



Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) Participant Instructions:

Tags, Harvest Validation/Reporting, and Biological Data Collection

(ver. 2025-26 season)

The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission's (NCWRC) Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) has 4 components:





1. Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP)
2. Community Deer Management Assistance Program (CDMAP)
3. Chronic Wasting Disease Management Assistance Program (CWDMAP)
4. Agricultural Deer Management Assistance Program (AgDMAP).

All use the same harvest tagging and reporting processes. Biological data collections are required for DMAP and CWDMAP, and are voluntary for CDMAP and AgDMAP.



Tags

All DMAP permits and tags are issued annually to entities which include, but not limited to: hunt clubs, farming businesses, homeowner/property associations, large property owners, and corporations. Tags are distributed to individual hunters at the discretion of the permit holder. Tags are self-adhesive and are one-time use. A unique "Tag #" and a "PIN#" is printed on each tag. These numbers will be requested from the successful hunter during the harvest reporting process.

Example of a traditional DMAP, CDMAP, or AgDMAP tags (antlered and antlerless versions):

	Tag#: _____ PIN#: _____ Name: _____	Antlered Deer Tag 2025/2026 Tag must remain attached until the deer/carcase is quartered or received by processor. Deer with knobs or buttons covered by skin or velvet are not considered visible antlers. Visible antlers are defined as bony structures that protrude through the skin.	
	Tag#: _____ PIN#: _____ Name: _____	Antlerless Deer Tag 2025/2026 Tag must remain attached until the deer/carcase is quartered or received by processor. Deer with knobs or buttons covered by skin or velvet are not considered visible antlers. Visible antlers are defined as bony structures that protrude through the skin.	

Example of a CWDMAP tag (antlered/antlerless combo version):

	Tag#: _____ PIN#: _____ Name: _____	CWD Antlered or Antlerless Deer Tag 2025/2026 Tag must remain attached until the deer/carcase is quartered or received by processor. Deer with knobs or buttons covered by skin or velvet are not considered visible antlers. Visible antlers are defined as bony structures that protrude through the skin.	
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Harvest Validation/Reporting

Harvest shall be validated with either an annual DMAP tag allocated specifically for the property or on the hunter's *Big Game Report Card/Bonus Antlerless Report Cards*. If using a DMAP tag, each adhesive tag shall be attached through the ear or around the antler immediately after killing the deer. Deer harvest reported using a DMAP tag do not count as part of the daily bag, possession, and season limit for the person taking the deer.



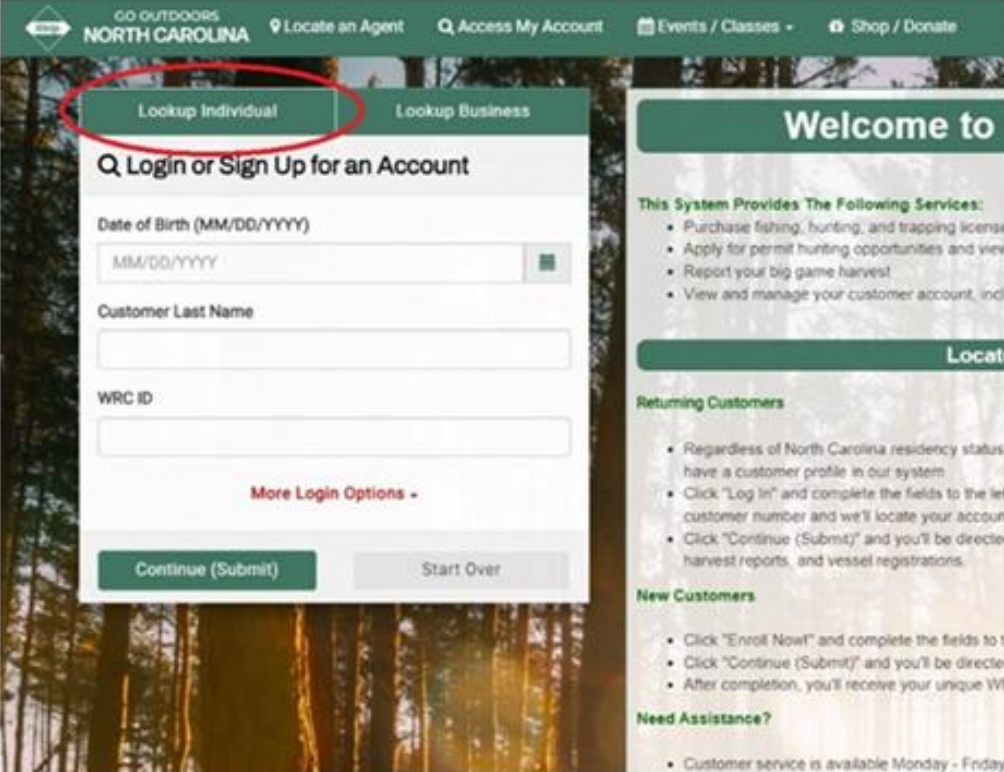
Successful hunters are responsible for reporting their own harvest. Hunters can report their DMAP tagged deer using the same conventional reporting systems used when reporting a harvest validated on the hunter's Big Game Harvest Report Card. Hunters should be prepared to enter the DMAP tag and PIN numbers printed on the tag. Reporting options include:

1. Online reporting at GoOutdoorsNorthCarolina.com (See additional instructions below), or
2. Telephone, **800-I-GOT-ONE** [800-446-8663], or
3. Mobile phone app*, [GoOutdoorsNC](#) app available from your app store (See additional instructions below).

