Permits

Permit Revocation
The Division may revoke any permit or other authorization issued for violation or due cause.

Rifle Permits
A valid rifle permit is required for coyote, deer, squirrel and woodchuck hunting with a .22 caliber rifle; and for dispatching trapped animals other than muskrat with a .22 caliber rifle. Initial rifle permit applicants must be at least 10 years old and have successfully completed a rifle hunter education course. Applications for rifle permits may be obtained at the Division’s Trenton Office. Rifle permits for 10 to 17 years old will be valid only for muzzleloader. No person under 18 years old may hunt with modern rifles, including centerfire or rimfire.

 Falconry Permits
Hunting with raptors (birds of prey) is only allowed with a Falconry Permit and a hunting license. See the section of falconry for hunting rules.

Permits to Possess Road-Killed Deer
Deer which have been accidentally killed by motor vehicles may be possessed for private consumption only by obtaining a free permit from the local police department or from a Division regional law enforcement office. Wrapped packages of the venison must be labeled with the permit number. The permit only authorizes the possession of the meat for consumption and prohibits the possession of any other parts.

Captive Wildlife Permits
The possession, ownership and release of wildlife is regulated and only for limited purposes. The public is urged to leave wildlife in the wild where it belongs. You may not possess or liberate any game, nongame, or exotic mammal, bird, reptile or amphibian without a permit from the Division. Permits are required for the possession of most non-game species and all game species. Wildlife from wild origin cannot be kept in captivity by the general public. Certain species of wildlife bred in captivity may be purchased and possessed from licensed breeders and dealers. Information and applications may be obtained by calling:
- Nongame and Exotics: 609-292-9591
- Gamebirds and Mammals: 609-984-6211

Beaver & Otter Permits
Beaver and otter may be trapped by special permit only. Special permit applications and additional information will be available from Division offices beginning October 1, 2001. The permit application period is Oct. 15–Nov. 15, 2001.

Field Trial Permits
Field trials are allowed on designated WMAs with the appropriate permit. Call 609-259-2132.

Horseback Riding Permits
Horseback riding is allowed on designated WMAs with an appropriate permit. Call 609-259-2132.

Deer Season Permits
Permits are required to hunt during the Permit Bow, Permit Muzzleloader and Permit Shotgun seasons. Most permits will be sold at participating license agents. Only a few zones will have a permit lottery. Deer Permit Supplements are available at license agents. The application period is June 1 through August 31. See Highlights, page 5 for further details. Hunters may purchase a muzzleloader permit without possessing a rifle permit, but it is not valid in the field unless accompanied by both a rifle permit and a valid firearm hunting license. Remember to apply for the rifle/muzzleloader hunter education course as early as possible.

Coyote Hunting Permits
Coyotes may be hunted during the seasons open for fox and are subject to the same regulations as fox during those seasons. A special February coyote hunting season will be held statewide February 1 through February 18, 2002. Permits are required to hunt coyote during the special February season, and shall be applied for as follows: A three inch by five inch index card containing the applicant’s name, mailing address, date of birth and telephone number must be submitted to NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife, Coyote Permit, P.O. Box 400, Trenton, NJ 08625-0400, between October 15 and November 15. Applicants should write “Coyote Hunting Season” at the bottom of the card. A $2.00 processing fee must accompany the application. See coyote regulations on pages 14 and 15. Permits are not required to hunt coyote during the regular fox/coyote hunting seasons.

Turkey Hunting Permits
A permit is required for both spring and fall turkey hunting. Applicants will apply for both the spring and fall seasons on one application form available in mid-January. For spring 2002, turkey hunting information and application forms will be available at license agents and Division offices in mid-January. Completed forms must be mailed back to Trenton between February 1 and February 22, 2002.

Permits for Farmers
Farmer Deer Season Permits
There are two types of applications to obtain a free farmer deer permit. The farmer applicant can decide for which permit it is easiest to qualify. Farmers may only apply with one application. The first is for the farmer and his family who reside on their farm (occupant). He must have at least 5 acres of land that is also tax-assessed as farmland. The permit will be valid for the farm property where the applicant resides. The second application is for the farmer who does not reside on his farm (non-occupant). The farmer must actively farm at least 30 tilled acres. Woodlots can be used to qualify. A copy of all leases authorizing the agricultural and hunting uses of the land must be attached to the application. No more than 5 people may receive permits for the same farm. The permit will be valid for the entire zone applied for. An applicant who lives on the farm and actively tills at least 30 acres may also apply with this form.

The farmer deer permit applications are available from county agricultural agents, Division offices, and conservation officers.

Farmers are encouraged to send in their applications as early as possible since additional review of applications will be necessary. Farmers and their family members may also apply for (or purchase at license agent) regular deer permits in addition to the free farmer deer permits.

Permits for Hunters with Disabling Conditions
Information about permits for hunters with disabling conditions should be requested in writing from the Division’s Trenton office, PO Box 400, Trenton, NJ 08625-0400.

Permits for Physically Challenged Hunters
A permit for certain physically challenged persons may be issued to use alternative methods/equipment for taking game during prescribed seasons. The application period is January 1 to August 31 of each year.

Permits to Shoot from a Standing Vehicle
A permit to shoot or hunt from a standing vehicle that is parked off the road may be issued to licensed hunters who are paraplegics. Paraplegia is defined by paralysis of the legs and lower half of the body due to spinal injury or disease. A permit to hunt from a vehicle or conveyance off established roads on wildlife management areas is also available.

Bow Use Permit
A Bow Use Permit may be issued to disabled hunters who cannot use a conventional bow as described in the Game Code. This permit will allow the alteration of a long bow, recurved bow or compound bow with a mechanical device that will enable the archer to draw and cock the bow at full or partial draw length. This permit will be issued only if the need is certified by a licensed, certified New Jersey physician.

Stamps
Stamps are not transferable to another person and are not valid unless signed across the face in ink.

