


























































# Questions & Answers




## Guide to finding answers to commonly asked questions About Pennsylvania Deer & Deer Management

- **GOALS**-How did PGC develop deer management goals?
  - *Deer Management Plan*
    - PGC website [www.pgc.state.pa.us](http://www.pgc.state.pa.us),  White-tailed Deer, Deer Management Section,  2009-18 White-tailed Deer Management Plan
  - *Common Resource of the Commonwealth – Managing Deer for Everyone*
    - PGC website [www.pgc.state.pa.us](http://www.pgc.state.pa.us),  White-tailed Deer, Deer Management Section,  Common Resource of the Commonwealth – Managing Deer for Everyone
  - *Financial Paybacks and the Direction of Deer Management?*
    - PGC website [www.pgc.state.pa.us](http://www.pgc.state.pa.us),  White-tailed Deer, Whitetail Periodicals Section,  Pennsylvania’s Deer Chronicle,  Summer 2008 Deer Chronicle
  - *Where are we headed?: Deer goals for the next 10 years*
    - PGC website [www.pgc.state.pa.us](http://www.pgc.state.pa.us),  White-tailed Deer, Whitetail Periodicals Section,  Pennsylvania’s Deer Chronicle,  Fall 2008 Deer Chronicle
  
- **ANTLER RESTRICTIONS**-genetic concerns, are they working, different point restrictions
  - *Antler Restrictions FAQs*
    - PGC website [www.pgc.state.pa.us](http://www.pgc.state.pa.us),  White-tailed Deer, Antler Restrictions Section,  Antler Restrictions FAQs
  - *Getting the Point on Antler Restrictions*
    - PGC website [www.pgc.state.pa.us](http://www.pgc.state.pa.us),  White-tailed Deer, Antler Restrictions Section,  Getting the Point on Antler Restrictions
  - *Are bucks like the \$20,000 prize bull?*
    - PGC website [www.pgc.state.pa.us](http://www.pgc.state.pa.us),  White-tailed Deer, Whitetail Periodicals Section,  Pennsylvania’s Deer Chronicle,  Fall 2008 Deer Chronicle
  - *Yearling buck antlers, can they predict adult antler size?*
    - PGC website [www.pgc.state.pa.us](http://www.pgc.state.pa.us),  White-tailed Deer, Whitetail Periodicals Section,  Pennsylvania’s Deer Chronicle,  Fall 2008 Deer Chronicle
  - *Ask the Deer Biologist: “Antler restrictions are killing our best genetics by harvesting 6 & 8 pointers 1.5 year olds. What do you think?”*
    - PGC website [www.pgc.state.pa.us](http://www.pgc.state.pa.us),  White-tailed Deer, Looking for Answers? Section,  Ask the Deer Biologist,  Questions and Answers
  - *Antler Restriction in Pennsylvania: Are they working?*
    - PGC website [www.pgc.state.pa.us](http://www.pgc.state.pa.us),  White-tailed Deer, Antler Restrictions Section,  Antler Restrictions in Pennsylvania: Are They Working?
  
- **HABITAT**-healthy forest, deer food, habitat needs
  - *A Place to Call Home – Deer Habitat Relationships*
    - PGC website [www.pgc.state.pa.us](http://www.pgc.state.pa.us),  White-tailed Deer, Deer Management Section,  A Place to Call Home – Deer Habitat Relationships























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- *Habitat, Sweet Habitat*
  - PGC website [www.pgc.state.pa.us](http://www.pgc.state.pa.us),  White-tailed Deer, Whitetail Periodicals Section,  Life and Times of the Whitetail Columns,  Habitat, Sweet Habitat
- *The Whitetail Buffet: Just because it's GREEN, doesn't mean it's FOOD*
  - PGC website [www.pgc.state.pa.us](http://www.pgc.state.pa.us),  White-tailed Deer, Deer Biology Section,  The Whitetail Buffet
- *Caring for Deer and Forests* website
  - PGC website [www.pgc.state.pa.us](http://www.pgc.state.pa.us),  White-tailed Deer, Deer Biology Section,  Caring for Deer and Forests