** Please note that mobile phone apps require internet service to validate each tag number and to successfully report the DMAP harvest.**

Additional instructions when using the Online reporting option:

Successful hunters can log into their Go Outdoors North Carolina individual customer account on the "Lookup Individual" tab.

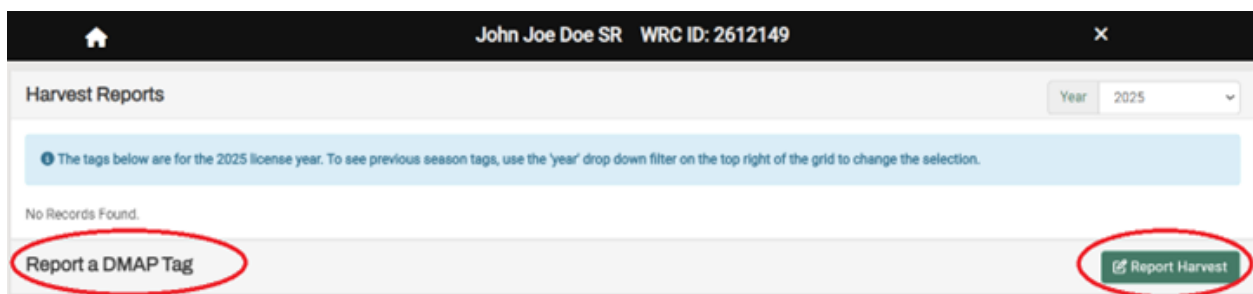


The screenshot shows the Go Outdoors North Carolina website. The top navigation bar includes links for 'GO OUTDOORS NORTH CAROLINA', 'Locate an Agent', 'Access My Account', 'Events / Classes', and 'Shop / Donate'. Below this, there are two tabs: 'Lookup Individual' (which is circled in red) and 'Lookup Business'. The 'Lookup Individual' tab leads to a 'Q Login or Sign Up for an Account' form. This form contains fields for 'Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)', 'Customer Last Name', and 'WRC ID'. Below these fields is a 'More Login Options' link. At the bottom of the form are two buttons: 'Continue (Submit)' and 'Start Over'. To the right of the login form, there is a 'Welcome to' section followed by a list of services provided by the system: 'Purchase fishing, hunting, and trapping license', 'Apply for permit hunting opportunities and view', 'Report your big game harvest', and 'View and manage your customer account, incl'. Below this is a 'Locate' section, followed by 'Returning Customers' and 'New Customers' sections, each with a list of instructions. At the bottom, there is a 'Need Assistance?' section with a note that customer service is available Monday - Friday.

Select the “Report Harvest” option in the top banner.



Locate the “Report a DMAP Tag” row on the “Harvest Reports” page. This will be below your standard big game tags, if you already obtained a Big Game Harvest Report Card. Select “Report Harvest”.



