

# CDAC Deadline & 2018 Deer Harvest

**Preliminary harvest numbers for the 2018 deer season are in, and it's time to start looking forward to next year's hunt. Apply to join your county's Deer Advisory Council to have a voice in the 2019 season!**

## **Apply to join your local CDAC by Jan. 15**

**Do you want to play an active role in your county's deer management?**

County Deer Advisory Councils across Wisconsin have openings and are looking for new applicants to fill vacant seats. Apply by January 15 for your seat at the table!

### **How do I apply?**

To be considered for a seat during the 2019 CDAC meetings, applications are due on January 15.



1. [Look up your county](#) to see if the seat you're interested in is vacant.
2. Read the [full position description](#) for that seat to determine if you are qualified.
3. Fill out the [CDAC application form](#).
4. Email your completed application to [DNRCDACWebMail@wisconsin.gov](mailto:DNRCDACWebMail@wisconsin.gov).

### **What do Councils actually do?**

Councils bring together local interest and expertise to review a variety of information related to deer and deer hunters, including all the same annual data and herd trends that department wildlife management see. Council members establish deer population objectives and make recommendations for annual antlerless harvest quotas and deer season structure.

## Who are Council members?

Councils are made up of a chair and alternate-chair, who are members of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress, and seven citizens who represent stakeholder groups in seven categories: agriculture, forestry, tourism, transportation, local government, hunting organization and the Deer Management Assistance Program.

## Preliminary 2018 deer harvest numbers

While deer season remains open in metro subunits through January 31, the vast majority of the hunting is over for the 2018 season.

So, how did this year measure up? Registrations for archery were down by around 11% this year, likely due to the wet and buggy start to the season. Hunters made up for these lower numbers later in the season, registering a total of 334,269 deer, a 4.4% increase over 2017.

As usual, the nine-day gun deer season saw the most registrations with 219,598 deer, up 8.8% from 2017.



While bringing in comparatively lower numbers, the Holiday Hunt increased its registration by 28.5% over last year with 3,652 deer registered.

**As the season winds to a close, we want to say THANK YOU to all the hunters who went out and participated in one of Wisconsin's favorite traditions!**