

INSTRUCTIONS

This application is for qualified farmers to apply for free Deer, Turkey and Bear Permits (if applicable). Upon approval by NJ Fish and Wildlife Law Enforcement, applicant profiles in the license system will be updated and applicants will be notified. Farmer Permits can be claimed online using the license system or at local license agents. The permit pickup period is detailed in each issue of the Hunting Digest. No fees are required. Questions about the process or application can be directed to 609-292-1473.

The current Game Code defines a farm as an area of five (5) acres or more producing a gross income in excess of \$500.00 and is tax assessed as farmland. Immediate Family is defined as the spouse, child, stepchild, stepparent, legal guardian, mother-in-law, father-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandparent, great grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister, stepsister, stepbrother, brother-in-law, and sister-in-law of the farm owner or lessee who resides thereon.

OCCUPANT FARMERS - Qualify for Deer, Turkey, and Black Bear Permits.

1. Only the owner or lessee of a farm, **who resides thereon**, or the immediate members of his/her family, **who also reside thereon are eligible**. Applicants must be over 10 years of age.
2. Permits are **ONLY** valid **on the farm** upon which the applicant resides.
3. Occupant Farmers who own more than 30 acres have the option to apply for Non-Occupant Deer Permits should they so choose.

NON-OCCUPANT FARMERS – Qualify for Non-Occupant Deer Permits only.

1. The applicant must actively farm 30 tilled acres. Woodlots are NOT included in acreage needed to qualify. Properties do not need to be contiguous. If an applicant farms more than 30 acres in one zone, it is not necessary to list all parcels.
2. Each parcel must be tax assessed as farmland.
3. Applicant does not need to live on the property.
4. No more than five (5) individuals may receive a permit for each season for a property. The applicants must be the farmer or farmers, their spouses or children as defined above.
5. Non-Occupant Farmer Permits are valid on privately owned property throughout the entire zone in which the listed farm property is located. If the farmer does not reside on the land in question, he/she **MUST** have the necessary Hunting Licenses in addition to the permit.
6. If a farmer has land in multiple zones, one zone must be chosen for which to apply.

HOW TO COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION:

1. Each applicant must first have a complete profile in the electronic hunting and fishing license system and be assigned a 9-digit conservation identification number (CID). This application requires your CID number. Please ensure that your online profile is complete and up to date.
2. Farm Information: Print the lot and block number, acreage, actual location of the property, county, crop and whether the property is owned or leased by the farmer.
3. Under Deer, Turkey and/or Bear Permit Information put the Zone/Area in which the farm property is located. If you are uncertain, please refer to the current Hunting Digest or visit our website at <https://dep.nj.gov/njfw/>
4. All applicants must provide copies of farmland assessment and/or copies of lease agreements as proof of eligibility. Applications missing documentation will be immediately rejected.
5. **Mail completed application to: NJ Div. of Fish and Wildlife, Mail Code 501-03, P.O. BOX 420, Trenton, NJ 08625-0420, Attn: Farmer Applications**

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Permits are not transferable.
- Farmers must adhere to all rules, regulations, season dates and bag limits specified in the Hunting Digest.
- NJFW will notify you once your application has been approved. Permits can be picked up at License Agents or online
- **Check the Hunting Digest for permit availability dates each year.**
- Annual applications are not necessary. Once in the system, approved applicants will be notified when due for re-inspection.

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