deer in each county or part thereof and not to exceed the annual statewide bag limit of three antlerless (Class N or NN) deer. See pages 18, 19 and 20 for antlerless regulations on WMAs and other public lands.

-  **Unlimited Resident and Nonresident with special regulation:**
bag limit of three
-  **Unlimited Resident and Nonresident:**
bag limit of three

WEST VIRGINIA CWD CONTAINMENT AREA

See pages 13-14 for special regulations regarding deer carcass transport, designated CWD sampling stations and baiting and feeding of wildlife within the West Virginia CWD Containment Area.

Concurrent Hunting during the Antlerless Deer Season

During antlerless season, concurrent hunting for small game (except during the first three days of the buck firearms season) and bear (where the season is open) is legal; however, no hunter except those legally hunting deer or bear shall be afield with a firearm with solid ball ammunition or shot shells containing larger than No. 4 shot, except for waterfowl hunters using nontoxic shot.

Concurrent archery and crossbow hunting for antlered and antlerless deer is legal during the antlerless season subject to all archery and crossbow deer hunting regulations. All persons hunting during deer firearms seasons (except those engaged in farming activities on their own land and waterfowl hunters) must wear at least 400 square inches of blaze orange as an outer garment.

Concurrent waterfowl hunting is legal (see separate WVDNR Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations publication).



Counties or parts thereof, State Forests and/or WMAs with Limited Resident and Nonresident Class N or NN Permits, and Unlimited Resident and Nonresident Class N or NN with a Bag Limit of One

Counties or parts thereof with a bag limit of one Class N or NN deer in antlerless season



Nineteen counties or parts thereof have an unlimited number of Class N or NN stamps for resident and nonresident antlerless deer hunting (see pages 16 and 20). No application is necessary for these counties. Hunters may take one antlerless (Class N or NN) deer in each county or part thereof in this group of counties, not to exceed the annual statewide bag limit of three antlerless (Class N or NN) deer. See pages 18, 19 and 20 for antlerless regulations on WMAs and other public lands.

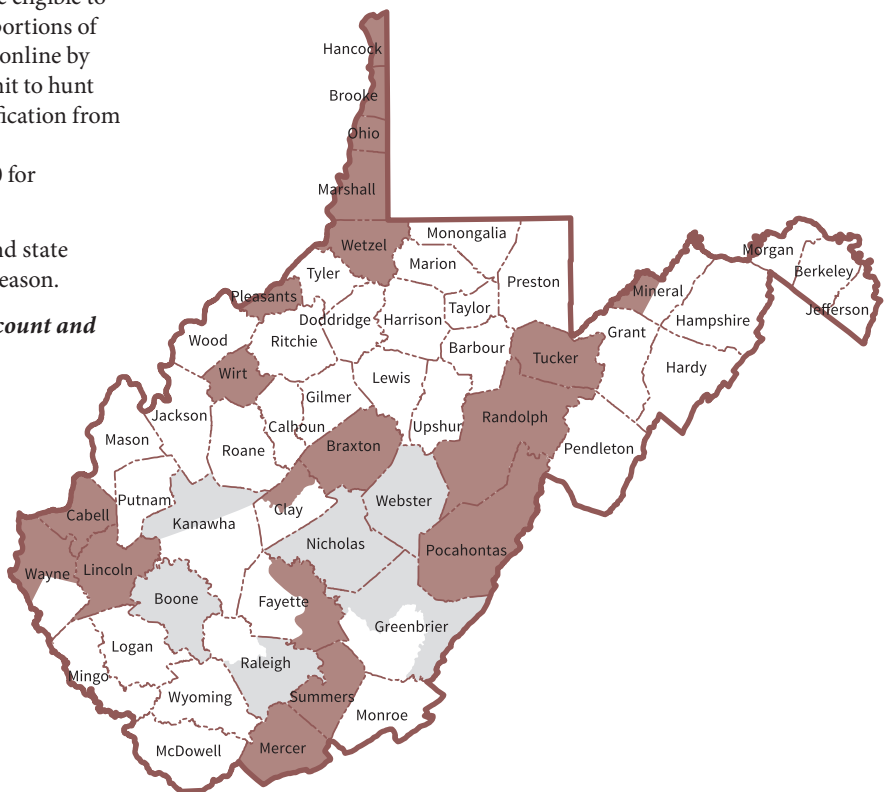
Counties or parts thereof and public lands with limited resident and nonresident hunting for Class N or NN deer in antlerless season

