

NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION
Deer Management Assistance Program

*Harvest Validation, Registration, and Biological Data Collection Instructions
for Participants*

1. **Harvest validation requirements:** Participants shall validate each deer harvested during the archery, muzzleloader, and gun deer seasons as follows:

Antlerless Deer: Antlerless harvests shall be validated with annual DMAP tags allocated specifically for the property **or** on the hunter's *Big Game Report Card/Bonus Antlerless Report Cards*. **DMAP tags can be used anytime throughout the regular deer season, while Report Cards can only be used during the defined either-sex seasons.** If using DMAP tags, each adhesive tag shall be attached through hamstring immediately after killing the deer. Antlerless deer harvests which utilize DMAP tags do not count as part of the daily bag, possession, and season limit for the person taking the deer.



Antlered Bucks: Antlered buck harvests shall continue to be validated on the hunter's *Big Game Harvest Report Card* as described in the *Big Game Harvest and Reporting* section of the regulations digest. Antlered bucks shall count as part of the daily bag, possession, and season limit of the person taking the deer.

2. **Harvest reporting and registration requirements:** DMAP participants shall report all deer harvests using one of the following electronic registration methods:
 - A. Phone – Call **800-I-GOT-ONE** (800-446-8663). If reporting a DMAP tag, hunters should be prepared to enter the full 5-digit number printed on the DMAP tag.
 - B. Online/Mobile – Click on “[Report a Harvest](#)” at www.ncwildlife.org. If reporting a DMAP tag, click on the tag option, “Report a DMAP tag”. Hunters should be prepared to enter the full 5-digit number printed on the DMAP tag.
3. **Biological data collection requirements:** Participants shall assist the Commission in the collection of information from all harvested deer on the prescribed DMAP area. All biological information should be recorded on datasheets which are supplied by the Commission 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.

- A. Deer harvests should be identified by the hunter's appropriate *Harvest ID #* (see specific instructions on back of *Biological Data Form when using a DMAP tag*.)
- B. The month, day, and year the animal was killed should be recorded.
- C. The sex of the deer should be recorded.
- D. 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.
- E. The weight of each deer should be recorded to the nearest pound. Do not estimate weights!
- F. Number of points of antlered bucks should be recorded. A point must be one inch or longer to be counted.
- G. 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.
- H. 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.
- I. Measure and record (to the nearest millimeter) inside spread of main beams at the widest place.