Pheasant & Quail Stamp
Anyone aged 16 and over hunting or possessing pheasant or quail on the following designated Wildlife Management Areas shall have in possession a current Pheasant and Quail Stamp (Free youth hunting licenses include pheasant & quail stamp): Assunpink, Berkshire Valley, Millville, Black River, Clinton, Colliers Mills, Dix, Flatbrook-Roy, Glassboro, Greenwood (including Pasadena-Howardsville), Heislerville, Tuckahoe, Manahawkin, Manasquan River, Medford, Nant to Drum Point, Peaslee, Pequest, Port Republic, Stafford Forge, Walpack, Whittingham and Winslow. Other designated areas include the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area and Fort Dix.

New Jersey Waterfowl Stamp
Anyone 16 or older wishing to hunt waterfowl must possess a New Jersey Waterfowl Stamp in addition to the Federal Duck Stamp. An HIP number is also required. See page 13 for details.
Duck and goose regulations are not confirmed at press time for this DIGEST. Watch for news releases in late August for information on season dates and bag limits. When finalized, migratory bird hunting regulations will be published in the “New Jersey 2001–02 Migratory Bird Regulations” available in September at license agents and Division offices. Migratory bird regulations will also be available on the Division website as soon as they are finalized at www.njfishandwildlife.com. Migratory bird season dates published in the Migratory Bird Regulations supersede those printed in this DIGEST if there are differences.

Season dates will not become final until approved by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service in August. Following are the TENTATIVE dates for September and special winter Canada goose seasons, sea ducks, rails, gallinules, snipe and crows:

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Duck seasons are expected to remain similar to last year. Migrant Canada goose numbers continue to rise and an increase in the regular goose season is anticipated. Atlantic brant numbers have declined, however no regulation change is expected. Snow goose populations remain very high and liberal bag limits as well as seasons extending to March 10 in some areas, are expected. Check the Migratory Bird Regulations for season dates and bag limits.

Note that there are no permit requirements for either the September or the Special Winter Canada Goose Seasons. As with all waterfowl hunting seasons, a hunting license, federal Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp, New Jersey Waterfowl Stamp and HIP number are required to participate in these seasons. The September Canada Goose Season will be open statewide. The Division anticipates a special winter Canada goose season similar to the season held in New Jersey during January/February 2001, however a final decision on this season will not be made by the USFWS until late August. Note that all approved special winter season will not be held statewide. The winter season is targeted at resident geese and is held in areas of the state, with relatively low proportions of wintering migrant Canada geese. The season is held in two distinct zones, one in the northern and the other in the southeastern portion of the state. Check the 2001–02 Migratory Bird Regulations for exact zone boundary descriptions.

Hunters: Report Banded Birds

Individuals recovering banded migratory birds are reminded to report the band number by calling the U.S. Department of the Interior’s Bird Banding Laboratory (BBL) in Washington, D.C., toll free at 1-800-327-BAND. When you call, provide the operator with the band number, date the bird was recovered, exact location the bird was recovered (including the nearest town) and method of recovery (for example, shot or found dead). Hunters may keep the bands. In most cases, the owner will be able to keypunch the band number and instantly tell the caller the date and location of banding, as well as the age and sex of the bird at banding. In all cases, the BBL will mail the caller a Certificate of Appreciation with the same information. The information provided by banding data is critical in making management decisions regarding migratory birds.

ATTENTION MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTERS

You must obtain a Harvest Information Program (HIP) number before hunting duck, goose, brant, woodcock, rail, snipe, coot or gallinule in New Jersey. Obtain your HIP number by calling 1-800-WETLAND or by registering through the Division’s website at www.njfishandwildlife.com. The HIP number and phone call are FREE. The automated system is operational 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Note that a hunting license number is required when obtaining a HIP number. Therefore hunters should obtain a hunting license before calling HIP; have the license number at hand when calling. Then write your HIP number on the front of your hunting license in the space next to “2001/02 Fall/Winter NJ HIP#.” Call 1-888-764-7343 if you need assistance getting your HIP number.

The HIP number is valid from September 1, 2001 until March 10, 2002.

If you hunt migratory birds in another state, you will need to get a HIP number in that state following that state’s HIP procedures.

Information collected in HIP is confidential and is used by the US Fish and Wildlife Service for conducting migratory bird harvest surveys. As in the past, the US Fish and Wildlife Service will mail harvest survey information to a small, random sample of HIP registrants.

What Do I Need To Hunt Migratory Birds In New Jersey?

1. To hunt crows you need a New Jersey firearm hunting license—See page 3 for hunting license requirements and fees.
2. To hunt woodcock*, rail, snipe, coot or gallinule you need a New Jersey firearms hunting license and Harvest Information Program (HIP) number—see above for HIP information.
3. To hunt ducks, geese or brant you need a New Jersey hunting license, HIP number, Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp and New Jersey Waterfowl Stamp. Both Federal and State stamps are required for waterfowl hunters 16 years of age and older and must be signed across the stamp’s face in ink. Federal stamps are available at U.S. Post Offices. State waterfowl stamps are available from agents who sell hunting licenses.

*Note: Woodcock Hunting Stamps are no longer required for hunting woodcock.
Small Game Hunting Regulations

Small game, raccoon, crow, opossum, coyote and fox hunting are prohibited during the statewide six-day firearm deer season and on the Wednesday of the permit shotgun deer season which immediately follows the six-day buck season. See exceptions for fox and coyote hunting, deer regulations, semi-wild and commercial hunting preserves. See also chart on page 16 for season dates, bag limits and hunting hours.

Hunting with firearms is prohibited on state Wildlife Management Areas designated as pheasant and quail stamp areas on November 9, 2001 (see Pheasant and Quail Stamp Area section).