- **DEER NUMBERS**-Where are all the deer?/When will there be more deer?
  - Ask the Deer Biologist Q&A: *"I hunt in the Wildlife Management Units 2F and 2D. As management goals are met for deer, when can you foresee a cutback in doe tags and an increase in the deer population?"*
    - PGC website [www.pgc.state.pa.us](http://www.pgc.state.pa.us),  White-tailed Deer, Looking for Answers? Section,  Ask the Deer Biologist,  Questions and Answers
- **ANTLERLESS ALLOCATION**-How does it determine the antlerless deer license allocation for each WMU?
  - *Goals, Measures, and Antlerless Allocations*
    - PGC website [www.pgc.state.pa.us](http://www.pgc.state.pa.us),  White-tailed Deer, Whitetail Periodicals Section,  Pennsylvania's Deer Chronicle,  Summer 2008 Deer Chronicle
  - *A Closer Look at the 2008-09 Antlerless Allocations*
    - PGC website [www.pgc.state.pa.us](http://www.pgc.state.pa.us),  White-tailed Deer, Whitetail Periodicals Section,  Pennsylvania's Deer Chronicle,  Summer 2008 Deer Chronicle
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  - Annual WMU Population Assessments and Allocations
    - PGC website [www.pgc.state.pa.us](http://www.pgc.state.pa.us),  White-tailed Deer, Deer Management Section,  Annual WMU Population Assessments and Allocations
- **HARVEST**-How does PGC estimate deer harvest numbers?/Check stations
  - *Seeing the Whole Picture – Estimating Deer Harvests*
    - PGC website [www.pgc.state.pa.us](http://www.pgc.state.pa.us),  White-tailed Deer, Deer Management Section,  Seeing the Whole Picture – Estimating Deer Harvests

- *Check Stations, A Better Alternative?*
  - PGC website [www.pgc.state.pa.us](http://www.pgc.state.pa.us),  White-tailed Deer, Whitetail Periodicals Section,  Pennsylvania's Deer Chronicle,  Summer 2008 Deer Chronicle
- *Harvest Estimates are "guesstimates"*
  - PGC website [www.pgc.state.pa.us](http://www.pgc.state.pa.us),  White-tailed Deer, Whitetail Periodicals Section,  Pennsylvania's Deer Chronicle,  Summer 2009 Deer Chronicle
- **RESEARCH**-If the # of doe tags is fixed regardless of how long the season is, what is accomplished by having a 5 day antlered/7 day antlerless season?
  - *Shorter Antlerless Seasons in 4 WMUs*
    - PGC website [www.pgc.state.pa.us](http://www.pgc.state.pa.us),  White-tailed Deer, Whitetail Periodicals Section,  Pennsylvania's Deer Chronicle,  Fall 2008 Deer Chronicle
  - Ask the Deer Biologist Q&A: "What is the purpose of the Antlered only firearm season in WMUs 2D, 2G, 3C and 4B, for the first week of Firearms season?"
    - PGC website [www.pgc.state.pa.us](http://www.pgc.state.pa.us),  White-tailed Deer, Looking for Answers? Section,  Ask the Deer Biologist,  Questions and Answers
- **WMU**-Why aren't the WMUs smaller/WMUs are too big
  - *Why Bigger is Better – Wildlife Management Units*
    - PGC website [www.pgc.state.pa.us](http://www.pgc.state.pa.us),  White-tailed Deer, Deer Management Section,  Why Bigger is Better – Wildlife Management Units
  - *WMUs are too big*
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  - Ask the Deer Biologist: "Why did the Game Commission change from smaller county-based units to larger WMUs for deer management?"
    - PGC website [www.pgc.state.pa.us](http://www.pgc.state.pa.us),  White-tailed Deer, Looking for Answers? Section,  Ask the Deer Biologist  Questions and Answers
- **URBAN DEER**-What can municipalities, townships, etc. do to control deer (what are the steps)/deer feeding/help with deer damage
  - *Acceptable Deer Management Strategies in Suburban Areas*
    - PGC website [www.pgc.state.pa.us](http://www.pgc.state.pa.us),  White-tailed Deer, Whitetail Periodicals Section,  Pennsylvania's Deer Chronicle,  Summer 2008 Deer Chronicle
  - *Community Guide to Urban Deer Management*
    - PGC website [www.pgc.state.pa.us](http://www.pgc.state.pa.us),  White-tailed Deer, Living with Deer Section,  Community Guide to Urban Deer Management
  - *Please Don't Feed the Deer*
    - PGC website [www.pgc.state.pa.us](http://www.pgc.state.pa.us),  White-tailed Deer, Living with Deer Section,  Please Don't Feed the Deer
  - *Deer Resistant Plants*
    - PGC website [www.pgc.state.pa.us](http://www.pgc.state.pa.us),  White-tailed Deer, Living with Deer Section,  Deer Resistant Plants