There are six counties or parts thereof with resident Class N or nonresident Class NN antlerless deer hunting with prior permit application in 2021 (see pages 16 and 20). One wildlife management area (WMA), National Forest in Randolph and Pocahontas counties and two state forests (SFs) have a limited number of Class N or Class NN stamps for antlerless deer hunting (see page 20). To be eligible to hunt in one of these counties or on one of these WMAs, portions of National Forest or SFs, an application must be submitted online by August 13, 2021. Resident landowners do not need a permit to hunt on their own land. Successful applicants will receive notification from the DNR by mail and applicants can check online at WVdnr.gov beginning August 20. See pages 18, 19 and 20 for antlerless regulations on WMAs and other public lands.

In limited resident and nonresident antlerless WMAs and state forests, a hunter may take only one deer in the antlerless season.

To apply, go online to WVdnr.gov, and log into your account and click the Enter Lottery tab.

-  **Unlimited Resident and Nonresident:**
bag limit of one
-  **Limited Resident and Nonresident:**
bag limit of one



SHARE THE HARVEST SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 7, 2021

The DNR and the WV Council of Churches cooperatively sponsor Share Your Harvest Sunday each year to financially support the **Hunters Helping the Hungry (HHH)** program. Since its inception in 1992, HHH has provided venison for more than 1.3 million meals to needy West Virginians.

During this Sunday, or another Sunday of choice, churches are encouraged to ask members of the congregation to donate \$1, \$5 or whatever they can afford. DNR staff collect the donations to help pay for meat processing and distribution costs.

Mail donations to:

Hunters Helping the Hungry
WVDNR Wildlife Resources
163 Wildlife Road
French Creek, WV 26218