Properly licensed hunters may hunt small game with shotguns or bows and arrows. Shotguns may be no larger than 10 gauge and hold no more than three shells. Shot size may be no larger than #4 fine shot. Compound bows must have a minimum peak weight of 35 pounds. All other bows must have a minimum draw weight of 35 pounds.

Pheasant

The daily bag limit is two pheasants of either-sex in Pheasant Hunting Zones 1 and 3, on all Wildlife Management Areas and on the Lakehurst Naval Air Engineering Station. Hunters should not take or attempt to take female pheasants elsewhere or have female pheasants in their possession unless in the areas described above. The daily bag limit is two male pheasants in Pheasant Hunting Zone 2. (See exceptions for semi-wild and commercial hunting preserves, below).

Pheasant Hunting Zone 1: That portion of Bergen, Morris, Passaic, Sussex and Warren Counties lying north of Route 80 from the Delaware River eastward to its convergence with Route 95 and continuing eastward on Route 95 to the Hudson River at Fort Lee.

Pheasant Hunting Zone 2: That portion of Burlington, Camden, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Morris, Ocean, Somerset, Sussex and Warren Counties lying south of Route 80 from the Delaware River eastward to its convergence with Route 95 and continuing eastward on Route 95 to the Hudson River at Fort Lee, and north of the Ben Franklin Bridge on the Delaware River and Route 30 in Camden, then eastward on Route 30 to its intersection with Route 38, then east on Route 38 to its intersection with Route 70, then continuing eastward and northeast on Route 70 to its intersection with the Manasquan River near Brielle, then eastward along the Manasquan River to the Atlantic Ocean.

Pheasant Hunting Zone 3: That portion of Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Ocean, and Salem Counties lying south of the Ben Franklin Bridge on the Delaware River and Route 30 in Camden, then eastward on Route 30 to its intersection with Route 38, then east on Route 38 to its intersection with Route 70, then continuing eastward and northeast on Route 70 to its intersection with the Manasquan River near Brielle, then eastward along the Manasquan River to the Atlantic Ocean.

Pheasant and Quail Stamp Areas

No person is allowed at any time to hunt for, or have in their possession, any pheasant or quail in the following areas unless they are in possession of a valid “Pheasant and Quail” stamp. The hunter must sign the stamp across the face in ink.

Pheasant and Quail Stocking

The Division anticipates game bird stocking levels to be over 50,000 pheasants and 11,800 quail. The Assunpink, Berkshire Valley, Black River, Clinton, Colliers Mills, Dix, Flatbrook-Roy, Glassboro, MacNamara (Tuckahoe), Millville (Bevans), Nantuxent, Pequest, Port Republic, Walpack and Whittingham WMAs and Fort Dix Military Reservation will be stocked with pheasants for the following dates:

- November 10, 13, 15, 17, 20, 22, 24, 27, 29
- December 1, 15, 18, 20, 22, 27, 29

The Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area and the Heislerville, Howellsville, Mad Horse, Manahawkin, Medford, Stafford Forge and Winslow WMAs will be stocked with pheasants for the following dates:

- November 10, 17, 22, 24
- December 1, 15, 22, 27, 29

The Greenwood Forest and Peaslee WMAs will be stocked with quail for the following dates:

- November 10, 13, 15, 17, 20, 22, 24, 27, 29
- December 1, 15, 18, 20, 22, 27, 29

Semi-Wild and Commercial Preserve Hunting

Youth hunters (in possession of a valid Youth Hunting License and accompanied by a licensed, non-shooting adult) will be permitted to hunt pheasant, quail and/or chukar partridge on licensed semi-wild or commercial preserves on Saturday, November 3, 2001. Hunting for certain species of game birds is allowed from Nov. 10, 2001 to March 15, 2002 on semi-wild and commercial shooting preserve lands that are properly licensed for the taking of such species. These species of game may be hunted on Sunday only on semi-wild or commercial shooting preserve lands. Properly licensed youth hunters may also hunt certain game birds on Nov. 3, 2001, provided the semi-wild or commercial shooting preserved is properly licensed.

All game taken on semi-wild or commercial preserves must be properly tagged before transport.

A person may legally hunt on semi-wild or commercial preserves for game species under license during the deer seasons, but no shot larger than #4 fine may be used. Pheasant of either-sex may be taken.

Woodchuck

All persons in possession of a rifle while hunting must have a valid and proper rifle permit in addition to the current hunting license. No rifle hunting (of any kind) for woodchuck is permitted on state owned parks, forests, recreation areas or WMAs. Farmers and their agents may use shot not larger than #4 buckshot to control woodchucks causing damage.

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<td>Bow long, recurve or compound</td>
<td>25 pounds pull at archers draw length (long and recurve bows) or peak weight (compound bow)</td>
<td>Arrows must be fitted with a well-sharpened metal broadhead with a minimum width of 3/4”</td>
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<td>Center-fire rifle</td>
<td>.25 caliber or less</td>
<td>Hollow point, soft point or expanding lead core bullets of any weight.</td>
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<td>Larger than .25 caliber</td>
<td>Hollow point, soft point or expanding lead core bullets of any weight not exceeding 100 grains in weight.</td>
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<td>Rimfire rifle</td>
<td>.25 caliber or less</td>
<td>Hollow point or soft point</td>
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<td>Muzzleloading rifle – single-shot, single barrel, Flinstock, percussion and in-line ignitions permitted.</td>
<td>No restriction</td>
<td>Must be loaded with a single projectile, either round ball or conical bullet.</td>
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<td>Shotgun – single or double barrel, rifled bore or smoothbore. Not larger than 10 gauge, capable of holding no more than 3 shells</td>
<td>Shot – sizes not larger than #4 fine shot</td>
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<tr>
<td>Muzzleloader – single or double-barrel smoothbores only. Flinstock, percussion and in-line ignitions permitted.</td>
<td>Not larger than 10 gauge</td>
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Fox and Coyote

The opening day for the fox and coyote season (bow and arrow only) is September 29, 2001, and the hunting hours are 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset.

