

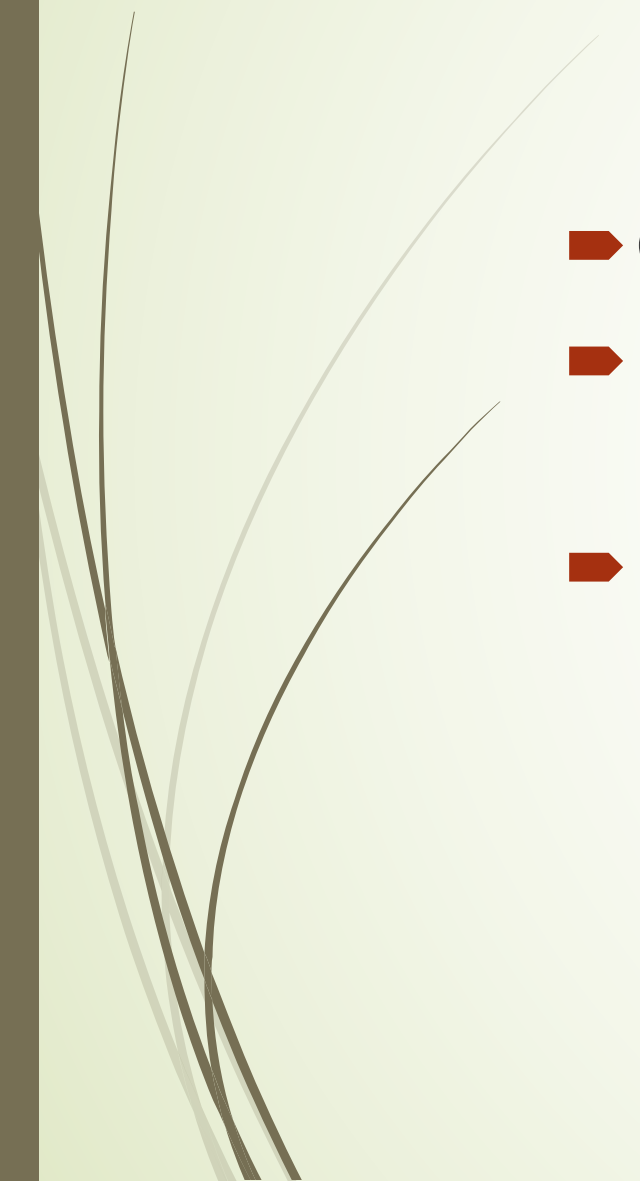


# Deer Management, Crop Damage and the Department of Natural Resources

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# The Role of the DNR

- Crop Damage Investigations
  - Recommendations on lethal/non-lethal measures
  - Permit Issuance
    - When to issue
    - Antlerless Licenses Versus Permits
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# Types of Permits

- Deer Damage Shooting Permits
  - Timing- Used only outside of regular deer season and typically in the summer months (June-August)
  - Purpose- to assist with immediate concerns of damage occurring; this is not hunting
  - Qualifications- damage is being caused by deer and at a level significant enough to cause economic loss
  - Rules- antlerless only; must utilize carcass; follow hours given; 15 shooters allowed to be listed; follow all rules listed on permit



# Types of Permits

- ▶ Deer Management Assistance Permits
  - ▶ Timing- in season permits only
  - ▶ Purpose- to assist with population control on individual properties
  - ▶ Qualifications- damage occurring but not at the same level as for a deer damage permit
  - ▶ Rules- antlerless only; must follow normal hunting hours; must follow rules of that season; must utilize carcass; must follow all rules listed on permit



# Permits: Do they have an impact?

- ▶ In Michigan in 2015:
  - ▶ 6,100 Deer Damage Shooting Permits were issued
  - ▶ 3,201 Deer Damage Shooting Permits were used
  - ▶ 13,256 Deer Management Assistance Permits were issued
  - ▶ 5,875 Deer Management Assistance Permits were used
- ▶ In comparison: an estimated 143,001 antlerless deer were harvested during the 2015 deer season

# Who to Contact?



➤ [www.michigan.gov/wildlife](http://www.michigan.gov/wildlife)

➔ Local Biologist Contact Info

➤ Investigations and permits issued out of local offices



# Exceptions to Permits

- ▶ Two Week Firearm Exception (for all counties but Pilot Counties)
  - ▶ Allows for firearm use from October 1-14
- ▶ Pilot Counties
  - ▶ ONLY occurs in Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Grand Traverse and Leelanau Counties
  - ▶ Allows for firearm use during archery season except for October 1-4 and November 10-14
  - ▶ Sunset in 2017





# Grant Opportunities



- Deer PLAN Grant

- ONLY available in Alcona, Alpena, Crawford, Montmorency, Oscoda and Presque Isle Counties

- Gives preference points to those located in close proximity to active agriculture

- DHIP Grant

- ONLY available in Alcona, Alpena, Crawford, Montmorency, Oscoda and Presque Isle Counties

- For All DNR Wildlife Grants go to:

- [www.michigan.gov/dnr-grants](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr-grants)