



# 2011-2012 HUNTING SEASONS

## WHITE-TAILED DEER

### Deer Management Zone 1

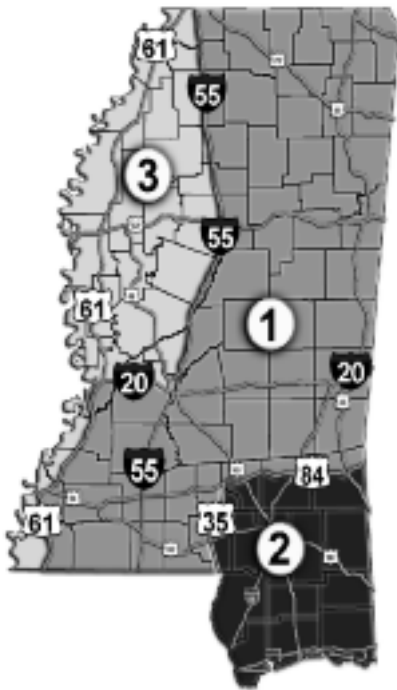
Private and open public lands east of I-55 and north of I-20 plus areas south of I-20 and east of U.S. Highway 61, excluding areas south of U.S. Highway 84 and east of MS Highway 35.

### Deer Management Zone 2

Private and open public lands south of U.S. Highway 84 and east of MS Highway 35.

### Deer Management Zone 3

Private and open public lands west of I-55 and north of I-20 plus areas south of I-20 and west of U.S. Highway 61.



LEGAL BUCKS			
Zone	Inside Spread	OR	Main Beam
1	10"	OR	13"
2	10"	OR	13"
3	12"	OR	15"

### Bag Limits

**Antlered Buck Deer:** The bag limit on antlered buck deer is one (1) buck per day, not to exceed three (3) per license year. Legal bucks must meet the antler criteria within the appropriate deer management zone. For youth hunters fifteen (15) years of age and younger, hunting on private land and authorized state and federal lands, all three (3) of the three (3) buck bag limit may be any antlered deer.

**Antlerless Deer:** The bag limit on antlerless deer is one (1) per day, not to exceed five (5) per license year.

**Spotted Fawns** are not to be killed or molested at any time.

### Legal Bucks

#### Zones 1 and 2

A legal buck is defined as having EITHER a minimum inside spread of 10 inches OR one main beam at least 13 inches long.

#### How to estimate a 10 inch inside spread:

Estimating a 10 inch spread is accomplished by observing a buck's ears in the alert position. When in the alert position, the distance from ear-tip to ear-tip measures approximately 14 inches. If the OUTSIDE of each antler beam is 1 inch inside the ear-tip, the inside spread is approximately 10 inches.

#### How to estimate a 13 inch main beam:

To estimate a 13 inch main beam, the buck's head must be observed from the side. If the tip of the main beam extends to the front of the eye, main beam length is approximately 13 inches.

10" Inside Spread



13" Main Beam



## Zone 3

**A legal buck is defined as having EITHER a minimum inside spread of 12 inches OR one main beam at least 15 inches long.**

### How to estimate a 12 inch inside spread:

Estimating a 12 inch spread is accomplished by observing a buck's ears in the alert position. When in the alert position, the distance from ear-tip to ear-tip measures approximately 15\* inches. If the OUTSIDE of each antler beam reaches the ear-tip, the inside spread is approximately 12 inches. Therefore, if the outside of both antler beams reach the ear tips, the buck is legal.

\*Due to body size differences in Zone 3, ear-tip to ear-tip measurements are slightly larger compared to Zones 1 & 2.

### How to estimate a 15 inch main beam:

To estimate a 15 inch main beam, the buck's head must be observed from the side. If the tip of the main beam extends between the front of the eye and the tip of the nose, main beam length is approximately 15 inches.

12" Inside Spread



15" Main Beam



## DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 1

Private and open public lands east of I-55 and north of I-20 plus areas south of I-20 and east of U.S. Hwy. 61, excluding areas south of U.S. Hwy. 84 and east of MS Hwy. 35. **A legal buck is defined as having EITHER a minimum inside spread of 10 inches OR a minimum main beam length of 13 inches.**

Method	Season Dates	Legal Deer
Archery	Oct. 1 - Nov. 18, 2011	Antlerless Deer & Legal Bucks on private and open public land.
Youth Gun	Nov. 5, 2011 - Jan. 31, 2012	Antlerless Deer & Legal Bucks on private and authorized state and federal lands. Youth 15 and under.
Special Primitive Weapons Hunt / Crossbow	Nov. 7 - 18, 2011	Antlerless Deer Only (private and open public land).
Gun (with dogs) / Crossbow / Special Archery Hunt	Nov. 19 - Dec. 1, 2011	Antlerless Deer & Legal Bucks on private land; Legal Bucks only on open public land.
Primitive Weapon / Crossbow / Special Archery Hunt	Dec. 2 - 15, 2011	Antlerless Deer & Legal Bucks on private and open public land.
Gun (without dogs) / Crossbow / Special Archery Hunt	Dec. 16 - 23, 2011	Antlerless Deer & Legal Bucks on private and open public land.
Gun (with dogs) / Crossbow / Special Archery Hunt	Dec. 24, 2011 - Jan. 18, 2012	Antlerless Deer & Legal Bucks on private land; Legal Bucks only on open public land.
Primitive Weapon / Archery / Crossbow	Jan. 19 - 31, 2012	Antlerless Deer & Legal Bucks on private and open public land.

## DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 2

Private and open public lands south of U.S. Hwy. 84 and east of MS Hwy. 35. **A legal buck is defined as having EITHER a minimum inside spread of 10 inches OR a minimum main beam length of 13 inches.**

Method	Season Dates	Legal Deer
Archery	Oct. 15 - Nov. 18, 2011	Antlerless Deer & Legal Bucks on private and open public land.
Youth Gun	Nov. 5, 2011 - Feb. 15, 2012	Antlerless Deer & Legal Bucks on private and authorized state and federal lands. Youth 15 and under.
Gun (with dogs) / Crossbow / Special Archery Hunt	Nov. 19 - Dec. 1, 2011	Antlerless Deer & Legal Bucks on private land; legal bucks only on open public land.
Primitive Weapon / Crossbow / Special Archery Hunt	Dec. 2 - 15, 2011	Antlerless Deer & Legal Bucks on private and open public land.
Gun (without dogs) / Crossbow / Special Archery Hunt	Dec. 16 - 23, 2011	Antlerless Deer & Legal Bucks on private and open public land.
Gun (with dogs) / Crossbow / Special Archery Hunt	Dec. 24, 2011 - Jan. 18, 2012	Antlerless Deer & Legal Bucks on private land; Legal Bucks only on open public land.
Primitive Weapon / Archery / Crossbow	Jan. 19 - 31, 2012	Antlerless Deer & Legal Bucks on private land; Legal Bucks only on open public land.
	Feb. 1 - 15, 2012	Legal Bucks only on private and open public land.

## DEER MANAGEMENT ZONE 3

Private and open public lands west of I-55 and north of I-20 plus areas south of I-20 and west of U.S. Hwy. 61. A legal buck is defined as having EITHER a minimum inside spread of 12 inches OR a minimum main beam length of 15 inches.

Method	Season Dates	Legal Deer
Archery	Oct. 1 - Nov. 18, 2011	Antlerless Deer & Legal Bucks on private and open public land.
Youth Gun	Nov. 5, 2011 - Jan. 31, 2012	Antlerless Deer & Legal Bucks on private and authorized state and federal lands. Youth 15 and under.
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Primitive Weapon / Archery / Crossbow	Jan. 19 - 31, 2012	Antlerless Deer & Legal Bucks on private and open public land.

## FALL TURKEY

Season	Dates	Bag Limit
Fall (see open areas)	Oct. 15 - Nov. 15, 2011	Two (2) turkeys, which may be either sex.
<b>Open Areas: In the following zones on private lands, and where the landowner/leaseholder completes a fall turkey hunting application and provides a copy of the property deed or lease agreement at a MDWFP district office or the Jackson office.</b>		
<b>Delta Zone:</b> Bolivar County - west of the main Mississippi River levee and those lands east of the main Mississippi River levee known as 27 Break Hunting Club; Coahoma, Desoto, Issaquena, Tunica, and Washington counties - west of the main Mississippi River levee.		
<b>North-Central Zone:</b> Benton, Lafayette, Marshall, Panola, Tippah, and Union counties.		
<b>Southwestern Zone:</b> Adams, Amite, Claiborne, Copiah, Hinds, Franklin, Jefferson, Lincoln, Madison, Warren, Wilkinson, and Yazoo counties.		

## SPRING TURKEY

Season	Dates	Bag Limit
Youth (Private and authorized state and federal public lands; youth 15 and under)	Mar. 8 -14, 2012	See Spring season for bag limit.
Spring (see closed areas)	Mar. 15 - May 1, 2012	One (1) adult gobbler or 1 gobbler with a 6-inch or longer beard per day, 3 per spring season. Hunters 15 years of age and younger may harvest 1 gobbler of choice (any age) per day, 3 per spring season.
<b>Closed Areas for Spring Turkey Hunting</b>		
<b>In the counties of:</b>	<b>In the area of:</b>	
Coahoma	West of Hwy. 61, east of Hwy. 1, north of Eagles Nest-Friars Pt. Rd., and south of Coahoma-Friars Point Rd.	
Leflore	West of Hwy. 7 and Hwy. 49E and north of Moorehead Rd. and south of Hwy. 442.	
Quitman	Entire county.	
Sunflower	South of Hwy. 442 and east of Hwy. 3 and Hwy. 49W and north of Berclair Rd.	