The opening day for the fox and coyote season (firearm or bow and arrow) is November 10, 2001, and the hunting hours are 8:00 am to 1/2 hour after sunset on the opening day. Thereafter, the hunting hours are 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset. See also, “Special Coyote Season”, page 15.

The use of dogs is not allowed during the fox and coyote season (bow and arrow only), during the six-day firearm buck season, or on the Wednesday of the shotgun permit deer season immediately following the six-day firearm season.

Properly licensed persons hunting deer during the six-day firearm buck, muzzleloader rifle permit or shotgun permit deer seasons may kill fox or coyote, when the person is in possession of a valid deer transportation tag for the applicable deer season. All hunting must cease immediately upon har-
vesting deer and completing the deer transportation tag(s). Hunting fox or coyote while deer hunting may resume following the issuance of a New Jersey Supplemental Deer Transportation Tag for the applicable deer season (provided the season remains open and the season bag limit of deer has not been reached). Only applicable missiles approved for deer hunting may be used to take fox and coyote incidental to deer hunting during the deer seasons described above (note: fine shot may not be in possession while deer hunting).

There is no bag limit for fox. The coyote daily bag limit is two. All successful coyote hunters must report any coyote harvested to a Division law enforcement office within 48 hours.

Special February Coyote Season

A Division issued permit will once again be required to hunt coyote during the special February coyote season (February 1–18, 2002). The Division has modified the special coyote season on an experimental basis to provide for coyote hunting at night. Other states that allow coyote hunting at night have not reported significant safety or law enforcement problems (New Jersey already allows raccoon and opossum hunting at night).

Reinstatement of coyote permits for the special season will provide the means to closely monitor the regulatory change and will hopefully provide additional information on coyote population.

Hunting methods are restricted to calling and stand hunting. No person may stalk or attempt to approach a coyote for the purpose of hunting. A coyote calling device must be in possession while coyote hunting. The use of dogs or baits is prohibited. Fluorescent hunters orange is not required on outer clothing while coyote hunting during this season, but it is recommended that it be worn while traveling to and from hunting areas. Coyotes may be hunted with bow and arrow, shotgun (shot size not larger than #2 or smaller than #4 fine shot) and single barrel muzzleloader rifles between 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset. Between 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise, only 10 or 12 gauge shotguns with #2 or #4 fine shot may be used (see below). Portable lights are allowed.

Permits shall be applied for as follows: A three inch by five inch index card containing the applicant’s name, mailing address, date of birth and evening telephone number must be submitted to NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife, P.O. Box 400, Trenton, NJ 08625-0400, between October 15 and November 15. Applicants should write “Special Coyote Season” at the bottom of the card. A $2.00 processing fee is required. Make check or money order payable to “New Jersey Division of Fish & Wildlife”.

Squirrel (Muzzleloading Rifle)

Persons holding a valid rifle permit in addition to their valid firearm license may hunt for squirrels from sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset with a muzzleloading rifle (.36 caliber or smaller loaded with a single projectile) between September 29 and November 9, 2001 within the areas described below.

Those portions of Passaic, Mercer, Hunterdon, Warren, Morris and Sussex Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 513 and the New York State line; then south along Rt. 513 to its intersection with Rt. 511; then south along Rt. 511 to its intersection with Rt. 46; then west along Rt. 46 to its intersection with Rt. 80, then west along Rt. 80 to its intersection with Rt. 15; then north along Rt. 15 to its intersection with the Morris-Sussex County line; then south along the Morris-Sussex County line to the Warren County line; then southwest along the Morris-Warren County line to the Hunterdon County line; then southeast along the Morris-Hunterdon County line to the Somerset County line; then south along the Somerset-Hunterdon County line to its intersection with the Mercer County line; then west and south along the Hunterdon Mercer County line to its intersection with Rt. 31; then south along Rt. 31 to its intersection with Rt. 546; then west along Rt. 546 to the Delaware River; then north along the east bank of the Delaware River to the New York State Line; then east along the New York State Line to the point of beginning at Lakeside; and in that portion of Salem, Gloucester, Camden, Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth, Ocean, Atlantic, Cape May and Cumberland counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 295 and the Delaware River; then east along Rt. 295 to its intersection with the New Jersey Turnpike; then east along the New Jersey Turnpike to its intersection with Rt. 40; then east along Rt. 40 to its intersection with Rt. 47; then north along Rt. 47 to its intersection with Rt. 536; then east along Rt. 536 to its intersection with Rt. 206; then north along Rt. 206 to its intersection with the New Jersey Turnpike; then northeast along the New Jersey Turnpike to its intersection with Rt. 571; then southeast along Rt. 571 to its intersection with the Garden State Parkway; then south along the Garden State Parkway to its intersection with Rt. 9 at Somers Point; then south along Rt. 9 to its intersection with Rt. 83; then west along Rt. 83 to its intersection with Rt. 47; then north along Rt. 47 to its intersection with Dennis Creek; then south along the west bank of Dennis Creek to its intersection with Delaware Bay; then northwest along the east shore of Delaware Bay and the Delaware River to the point of beginning.

