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, 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, 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, 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, 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, White-tailed Deer, Antler Restrictions Section, Antler Restrictions FAQs
  - *Getting the Point on Antler Restrictions*
    - PGC website 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, 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, 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, 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, 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, White-tailed Deer, Deer Management Section, A Place to Call Home – Deer Habitat Relationships

- *What is a Healthy Forest?*
  - PGC website www.pgc.state.pa.us, White-tailed Deer, Deer Biology Section, What is a Healthy Forest?
- *Habitat, Sweet Habitat*
  - PGC website 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, White-tailed Deer, Deer Biology Section, The Whitetail Buffet

- *Caring for Deer and Forests* website
  - PGC website 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, 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, 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, White-tailed Deer, Whitetail Periodicals Section, Pennsylvania's Deer Chronicle, Summer 2008 Deer Chronicle
  - *Goals, Measures, and Antlerless Allocations*
    - PGC website www.pgc.state.pa.us, White-tailed Deer, Whitetail Periodicals Section, Pennsylvania's Deer Chronicle, Summer 2009 Deer Chronicle
  - *A Closer Look at the 2009-10 Antlerless Allocations*
    - PGC website www.pgc.state.pa.us, White-tailed Deer, Whitetail Periodicals Section, Pennsylvania's Deer Chronicle, Summer 2009 Deer Chronicle
  - *Annual Antlerless Allocations and Supporting Information*
    - PGC website www.pgc.state.pa.us, White-tailed Deer, Deer Management Section, Annual Antlerless Allocations and Supporting Information

- **HARVEST**-How does PGC estimate deer harvest numbers?/Check stations
  - *Seeing the Whole Picture – Estimating Deer Harvests*
    - PGC website 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, 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, White-tailed Deer, Whitetail Periodicals Section, Pennsylvania's Deer Chronicle, Summer 2009 Deer Chronicle
- Annual Deer Harvest Estimates
  - PGC website www.pgc.state.pa.us, White-tailed Deer, Deer Management Section, Annual Deer Harvest Estimates

- **RESEARCH**-Concurrent Season vs. 7-day Antlered only & 5-day Concurrent Season
  - *Shorter Antlerless Seasons in 4 WMUs*
    - PGC website 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, White-tailed Deer, Looking for Answers? Section, Ask the Deer Biologist, Questions and Answers
  - Concurrent Firearms Season Length
    - PGC website www.pgc.state.pa.us, White-tailed Deer, Research and Surveys Section, Concurrent Firearms Season Length

- **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, White-tailed Deer, Deer Management Section, Why Bigger is Better – Wildlife Management Units
  - *WMUs are too big*
    - PGC website www.pgc.state.pa.us, White-tailed Deer, Whitetail Periodicals Section, Pennsylvania's Deer Chronicle, Summer 2009 Deer Chronicle
  - 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, 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, 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, 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, White-tailed Deer, Living with Deer Section, Please Don't Feed the Deer
- *Deer Resistant Plants*
  - PGC website 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, White-tailed Deer, Living with Deer Section, Using Commercial Deer Repellents to Manage Deer Browsing
- *Urban Deer Management – Facts & Fiction*
  - PGC website www.pgc.state.pa.us, White-tailed Deer, Living with Deer Section, Urban Deer Management – Facts & Fiction

- **BIOLOGY**
  - *When is the rut in Pennsylvania?*
    - PGC website www.pgc.state.pa.us, White-tailed Deer, Deer Biology Section, When is the rut in Pennsylvania?
  - *Deer Sex in the 21st Century: Part 1 and Part 2*
    - PGC website www.pgc.state.pa.us, White-tailed Deer, Whitetail Periodicals Section, Life and Times of the Whitetail Columns, Deer Sex in the 21st Century: Part 1 and Part 2
  - Deer Aging
    - PGC website www.pgc.state.pa.us, White-tailed Deer, Deer Hunting Section, Deer Aging

- **DISEASE**
  - *Wildlife Disease Reference Library*
    - PGC website www.pgc.state.pa.us, Wildlife, Wildlife Diseases Section, Wildlife Disease Reference Library
  - 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, 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, White-tailed Deer, Deer Health and Public Safety Section, Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease
  - *Chronic Wasting Disease*
    - PGC website 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, White-tailed Deer, Deer Health and Public Safety Section, Lyme Disease

- *Lyme Disease & Deer – Revelation or Red Herring*
    - PGC website www.pgc.state.pa.us, White-tailed Deer, Deer Health and Public Safety Section, Lyme Disease & Deer – Revelation or Red Herring

- **PREDATORS**-How many deer are eaten by coyotes and bear?
    - *Predation and Pennsylvania's Deer Population*
        - PGC website 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, 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, 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, White-tailed Deer, Living with Deer Section, Landowner Assistance Programs
    - Deer Management Assistance Program – DMAP
        - PGC website www.pgc.state.pa.us, White-tailed Deer, Deer Hunting Section, Deer Management Assistance Program – DMAP

- **TECHNICAL READING & PUBLICATIONS**
    - *Annual Reports*
        - PGC website www.pgc.state.pa.us, White-tailed Deer, White-tailed Deer and Elk Section Annual Reports
    - Publications List
        - PGC website www.pgc.state.pa.us, White-tailed Deer, Publications Section