



NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION

Agricultural Deer Management Assistance Program (AgDMAP) Overview

The Agricultural Deer Management Assistance Program (AgDMAP) is authorized by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC). Landholder and hunter participation is voluntary. The primary objective is to provide landholders who are experiencing agricultural damage with an additional opportunity to harvest deer on their property during the regular deer seasons. Please thoroughly read the following information before completing your application. Applications will be reviewed by a district biologist before final approval.

1. **Tag allocation:**

- 10 tags automatically regardless of acreage, plus 2 additional tags for every increment of 50 acres enrolled with an upper limit of 30. Additional tags may be available at the discretion of the district biologist.
- Tags can be used on antlerless deer only. Allocation of antlered deer tags may be considered if damage related to antler rubbing is occurring on agricultural commodities such as Christmas trees, orchards and ornamentals.
- AgDMAP tags can only be used on properties specified on the AgDMAP authorization. Tags may be distributed to licensed hunters with the permission of the landholder.

2. **Season Dates:** Deer taken with an AgDMAP tag must be harvested using the weapon type allowed during the regular open season for taking deer, and only during the legal shooting hours for hunting deer

3. **Property requirements:** Individuals or entities who own, lease, or control agricultural and hunting rights on property within North Carolina may apply. Applicants may be required to provide documented evidence of crops in commercial agricultural production. Adjacent properties or properties in close proximity may apply as a single entity. Applicants can only submit a single application for all properties they desire to enroll. There is no minimum acreage requirement.

4. **Harvest validation, reporting and registration requirements:** Licensed hunters hunting on any authorized AgDMAP property shall report all deer harvests using registration methods provided by the NCWRC.

- Harvests can be validated with AgDMAP tags in lieu of Big Game Harvest Report Cards. Harvests validated with AgDMAP tags do not count as part of the possession and season limit for the hunter.
- All harvests must be registered through the Big Game Harvest Reporting System.
- Adhesive AgDMAP tags shall be attached through the ear at the site of harvest to validate a harvest.
- AgDMAP tags can only be used on properties specified on the AgDMAP authorization letter.



5. **Biological data collection and CWD testing:** Applicants are not required but may choose to assist the NCWRC in the CWD testing and biological information collection from all harvested deer.

For more information about CWD testing, carcass transport rules, meat donation, disposal, and best practices, go to www.ncwildlife.gov/cwd.

The failure of an applicant to meet or comply with the above guidelines will result in revocation of the AgDMAP tags or denial of issuance for AgDMAP authorization in future years.

Applications are available online through www.GoOutdoorsNorthCarolina.com. Complete online application process instructions can be found at www.ncwildlife.gov/deer. For further assistance, email publicinquiry-fishwildlife@ncwildlife.gov, or call at 919-707-0058 during normal business hours. Applications must be received by August 1.