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<td>Bow long, recurve or compound</td>
<td>35 pounds pull at archers draw length (long and recurve bows) or peak weight (compound bow)</td>
<td>Arrows must be fitted with a well-sharpened metal broadhead with a minimum width of 3/4”</td>
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<td>Muzzleloader – single-shot, single barrel rifle OR single barrel smoothbore shotgun. Flintlock, percussion and in-line ignitions permitted</td>
<td>Muzzleloading rifle – single shot not less than .44 caliber Smoothbore – single barrel not smaller than 12 gauge and not larger than 10 gauge</td>
<td>Muzzleloading rifle – single projectile Smoothbore – Not larger than #2 or smaller than #4 fine shot</td>
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<td>Shotgun – single or double barrel smoothbore</td>
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<td>Shot – Not larger than #2 or smaller than #4 fine shot</td>
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<td>1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise (Permit required)</td>
<td>SHOTGUN ONLY – single or double barrel smoothbore</td>
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<td>Aug. 6, 2001 to Mar. 16, 2002</td>
<td>Sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset</td>
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<td>* Rail &amp; Gallinule</td>
<td>Sept. 1 to Nov. 9, 2001</td>
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<td>Red Fox, Gray Fox and Coyote (See below for “Coyote, Special”)</td>
<td>** Bow and Arrow only:** Sept. 29 to Nov. 9, 2001</td>
<td>1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset</td>
<td>None – Fox Two – Coyote</td>
<td>8:00 am start on Nov. 10, 2001. Closed Dec. 3–8 and Dec. 12, 2001 except as noted (see page 14)</td>
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<td>Gray Squirrel</td>
<td>Sept. 29 to Dec. 1** Dec. 10, 11 and 13–31 2001 to Feb. 18, 2002</td>
<td>Sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset</td>
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<td><strong>Muzzleloading Rifle:</strong> Sept. 29 to Nov. 9, 2001** and Jan. 5 to Feb. 18, 2002</td>
<td>Sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset</td>
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<td>Designated areas only (see page 15) Rifle permit required.</td>
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<td>Raccoon &amp; Opossum</td>
<td>Oct. 1, 2001 to Mar. 1, 2002</td>
<td>1 hour after sunset to 1 hour before sunrise</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Closed Dec. 3–8 and Dec. 12, 2001</td>
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<td>* Woodcock</td>
<td>See Migratory Bird Regulations</td>
<td>Sunrise to sunset</td>
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<td>Turkey (Fall, Either-Sex)</td>
<td>H – Oct. 29–31, 2001 I – Nov. 1–3, 2001</td>
<td>1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset</td>
<td>1 – Wild Turkey</td>
<td>Turkey Hunting Areas 1–11, 20 only. Permit required</td>
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<td>Youth Upland Bird Day</td>
<td>Nov. 3, 2001</td>
<td>8:00 a.m. to sunset</td>
<td>2 – Pheasant</td>
<td>Selected WMAs &amp; licensed semi-wilds (see page 10)</td>
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<td>Pheasant, Quail, Chukar, Hare &amp; Cottontail Rabbit</td>
<td>Nov. 10, 2001 to Dec. 1; Dec. 10, 11 and 13–31, 2001 to Feb. 18, 2002</td>
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<td>7 – Quail 4 – Cottontail 2 – Pheasant*** 1 – Hare</td>
<td>8:00 am start on Nov. 10, 2001 Permit required. Bow and Arrow (daylight hours only) 10 or 12 Gauge Shotgun (#2, #3 or #4 shot only) Muzzleloading rifle, single barrel (daylight hours only)</td>
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<td>Coyote (Special)</td>
<td>Feb. 1 – 18, 2002</td>
<td>No closed hours for shotgun; bow &amp; arrow and muzzleloader are 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after</td>
<td>2 – Coyote</td>
<td>Permit required. Bow and Arrow (daylight hours only) 10 or 12 Gauge Shotgun (#2, #3 or #4 shot only) Muzzleloading rifle, single barrel (daylight hours only)</td>
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<td>Woodchuck (2002)</td>
<td>Mar. 1 to Sept. 25, 2002</td>
<td>Sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Rifle hunting prohibited on state properties</td>
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<td>Youth Turkey Day</td>
<td>Apr. 13, 2002</td>
<td>1/2 hour before sunrise to noon</td>
<td>1 Male Wild Turkey</td>
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<td>Turkey (Spring Gobbler)</td>
<td>See Digest page 20</td>
<td>1/2 hour before sunrise to noon</td>
<td>1 Male Wild Turkey</td>
<td>Turkey permit required.</td>
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* Tentative at press time. See current Migratory Bird Regulations.
** No firearm hunting is permitted on November 9, 2001 on those WMAs designated as Pheasant and Quail Stamp Areas.
*** The daily bag limit is two pheasants of either-sex in Pheasant Hunting Zones 1 and 3 and on all Wildlife Management Areas and on Lakehurst Naval Air Engineering Station. The daily bag limit is two male pheasants in Pheasant Hunting Zone 2. For zone descriptions, see page 14.
**12 Gauge maximum distances for shot sizes:**

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<td>No. 0</td>
<td>1,845 feet (615 yards)</td>
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<td>1,895 feet (632 yards)</td>
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<td>Slug, 1 oz.</td>
<td>3,780 feet (1,260 yards)</td>
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<td>Trespass</td>
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**2001–2002 Trapping Regulations**

**Trapping licenses**
A trapping license is required and a Trapper Education course must be passed. See page 3 for license information.

**Trap maintenance**
All traps must be checked and tended at least once every 24 hours.

**Leghold traps**
It is illegal to possess or use steel-jawed leghold traps anywhere in New Jersey.

**Conibear traps**
No conibear or killer type trap shall be used unless submerged underwater. In tidal water, such traps must be completely covered at normal high tide. In non-tidal waters, such traps must be completely submerged when the water is at the normal level.

It is illegal to use, set or possess a conibear or killer-type having a jaw spread greater than 6 inches without a permit for beaver or otter. A conibear or killer-type trap with a jaw spread of no more than 10 inches may be used for beaver or otter. Jaw spread shall be measured across the trigger of a set trap to the inner edges of the jaws. Beaver and otter trap tags must be placed above the water line and exposed to view.

**Identification**
All traps set or used must bear a legible tag of durable material with the name and address of the person setting, using and maintaining the traps. A trap identification number issued by the Division may be used in lieu of a name and address.

Contact 609-292-6685 for more information. When trapping beaver or otter, the tag must be clearly visible above the level of water or ice.

**Miscellaneous trapping regulations**
No trap stakes or traps are to be set prior to times indicated in this section.

No trap shall be permitted to remain set on any property at the close of the trapping season.

