

2026-27 PROPOSED OHIO DEER HUNTING REGULATIONS

SEASON DATES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE
Archery Season	September 26, 2026	February 7, 2027
Youth Gun Season	November 21, 2026	November 22, 2026
Gun Season	November 30, 2026	December 6, 2026
Bonus Gun Season	December 19, 2026	December 20, 2026
Muzzleloader Season	January 2, 2027	January 5, 2027

DSA SEASON DATES	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE
Archery Season	September 12, 2026	February 7, 2027
Early Gun Season	October 10, 2026	October 12, 2026

DSA: All of Allen, Hardin, Marion and Wyandot counties; Bucyrus, Dallas, Holmes, and Tod townships in Crawford County; Marlboro, Troy, and Oxford townships in Delaware County; Westfield Township in Morrow County; Delaware, Madison, and Van Buren townships in Hancock County; and Claibourne and Jackson townships in Union County.

2026-27 PROPOSED BAG LIMITS

TWO DEER COUNTY	A hunter may harvest no more than two deer in a two-deer county during the 2026-27 season. No more than one deer may be antlerless. A hunter may use two either-sex permits or one either-sex permit and one deer management permit.
TWO DEER COUNTY	A hunter may harvest no more than two deer in a two-deer county during the 2026-27 season. A hunter may use two either-sex permits, two deer management permits, or one of each.
THREE DEER COUNTY	A hunter may harvest no more than three deer in a three-deer county during the 2026-27 season. A hunter may use three either-sex permits, three deer management permits, or any combination.
FOUR DEER COUNTY	A hunter may harvest no more than four deer in a four-deer county during the 2026-27 season. A hunter may use four either-sex permits, four deer management permits, or any combination.
SIX DEER DSA ONLY	A hunter may harvest no more than six deer in the Disease Surveillance Area (DSA) during the 2026-27 season. A hunter may use six either-sex permits, six deer management permits, or any combination.

Hunters cannot exceed an individual county bag limit. However, hunters can combine county harvests to reach the statewide limit of six deer.

No more than one deer may be antlered.

2026-27 PROPOSED BAG LIMIT MAP