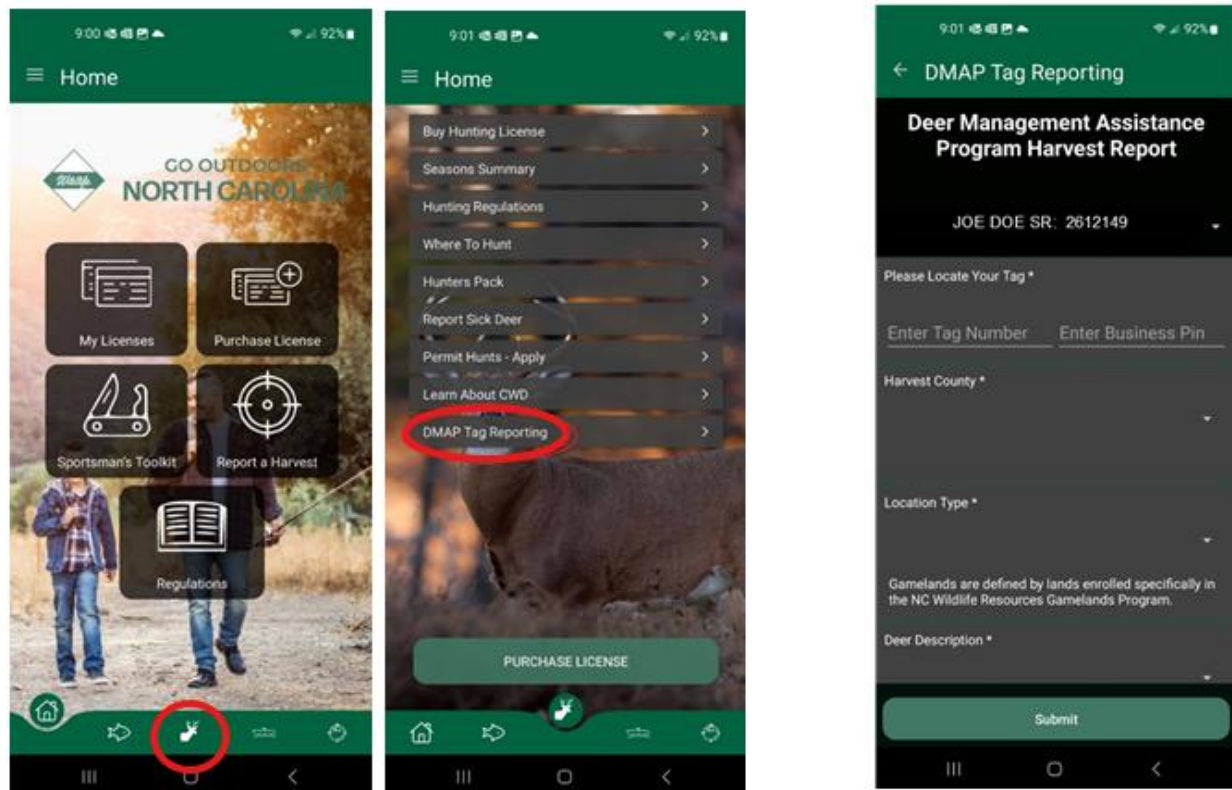
You will be required to enter and lookup the “Tag #” and the business “PIN” which is printed on your DMAP tag. Each tag can only be used once. If the tag is successfully found in the system, after pushing the “Look Up” button, complete the following harvest questions, then click ‘Submit’.

A screenshot of the "Deer Management Assistance Program Harvest Report" form. The form is titled "Deer Management Assistance Program Harvest Report" and has a "Back To Previous" link. It contains several sections: "Please Locate Your Tag *" with input fields for "Enter Harvest Tag" and "Enter Business PIN", and a "Look Up" button; "Harvest County *" and "Location Type *" dropdown menus; "Deer Description *" and "Weapon Type *" dropdown menus; "Harvested With Dogs *" with "Yes" and "No" radio buttons; and a "Harvest Date *" field with a date picker. At the bottom right, there are "Submit" and "Cancel" buttons. The "Please Locate Your Tag *" section is circled in red.

You will receive an Authorization number when you have completed the harvest registration. This number must be retained by the hunter to legally possess their harvest. As proof of registration, completed harvest registration details can be found on your 'Harvest Reports' page.

Additional instructions when using the Mobile phone app reporting option:

Successful hunters can access "DMP Tag Reporting " by opening their 'Go Outdoors North Carolina' app. Select the **Deer Head icon** at the bottom of the screen. Select 'DMP Tag Reporting'. Be sure to select the appropriate hunter name at the top of your screen.



You will be required to enter and lookup the "Tag #" and the business "PIN" which is printed on your DMAP tag. Each tag can only be used once. If the tag is successfully found in the system, complete the following harvest questions, then click 'Submit'. You will receive an authorization number at the completion of the report. Completed DMAP report records can be found on the "History" tab under the "Report a Big Game Harvest" button.

If you have any issues reporting your DMAP harvest, call our wildlife management harvest reporting office for assistance at 919-218-3376 during normal business hours

Biological Data Collection

Biological data collections are required for DMAP and CWDMAP, but are voluntary for CDMAP and AgDMAP. When required, participants shall assist with the collection of information from all deer harvested on the prescribed DMAP area. All biological information should be recorded on datasheets which are supplied by the NCWRC or downloaded from the Internet at "[DMAP Biological Data Form & Instructions](#)". All jawbones and datasheets shall be forwarded to the local wildlife biologist within 15 days after the close of the season.

1. Deer harvests should be identified by the appropriate Authorization # (*number given after reporting the harvest.*)
2. The month, day, and year the animal was killed should be recorded.
3. The sex of the deer should be recorded.
4. Leave the age column blank – a biologist will assign ages by examining jawbones. Lower jaws should be removed from each deer. You should be careful to not cut the crowns from the teeth and to ensure that all teeth are included. Record the sequential jaw number from the datasheet onto each jawbone using a pencil or indelible pen. The jaws should be stored away from scavengers and insects and dried. The best procedure is to place them in an open box indoors. A few mothballs will prevent insect problems.
5. The weight of each deer should be recorded to the nearest pound. Do not estimate weights!
6. Number of points of antlered bucks should be recorded. A point must be one inch or longer to be counted.
7. Measure and record (to the nearest millimeter) right antler beam circumference at a point one inch above the burr. Measure the left beam if the right is absent.
8. Measure and record (to the nearest millimeter) right main beam length from the burr to tip. Measure the left beam if the right is absent.
9. Measure and record (to the nearest millimeter) inside spread of main beams at the widest place.