No person shall steal or attempt to take traps of another, or remove a trapped animal without permission of the trap owner.

Any person (including a farmer) who traps a coyote must notify a Division law enforcement office within 24 hours.

**Snares**
Body gripping restraining snares shall be subject to the following requirements:

1. No person shall set, use or maintain any type of snare unless they have first satisfactorily completed a Division approved trapper education course and carry on their person appropriate certification thereof. This training is part of New Jersey’s Basic Trapper Education course.

2. Except when submerged under water or when set for mink and muskrat, all snares of the body gripping type used in trapping must be constructed of aircraft cable or crucible wire measuring 5/64 to 3/32 inches in diameter and be equipped with a swivel. Mink and muskrat body gripping snares must be constructed of aircraft cable or crucible wire measuring 1/32, 5/64 or 1/16 inches in diameter, be equipped with a swivel and set within 50 feet of the mean high water line.

3. Except when submerged under water or when set for mink and muskrat, no body gripping snare shall be set, used or maintained unless it is equipped with a stop six inches from the end to restrict loop closure to no less than six inches in circumference and a stop to restrict he average diameter of the loop opening to no greater than eight inches. Mink and muskrat body gripping snares must be equipped with a stop to prevent the average (arithmetic mean) diameter of the loop opening from exceeding four inches.

4. Except when set for mink and muskrat, no body gripping snare shall be set, used or maintained with the distance between the ground or walking surface to the top of the loop greater than eighteen inches. No mink or muskrat body gripping snare shall be set, used or maintained with the distance between the ground or walking surface to the top of the loop greater than seven inches.

**Rifles**
Licensed trappers with a valid rifle permit may carry a .22 caliber rifle, and use short rimfire cartridges to kill legally trapped animals other than muskrats. Firearms may not be loaded with more than 3 rounds.

**Bait**
All natural or artificial baits used in trapping with body gripping restraining snares must be covered or concealed from view except when placed or located a distance of 30 feet or more from any set snare.

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### 2001–2002 NJ Trapping Zones, Seasons and Bag Limits

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<td>Statewide (except WMAs)</td>
<td>Nov. 15, 2001</td>
<td>None</td>
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<td>Fox, Opossum, Skunk,</td>
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<td>Mar. 15, 2002</td>
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<td>Weasel &amp; Coyote</td>
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<td>Jan. 1 to Mar. 15, 2002</td>
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<td>Northern Zone* (except WMAs)</td>
<td>Nov. 15, 2001</td>
<td>None</td>
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<td>Beaver</td>
<td>By Special Permit only</td>
<td>Jan. 1 to Feb. 9, 2002</td>
<td>10 Max. of 5 traps in use***</td>
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<td>By Special Permit only</td>
<td>Jan. 1 to Feb. 9, 2002</td>
<td>1 Max. of 3 traps in use***</td>
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* Those portions of Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union and Warren Counties lying north of a line beginning at the intersection of US Route 1 and the Delaware River, at Trenton; then north along US Route 1 to its intersection with Interstate Route 287; then south on I-287 to its intersection with Route 440; then east along Route 440 to its intersection with the New Jersey–New York State Line in the Arthur Kill.

** Those portions of the Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean and Salem Counties lying south of a line beginning at the intersection of US Route 1 and the Delaware River, at Trenton; then north along US Route 1 to its intersection with Interstate Route 287; then south on I-287 to its intersection with Route 440; then east along Route 440 to its intersection with the New Jersey–New York State Line in the Arthur Kill.

*** Holders of both a Special Permit and a Special Site Specific Permit may use five additional traps per Special Site Specific Permit provided they are used only on the property or site specified in the Special Site Specific Permit.
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Fall turkey hunting is by permit only. Hunters must apply for fall permits along with their applications for spring gobbler hunting permits. The application period for fall 2001 permits was February 1–February 22, 2001 and permits were mailed to successful applicants in July. If you did not apply last winter, leftover permits will be sold beginning Monday September 24, 2001 (There will be no Saturday sales for left-over Fall season turkey permits). Call the permit hotline for more information at (609) 292-9192.

The 2001 fall turkey season will consist of two hunting segments, H and I. The dates for segment H are Monday, October 29 through Wednesday, October 31, 2001 and the dates for segment I are Thursday, November 1 through Saturday November 3, 2001. Hunting hours are 1/2 hour before sunrise until 1/2 hour after sunset on the six days on which the season is open. Turkey Hunting Areas 1-11 and Turkey Hunting Area 20 will be open for hunting. Turkey Hunting Areas 12, 14, 15, 16, 21 and 22 are not open to fall hunting.

Successful fall turkey hunters must take only one wild turkey of either sex per permit during the fall season. However, hunters may only take one turkey per day regardless of the number of permits the hunter holds. Dogs and artificial decoys may be used while turkey hunting, but the use of electronically-activated decoys is prohibited. Spring turkey hunting is by permit only. Artificial decoys may be used while spring turkey hunting; however, the use of electronically-operated decoys is prohibited. Spring turkey seasons will result in a higher number of permits available per turkey hunting area, and there must be no separate General or Private permit designations. All Spring Turkey permits will be valid on any lands on which hunting is allowed, public or private, within each turkey hunting area. Since the creation of another week in the turkey season structure will result in a higher number of permits available per turkey hunting area, there is no need to continue use of the “Private” or “General” permit designations. For more information, please refer to the 2002 NJ Wild Turkey Hunting Permits and Season Information Supplement available in late January, 2002.

Spring Gobbler Hunting Regulations

Spring gobbler hunting is by permit only. The entire state is open to spring hunting but only hunters who have received permits for the 2001 spring season may hunt. Hunters with permits for the spring season may hunt only in the Turkey Hunting Area and the Hunting Segment for which their permit is valid. Hunting hours for the spring season are 1/2 hour before sunrise until 12 noon daily. Hunters may take only one male wild turkey on each permit. Hunters who obtain more than one permit may take a turkey on each permit but only one gobbler may be taken per day, no matter how many permits the hunter has.