## SMALL GAME

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit
Squirrel (Zone 1*)	Oct. 1, 2011 - Feb 28, 2012	8
Squirrel (Zone 2**)	Oct. 15, 2011 - Feb. 28, 2012	8
Squirrel (Zone 3***)	Oct. 29, 2011 - Feb. 28, 2012	8
<b>Youth Squirrel Hunts - Private and authorized state and federal public lands - Youth 15 and under</b>		
Zone 1	Sept. 24 - Sept. 30, 2011	8
Zone 2	Oct. 8 - Oct. 14, 2011	8
Zone 3	Oct. 22 - Oct. 28, 2011	8
*Zone 1 - Areas north of Hwy. 82 plus those portions of Sunflower County and Washington County south of Hwy. 82.		
**Zone 2 - Areas between Hwy. 82 and Hwy. 84 plus portions of the state south of Hwy. 84 and west of I-55.		
***Zone 3 - Areas south of Hwy. 84 and east of I-55.		

## SMALL GAME

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit
Rabbit	Oct. 15, 2011 - Feb. 28, 2012	8
Bobwhite Quail	Nov. 24, 2011 - Mar. 3, 2012	8
Frog	Apr. 1 - Sept. 30, 2012	25/night
Raccoon	July 1 - Sept. 30, 2011	1 per party/night
Opossum, Raccoon, and Bobcat	Oct. 1 - 31, 2011 (Food and sport) Nov. 1, 2011 - Feb. 28, 2012 (Food, sport, and pelt)	5/day; 8/party no limit
Trapping	Nov. 1, 2011 - Feb. 28, 2012	no limit

## MIGRATORY GAME BIRD SEASONS

Species	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit
Canada Geese*	Sept. 1 - 15, 2011	5	10
	Nov. 21, 2011 - Jan. 29, 2012	3	6
White-winged and Mourning Doves (North Zone)**	Sept. 3 - 25, 2011 Oct. 8 - Nov. 1, 2011 Dec. 25, 2011 - Jan. 15, 2012	15 singly or in aggregate	30
White-winged and Mourning Doves (South Zone)***	Sept. 3 - 11, 2011 Oct. 8 - Nov. 2, 2011 Dec. 12, 2011 - Jan. 15, 2012	15 singly or in aggregate	30
Teal	Sept. 10 - 25, 2011	4	8
Rails (Sora & Virginia)	Sept. 24 - Dec. 2, 2011	25 singly or in aggregate	25
Rails (Clapper & King)	Sept. 24 - Dec. 2, 2011	15 singly or in aggregate	30
Moorhens & Gallinules	Sept. 24 - Dec. 2, 2011	15 singly or in aggregate	30
Crow	Nov. 5, 2011 - Feb. 26, 2012	no limit	no limit
Snipe	Nov. 12, 2011 - Feb. 26, 2012	8	16
Snow, Blue, & Ross's Geese	Nov. 17, 2011 - Jan. 29, 2012	20	no limit
White-fronted Geese	Nov. 17, 2011 - Jan. 29, 2012	2	4
Brant	Nov. 21, 2011 - Jan. 29, 2012	2	4
Ducks, Mergansers, & Coots	Nov. 25 - 27, 2011 Dec. 2 - 4, 2011 Dec. 7, 2011 - Jan. 29, 2012	See below for species bag limit.	
Woodcock	Dec. 9, 2011 - Jan. 22, 2012	3	6
Youth Waterfowl Weekend	Feb. 4 - 5, 2012	Bag limits & shooting hours are the same as the regular season.	
Light Goose Conservation Order****	Oct. 1 - Nov. 16, 2011 Jan. 30 - Feb. 3, 2012 Feb. 6 - Mar. 31, 2012	no limit	no limit

\*Roebuck Lake in Leflore County is closed to Canada Goose hunting.

\*\* (Dove North Zone) That portion of the State north and west of a line extending west from the Alabama State line along U.S. Highway 84 to its junction with State Highway 35, then south along State Highway 35 to the Louisiana State line.

\*\*\* (Dove South Zone) The remainder of Mississippi.

\*\*\*\* To participate in the Light Goose Conservation Order, hunters need a valid Mississippi hunting license, state waterfowl stamp, and a free Light Goose Conservation Order permit. Hunters can obtain a permit by calling 601-432-2199.

### DAILY BAG LIMITS / POSSESSION LIMITS:

**Possession Limit** is twice the daily bag limit for all migratory game birds except on opening day unless otherwise noted.

**Ducks** - A total of 6 ducks, including no more than 4 mallards (no more than 2 of which may be females), 1 mottled duck, 3 wood ducks, 2 redheads, 2 scaup, 1 black duck, 1 canvasback, and 2 pintails. Possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.

**Mergansers** - A total of 5, only 2 of which may be hooded mergansers. Possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.

**Coots** - 15 Daily. Possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.

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