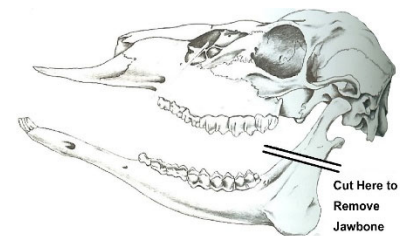




NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION Deer Management Assistance Program Overview

The Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) is a voluntary program administered by the Wildlife Resources Commission. DMAP provides guidance from biologists to assist participants with meeting their site-specific deer management objectives. Please thoroughly read the following information before completing your application for DMAP.

- Tag allocation:** Prior to submitting applications, please contact your [District Biologist](#). The appropriate number of antlerless and antlered DMAP tags are dependent on deer management objectives, harvest history, herd status, and property details, and are allocated at the discretion of the District Biologist. If antlered buck tags are issued, they are only valid after the peak of the rut for the hunting season zone in which the property is located, and the number of antlered DMAP tags cannot exceed one per square mile of enrolled property.
- Minimum acreage requirements:** Applicants enrolling properties within the Northeastern, Southeastern, or Central Deer Zones must own or control exclusive hunting rights on a minimum of **1,000** contiguous acres of land. Applicants enrolling properties within the Western or Northwestern Deer Zones must own or control exclusive hunting rights on a minimum of **500** contiguous acres of land. Landowners may combine their properties to meet the minimum acreage requirements.
- Historical information:** New applicants shall provide the number and sex of deer harvested from the area in the past three years, and information about hunter effort, land use, and property objectives.
- Harvest validation, reporting and registration requirements:** Applicants shall report all deer harvests using registration methods provided by the Commission.
 - Harvests shall be validated with either annual DMAP tags allocated specifically for the property or the hunter's Big Game Report Card.
 - If using DMAP tags, each adhesive tag shall be attached through the hamstring at the site of kill. Harvests which utilize DMAP tags do not count as part of the possession and season limit for the person taking the deer.
- Biological data collection requirements:** Applicants shall agree to assist the Commission in the collection of information from all harvested deer (harvest authorization #, harvest date, sex, jawbone, weight, reproductive measures, and antler characteristics) and record the data on biological datasheets.
 - Datasheets are supplied by the Commission or downloaded through the DMAP webpage at www.ncwildlife.org/deer. Jawbones and completed datasheets shall be forwarded to the District Biologist within 15 days of the close of the season.



The failure of an applicant to meet or comply with the above guidelines will result in denial of the authorization for participation in DMAP for the current or future years, whichever is applicable.

Applications must be received by **August 1**.