Dogs may not be used for turkey hunting in the spring. Artificial decoys may be used while spring turkey hunting however, the use of electronically-operated decoys is prohibited. Spring turkey hunters may not stalk or attempt to approach turkeys for the purpose of killing the bird. All
Deer Hunting Regulations

Licenses and Permits
• See pages 3, 12 and 6 for details on license, permit and Hunter Education requirements.
• Neither additional hunting licenses nor additional special season permits may be purchased in order to harvest additional deer.
• It is unlawful to use a bow and arrow for hunting deer using a firearm license, shotgun or muzzleloader deer permit.

Firearms and Ammunition
• See page 6 for general hunting regulations which also apply to deer hunting.
• Hunters using or possessing any shotgun slug in the field during the deer seasons must have a shotgun with adjustable open iron or peep sights or a scope affixed to the shotgun.
• Telescopic sights of any magnification (scope power) are permitted for deer hunting on all firearms, including muzzleloader rifles and smoothbores. No permits are required.
• Only black powder or black powder equivalents, including Clean Shot, GOEX Clear Shot and Pyrodex, may be used with a muzzleloading firearm when engaged in hunting. Modern smokeless powder is strictly prohibited while hunting with a muzzleloading firearm. 
• Shotgun shells containing single spherical projectiles referred to as pumpkin balls are prohibited.

While deer hunting with a shotgun, it is illegal to have any ammunition not authorized for deer hunting in possession.
• Special Area Hunting Seasons may have regulations that differ from the statewide regulations. See page 37 for details.
• Only one muzzleloading rifle or smoothbore muzzleloader may be possessed while deer hunting.
• All Firearms must be cased and unloaded while being transported in vehicles.

Season Specific Regulations
• A special Youth Deer Hunting Day is authorized for Saturday, November 17, 2001. Only licensed youth hunters may harvest deer on this day. The bag limit shall be one deer of either-sex and any age, exclusive of the regular Six-day Firearm Season bag limit. The youth hunter must be under the direct supervision of a licensed non-hunting adult. See page 25 for details on the Youth Deer Hunting Day.
• Only antlerless deer may be taken on applicable muzzleloading permits during the periods November 19–21 and December 3–8, 2001, inclusive, in Zones 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 25, 35, 36, 41, 42, 48, 49, 50 and 51 provided these zones are open for the season on the dates in question.
• In zones where the Permit Bow Season overlaps the Six-day Firearm, Permit Muzzleloader and/or the Permit Shotgun seasons, the Permit Bow Season will remain open during those times.
• The Winter Bow Season will be open on those seasons dates that overlap with the Permit Muzzleloader and Permit Shotgun Seasons in zones where Permit Muzzleloader and Permit Shotgun hunting is authorized.

Deer Tags: Supplemental Deer Transportation Tags

Properly licensed hunters who harvest their first deer will be given a “New Jersey Supplemental Deer Transportation Tag” (supplemental tag) upon registration of their deer at a designated deer check station. This tag is valid for the taking of one additional deer, either an antlered or antlerless deer, if the first deer was antlered; or an antlerless deer, if the first deer was antlerless. The supplemental tag may be used only in that specific zone for which a special season permit was issued during the Permit Bow, Permit Muzzleloader and Permit Shotgun Seasons. Properly licensed hunters that harvest a second deer may obtain an additional “New Jersey Supplemental Deer Transportation Tag” upon registration of the following deer at a designated deer check station. This tag is valid for the taking of one additional deer, either an antlered or antlerless deer, if the hunter has not yet taken an antlered deer; or an antlerless deer, if the hunter has taken an antlered during the season. Supplemental tags validated for the harvest of a second and subsequent deer may be used only in Unlimited Antlerless Deer Zones open during the Fall Bow and Winter Bow Seasons, and in the specific zone for which a special season permit was issued during the Permit Bow, Permit Muzzleloader and Permit Shotgun Seasons. (After taking a second deer, hunters may not hunt deer during the Fall Bow and Winter Bow Seasons in the following zones: 1, 3, 4, 6, 18, 21, 23, 24, 30, 34, 37, 43, 45, 46, 52, 53 and 65). Additional supplemental tags, valid only in unlimited antlerless deer zones, will be issued upon registration of each subsequent deer until the season concludes. After harvesting the season limit of one antlered or antlerless deer, supplemental tags may only be valid for taking antlerless deer. There is no season limit on the number of antlerless deer, which may be harvested in unlimited antlerless zones. An antlerless deer is defined as any deer with no antlers or antlers less than three inches in length. All supplemental tags are valid on the date of issuance in all zones open for the season.

Key Definitions
• “Antler length” is defined as the maximum length of a deer antler measured from the lowest outside edge of the antler burl along the outer curve to the most distal point of what is or appears to be the main antler beam. For the purposes of this definition, the antler length does not include the pedicel or portion of skull between the skull plate and base of the antler known as the burl.

• “Antlered” deer is defined as any deer with at least one antler measuring at least three inches in length as described above.

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Deer Hunting Regulations—continued

• “Antlerless deer” is defined as any deer which does not have any antler measuring at least three inches in length. For the purposes of this definition, shed antlered deer and deer with broken antlers which measure less than three inches, are considered antlerless deer.

• “Youth Hunter” status applies to the possessor of the Youth Hunting License or the immediate member of a qualified occupant farmer who is at least 10 years of age. The youth license is valid through December 31 of the year in which he or she turns 16 years.

Bag Limits
• Properly licensed hunters are limited to taking one antlered buck per season (regardless of the number of permits purchased) during the Fall Bow, Permit Bow, Permit Muzzleloader, Permit Shotgun and Winter Bow Seasons. The antlerless deer bag limit for these seasons will include one, two or unlimited, depending on the zone and season. The bag limit for the Six-day Firearm Season remains at two antlered deer.