- *Using Commercial Deer Repellant to Manage Deer Browsing*
  - PGC website [www.pgc.state.pa.us](http://www.pgc.state.pa.us),  White-tailed Deer, Living with Deer Section,  Using Commercial Deer Repellents to Manage Deer Browsing
- **DISEASE**-What are fibromas and are they contagious (can I eat the meat)/EHD/CWD
  - Ask the Deer Biologist: *"I wanted to know about deer warts. Are they contagious to humans or animals? How does a deer get them?"*
    - PGC website [www.pgc.state.pa.us](http://www.pgc.state.pa.us),  White-tailed Deer, Looking for Answers? Section,  Ask the Deer Biologist  Questions and Answers
  - *Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease (EHD)*
    - PGC website [www.pgc.state.pa.us](http://www.pgc.state.pa.us),  White-tailed Deer, Deer Health and Public Safety Section,  Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease
  - *Chronic Wasting Disease*
    - PGC website [www.pgc.state.pa.us](http://www.pgc.state.pa.us),  White-tailed Deer, Deer Health and Public Safety Section,  Chronic Wasting Disease
  - Lyme Disease
    - PGC website [www.pgc.state.pa.us](http://www.pgc.state.pa.us),  White-tailed Deer, Deer Health and Public Safety Section,  Lyme Disease
- **PREDATORS**-How many deer are eaten by coyotes and bear?
  - *Predation and Pennsylvania's Deer Population*
    - PGC website [www.pgc.state.pa.us](http://www.pgc.state.pa.us),  White-tailed Deer, Deer Biology Section,  Predation and Pennsylvania's Deer Population
  - *Predators are killing too many fawns?*
    - PGC website [www.pgc.state.pa.us](http://www.pgc.state.pa.us),  White-tailed Deer, Whitetail Periodicals Section,  Pennsylvania's Deer Chronicle,  Summer 2009 Deer Chronicle
  - Ask the Deer Biologist: *"How much of an impact does coyote predation have on our deer numbers in the big woods/farming areas of north central Pa.?"*
    - PGC website [www.pgc.state.pa.us](http://www.pgc.state.pa.us),  White-tailed Deer, Looking for Answers? Section,  Ask the Deer Biologist  Questions and Answers
- **Landowner Programs**-DMAP/Red Tag
  - *Landowner Assistance Programs Overview*
    - PGC website [www.pgc.state.pa.us](http://www.pgc.state.pa.us),  White-tailed Deer, Living with Deer,  Landowner Assistance Programs
- **Technical Reading**-nuts and bolts of the deer management program
  - *Annual Reports*
    - PGC website [www.pgc.state.pa.us](http://www.pgc.state.pa.us),  White-tailed Deer, White-tailed Deer and Elk Section Annual Reports

