

NEW BRUNSWICK Nuisance Deer Management Assistance Program

2025 FACT SHEET

- What?** The Nuisance Deer Management Assistance Program (**NDMAP**) will allow eligible agricultural producers who have experienced economic loss due to deer damage to receive special permits authorizing hunters to harvest up to two antlerless deer. The permits are issued to hunters who are chosen by the producer to harvest deer on their property. Permits will be provided to harvest only antlerless deer, as removal of those deer will have the greatest effect on controlling local populations. The number of available permits will be determined for each property by the Department of Natural Resource (**DNR**) on a case-by-case basis.
- When?** NDMAP permits will be valid for use by hunters only during the open deer hunting season for the local area of the property (October 6 – November 23, 2025). **Application dates are September 1 to October 31, 2025.**
- Why?** Deer can have significant impacts to agricultural producers. DNR is working with the Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries (**DAAF**) to help reduce local deer densities in a manner that is safe, effective and acceptable to most residents. Allowing hunters to harvest extra deer is an efficient approach to address the issue while allowing public benefit from the resource.

HOW TO APPLY FOR A NUISANCE DEER MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PERMIT

Professional agricultural producers that are eligible for the DAAF programs **Wildlife Damage Compensation Program** or **Wildlife Damage Mitigation Program** (for only crops defined under the Wildlife Damage Compensation Program) are eligible to apply:

- STEP 1** **Contact DAAF Wildlife Damage Compensation Program Coordinator to express your interest in obtaining NDMAP permits for your property.** – Eligibility for the **Wildlife Damage Compensation Program** or the **Wildlife Damage Mitigation Program**, and Property Identification Numbers (PIDs) are required to apply. DAAF will forward eligible applications to DNR for assessment.
- STEP 2** **Site Assessment** – Private properties greater than 1 acre with legal hunting potential are eligible. Properties may receive a site visit by DAAF and DNR staff to assess for crop damage, any potential hunting safety concerns, and the number of permits to be issued. Hunting will NOT be allowed within 100 meters of neighboring dwellings. Discharge distances for archery may be reduced from the landowner's dwelling with the landowner's permission. Applications for privately leased lands must include signed permission from the landowner.
- STEP 3** **Approval** – Qualifying agricultural producers will receive written notification from DNR of the number of NDMAP permits that will be issued for their respective property (PID) and any conditions that may be applied.
- STEP 4** **Selection of Hunters** – Most landowners desire some control over who accesses their property. It will be the responsibility of the producer to select hunters to hunt deer on their property under a NDMAP permit. Landowners will provide each hunter's name, address and 2025 deer hunting license number to DNR. Once approved, producers can pick up their NDMAP permit package from a local DNR office, and eligible hunters can pick up their permit(s) from the agricultural producer.

NOTE:

- a. Only hunters holding a current resident deer hunting license are eligible for NDMAP permits from one landowner per year.
- b. One **antlerless** deer may be harvested under a NDMAP permit;
- c. Up to two (2) NDMAP permits may be issued by the landowner to each hunter per year;
- d. The NDMAP permit is in addition to the normal one-deer bag limit;
- e. Hunters may register the harvested deer through the online Big Game Registration or at a DNR office.
- f. Hunters willing to participate may register their name with Agriculture Alliance of NB www.fermeNBfarm.ca. Landowners seeking hunters will be provided this list at their request.

DAAF Wildlife Damage Compensation Program Coordinator:
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Local DNR offices, please see:

<https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/erd/fish-and-wildlife/content/Regions.html>

Application ends on October 31, 2025. Processing times for applications could take up to 3 weeks but may vary depending on volume.