

# NOTICE



**You must purchase your RB stamps BEFORE hunting season begins on September 30, 2017.**

## **Hunting Regulations:**

A bag limit of two deer may be taken per day during any deer season, but only one antlered buck may be taken in a day. You may check your harvested deer using the new Electronic License System by phone, internet or visit a licensing agent. See season bag limits pages 14-19 in the 2017-2018 Hunting and Trapping Regulations Summary for further details.

All private land in counties having a firearms antlerless deer season (Class N or NN) will be open October 26-28, November 20-December 2, December 14-16 and December 28-31. All public lands having an antlerless deer season will be open November 20-December 2, December 14-16 and December 28-31. Bag limits vary among counties but will be either one or three antlerless deer.

**THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!!**

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BOWHUNTER SURVEY  
WV-DNR  
PO BOX 67  
ELKINS WV 26241

## INSTRUCTIONS

### 2017 BOWHUNTER SURVEY

1. Post your survey form in a convenient spot such as your refrigerator door, mud room or garage entrance, etc., where you'll see it when you return from hunting.
2. For the appropriate date, enter the **number of hours hunted** in the morning (**am**) or afternoon (**pm**) or both if you hunted both am and pm (see example).
3. List the **county** where you hunted. If you hunted in a different location in the morning and afternoon, record the county you hunted each half of the day (see example).
4. Record the **ownership of the land** where you hunted and whether land was **posted, yes or no**. If you hunted in different locations in the morning and afternoon, record the land ownership and posted vs. Not posted for each half of the day (see example).
5. Enter the dominant **land type** where you hunted. If you hunted in the woods, enter 'w' for woods. If you hunted in a field, enter 'f' for fields. If you hunted along the edge of a field (clearing, opening), enter 'e' for edge. If you were hunting in an Urban setting, enter "u" for urban.
6. If you saw no animals or birds while hunting, **simply** leave the spaces blank or enter 0.
7. If you observed any of the animals and birds listed, enter the **number of animals or birds seen** under the animals or birds column (see example). Do not record second or third sightings of the same animal or bird on the same hunt as more than one animal or bird sighted; if you see what you feel is the same animal or bird on different hunts, record it for each hunt.
8. For the deer you see, please record the **number of spike and fork antlered bucks, adult does and fawns**. If you are not **completely sure** of a deer's sex, record it as an unknown. If you killed a deer, **record the number of deer killed by sex. A forked antlered deer will have at least two points on one antler.**
9. Enter the type of weapon used while hunting. Enter "L" for long bow, "C" for compound bow, "R" for a recurve and "X" for crossbow.
10. At the end of the survey period or if you stop hunting before November 21, return the daily record form by taping the folded forms and attaching a stamp where indicated.

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## 2017 WEST VIRGINIA BOWHUNTER SURVEY

1. How many years have you hunted deer with a bow? \_\_\_\_\_ years.
2. What is your zip code? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Please enter your DNR ID number. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Is the deer population in the area you hunt most: (circle) 1. Increasing 2. Decreasing or 3. Constant?  
List the County \_\_\_\_\_
5. Compared to last year, were deer racks this year (circle) 1. Smaller 2. Larger 3. About the same?
6. Is the oak mast (acorns) this year in the area you hunt? (circle) 1. Abundant 2. Common 3. Scarce  
List County \_\_\_\_\_
7. Do you bait or feed deer? (circle) 1. Yes 2. No  
If yes, circle each type of bait/feed you use and enter number of pounds each year?  

1. Corn	_____ # Lbs	2. Apples	_____ # Lbs
3. Sweet Feed	_____ # Lbs	4. Commercial Feed	_____ # Lbs
8. **Did you hunt with a crossbow during the 2017 deer archery season?** 1. Yes 2. No  
 If Yes, did you previously hunt with a compound, longbow or recurve? 1. Yes 2. No  
 If Yes, did you also hunt with a compound, longbow or recurve? 1. Yes 2. No
9. **Did you hunt bucks in West Virginia with a firearm in 2017 (circle)?** 1. Yes 2. No
10. If question 9 is Yes, the first three days of the 2017 firearm season were Monday, Nov. 20, Tuesday, Nov. 21 and Wednesday, Nov 22. On which of these three days did you hunt bucks with a firearm in West Virginia? (Check all that apply)  
 \_\_\_ Monday, November 20      \_\_\_ Tuesday, November 21      \_\_\_ Wednesday, November 22  
 \_\_\_ I did not hunt bucks with firearms during the first three days of buck gun season
11. In what counties did you hunt with a firearm during the FIRST THREE DAYS of the buck firearms season?  
 \_\_\_\_\_
12. How many antlered bucks did you kill with a firearm in West Virginia during the FIRST THREE DAYS of the buck firearms season? \_\_\_\_\_
13. **Did you hunt antlerless deer in West Virginia with a firearm during the 2017 antlerless season?** 1. Yes 2. No
14. If question 13 is Yes,
  - a. In what ONE county did you hunt antlerless deer with a firearm MOST OFTEN in West Virginia during the 2017 season? \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. How many Class N stamps did you buy in 2017? \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. How many antlerless deer did you kill with a firearm in West Virginia during the 2017 season? \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. How many antlerless deer were button bucks? \_\_\_\_\_
15. **Did you hunt deer in West Virginia with a muzzleloader during the 2017 muzzleloader season?** 1. Yes 2. No
16. If question 15 is Yes,
  - a. In what ONE county did you hunt deer with a muzzleloader MOST OFTEN in West Virginia during the 2017 muzzleloader season? \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. How many Class RM stamps did you buy in 2017? \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. How many deer did you kill in West Virginia with a muzzleloader during the 2017 muzzleloader season? \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. How many muzzleloader killed deer were: Bucks \_\_\_\_\_ Button Bucks \_\_\_\_\_ Does \_\_\_\_\_
17. Remarks or observations (please include unusual experiences, your opinion on hunting season regulations, weather, etc.)  
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18. Please list the name and address of a friend or relative who might want to participate in this survey next year: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**PLEASE RETURN BY DECEMBER 31, 2017**

**2017 WEST VIRGINIA BOWHUNTER SURVEY DAILY RECORD**

Please enter appropriate letter for land ownership. U. Personal property (you own the land) P. Privately owned by someone other than you H. Hunt club/hunting lease C. Company land (timber coal, power, etc.) S. State owned land N. National forest land				Land Posted	Land Type	<b>DEER</b> PLEASE RECORD NUMBER SEEN, DEER KILLED, NEW SCRAPES SEEN AND BUCKS CHASING DOES										<b>OTHER WILDLIFE</b> PLEASE RECORD NUMBER SEEN!										Enter appropriate letter for Weapon Type L. Long Bow C. Compound R. Recurve X. Crossbow
Month/Day	Hours Hunted	County	Land Ownership	Posted Yes/No	Field (F), Woods (W), Edge (E) or Urban(U)	Antlered Bucks Seen		Adult Does Seen	Fawns Seen	Unknown Deer Seen	Deer Killed		New Scrapes Seen	Bucks Chasing Does	Bears Seen	Squirrels Seen	Turkeys Seen	Grouse Seen	Raccoons Seen	Dogs Seen	Bobcats Seen	Foxes Seen	Coyotes Seen	Rabbits Seen	Elk Seen	Weapon Type
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