• Two deer may be taken at one time in Zones 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 25, 35, 36, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 48, 49, 50, 51 and 66, during the Permit Muzzleloader and Permit Shotgun Seasons, respectively (in those zones open for these seasons), until the season concludes. Two deer may be taken prior to check station registration in Zones 56, 59 and 64 during the Permit Shotgun season until the season concludes.

After harvesting a deer – Mandatory Deer Check Requirement
1. Tag your deer—Deer transportation tags must be filled in completely with ink, detached from the license, then securely attached to the deer immediately after it has been killed.

2. Bring your deer to an official deer check station—Deer must be taken by the person who killed the deer, on the day killed, immediately after it has been killed. Any unchecked deer must immediately be reported by telephone to the check station is closed:

3. Remember: Bring your hunting license and deer season permit to the check station.

Note: During the early Fall Bow Season, September 8 through 28, 2001, in Zones 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 25, 35, 36, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 48, 49, 50, 51 and 56, only deer check stations located in these zones and within a 1 mile radius will be checking deer. No other check stations will be authorized to check deer during this period. The bag limit is restricted to antlerless deer only during this period.

When deer are recovered too late and/or the check station is closed:
1. Any unchecked deer must immediately be reported by telephone to the nearest NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife regional law enforcement office.

For deer harvested in these counties:
Bergen, Essex, Hunterdon, Hudson, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Warren
Call the Northern Region Law Enforcement Office at (908) 735-8240.

For deer harvested in these counties:
Burlington, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean
Call the Central Region Law Enforcement Office at (609) 259-2120

For deer harvested in these counties:
Atlantic, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Salem
Call the Southern Region Law Enforcement Office at (856) 629-0555

2. Leave a message with your name, phone number, hunting license number and deer management zone on the recorder.

3. Check your deer the following morning at the nearest deer check station. If weather conditions necessitate butchering the deer immediately, you must bring the head and hide to be checked the next day.

After checking your deer—Possession/Sale
Metal possession seals (affixed to deer at check stations) must be kept until all venison is consumed and as long as any part or parts, including antlers, are kept. Persons with outstanding deer mounts should write their name, legal possession seal number, date of kill, and season of harvest on back of the mounting plate for future reference.

It is illegal to sell deer meat, deer antlers or any part of a deer except deer hides.

Spotlighting
Spotlighting deer during hours of darkness from a vehicle is illegal while in possession of a weapon capable of killing deer, whether the weapon is cased or uncased. This does not apply to the regular use of headlights when traveling in a normal manner on public or private roads.

Decoys and Electronic Devices
Persons may hunt with the aid of deer decoys statewide in those zones open for deer hunting during the Fall Bow, Permit Bow and Winter Bow Seasons only. When carrying or moving deer decoys for the purpose of hunting, persons must wear a fluorescent orange hat or other garment consisting of at least 200 square inches of fluorescent orange material, which shall be visible from all sides as currently required for firearm deer hunting.

It is unlawful to hunt for deer with the aid of an electronic calling device or any device, which casts a beam of light upon the deer.

Baiting Regulation
Baiting for deer whether elevated in a stand or from the ground, is legal. Hunters should check with the landowner or administrative agency before placing bait on their hunting area. Baiting is not permitted on National Wildlife Refuges or the Del. Water Gap Nat. Rec. Area.

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The 2000–01 deer season harvest exceeded all previous deer harvests. A total of 77,444 deer were harvested during the six deer seasons (fall bow, permit bow, permit shotgun, six-day firearm, permit muzzleloader and winter bow). The 2000–01 deer harvest surpassed last year’s record harvest of 75,398 deer by 2.7% and exceeded the average harvest for the past five years (62,286) by 15,188 deer. Total harvests for each of the six seasons were: fall bow–13,868; permit bow–9,429; six-day firearm–13,016; permit muzzleloader–12,470; permit shotgun–27,116; and winter bow–1,545. On a season basis, record deer harvests were reported during the permit muzzleloader (12,470 deer) and winter bow (1,545 deer) seasons. Fall bow, permit bow and permit shotgun hunters registered their second highest harvest. Overall hunter success rates during the special permit seasons were 24.8 percent during permit bow; 38.7 percent during permit muzzleloader and 55.5 percent during the permit shotgun seasons.

Harvest totals were also tabulated by county and deer management zone. County totals revealed that Hunterdon County continued to rank first in terms of the total number of deer harvested (14,331 deer). Warren County and Sussex County followed, with 9,243 deer and 8,600 deer, respectively.

Most importantly, New Jersey’s hunters harvested a record 54,137 antlerless deer. The antlerless harvest by weapon type, in 2000–01 was as follows: shotgun–25,448 deer (47.0%); archery–18,676 deer (34.5%); and, muzzleloader–10,013 (18.5%). Achieving antlerless harvest objectives is a key to reducing deer populations. Reducing the deer population was the objective on 74% of the state. In order to achieve that goal, several important changes were made to the 2000–01 deer hunting regulations last year.

• The permit muzzleloader season was increased to include the six-day firearm season in zones 5, 7–14, 36, 38, 40, 41, 50, and 51. Between September 11 and September 29, 2000, only antlerless could be taken.

• The permit muzzleloader season was increased to include the six-day firearm season and five days were added to the end of the season in zones 5, 7–14, 25, 33, 35, 36, 41, and 42, and 48 and 51.

• Earn-a-bucks regulations were continued in all seasons except the six-day firearm season in zones 5, 7–14, 36, 38, 40, 41, 50, 51, 56 and 67. New Jersey has one of the most progressive deer management programs in the country. Maintaining a healthy deer herd, maintaining a deer density tolerable to residents of the state, and maximizing the recreation associated with the deer herd are the key objectives of the deer program.