For more information contact
the DNR District 3 office
at 304.924.6211 or visit






www.WVdnr.gov/Hunting/HHH.shtm

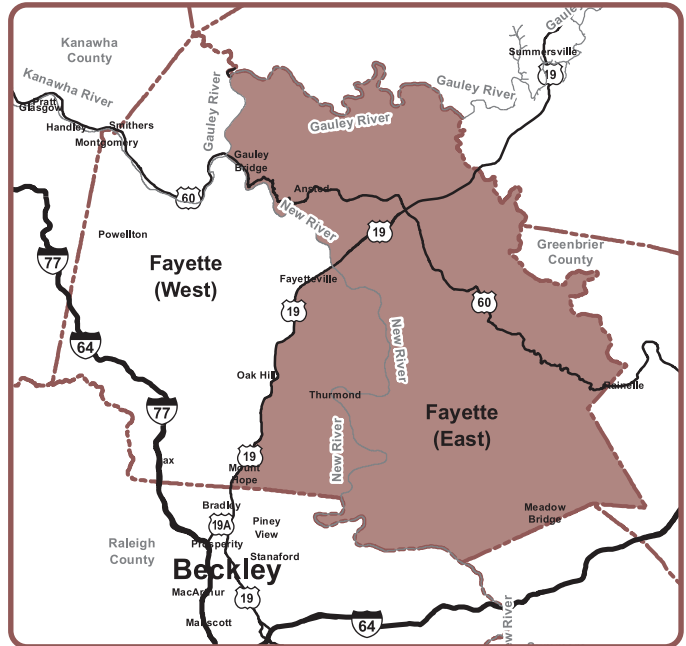


DEER SPLIT COUNTIES – MAPS/DESCRIPTIONS

ANTLERLESS SEASON KEY

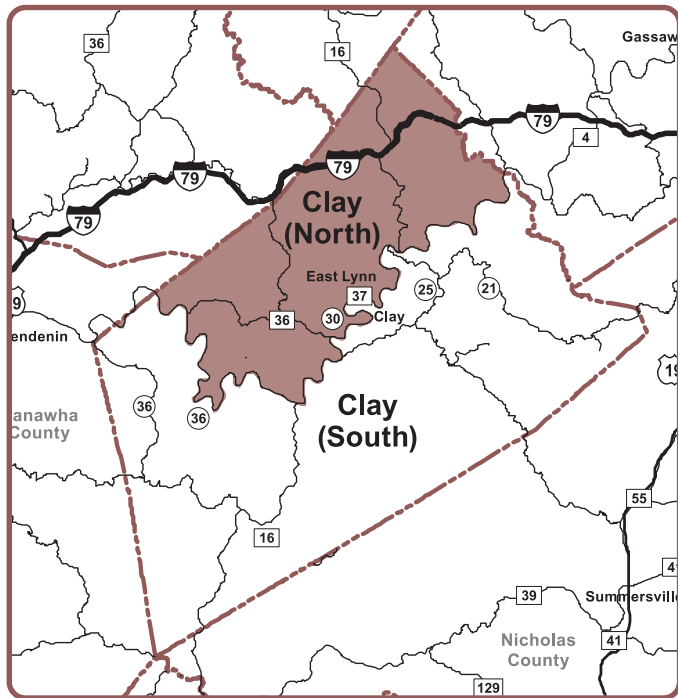
(See pages 15-20)

-  Unlimited Resident and Nonresident with special regulation: bag limit of three
-  Unlimited Resident and Nonresident: bag limit of three
-  Unlimited Resident and Nonresident: bag limit of one
-  Limited Resident and Nonresident: bag limit of one
-  Closed: to all firearms deer hunting



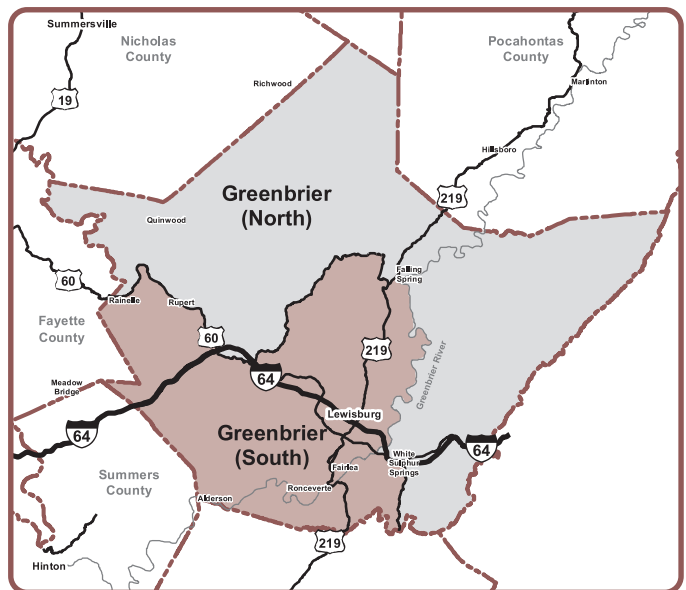
Fayette County

(East/West Division Line) — starting at the Raleigh County line, U.S. Route 19N to New River, then follow New River north to the Gauley River (at Gauley Bridge), then along the Gauley River to the Nicholas County line.



Clay County

(North/South Division Line) — The Elk River forms the boundary between the northern and southern portions of the county.



Greenbrier County

(North/South Division Line) — starting at the Fayette County line, U.S. Route 60E to CR9, CR9N to U.S. Route 219, U.S. Route 219N to CR 11 (at Renick), CR 11E to Greenbrier River, south along the Greenbrier River to I-64, I-64E to CR 60/14, CR 60/14S to Monroe County line.