JAWBONE EXTRACTION

A. Pry the mouth open.
B. Loosen the muscles between the teeth and cheek.
C. Carefully cut the jawbone.
D. Slip the puller around the end of the jawbone and pull forward.

Required Antler Measurements

- A Number of Points
- B Inside Spread
- C Length of main Beam
- D Circumference

Detail of Point Measurement

All points must be 1 inch in length and have a base width of 1 inch or less.

NOTE

LDWF is seriously concerned about the potential threat posed by Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) in Louisiana deer. Please report any sick or abnormally acting deer to your local LDWF wildlife biologist.

THE HUNTER’S PLEDGE

- Respect the Environment and Wildlife
- Respect Property and Landowners
- Show Consideration for Non-hunters
- Hunt Safely
- Know and Obey the Laws
- Support Wildlife and Habitat Conservation
- Pass on an Ethical Hunting Tradition
- Strive to Improve Outdoor Skills and Understanding of Wildlife
- Hunt Ethically

To Report a Suspected Wildlife Violation,
Call Operation Game Thief
1-800-442-2511
24 hours a day

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### DMAP PROGRAM RULES AND REGULATIONS

- **Antlered Bucks** - An antlered buck is a deer with visible antlers of hardened bone material which has broken through the skin naturally.
- **Antlerless Deer** - A female deer ( doe) or young buck "Button Buck" with no visible hardened antlers.
- Deer harvested on DMAP enrolled property are not to be sold (reported) by phone or internet.
- Deer harvested on DMAP antlered or antlerless tags do not count towards hunters' season bag limits.
- Deer harvested on DMAP antlered or antlerless tags are listed on the application as the contact person and will serve as the liaison with LDWF. This person shall be responsible for the tags and provide harvest records to LDWF at the end of the hunting season or at any time requested during the season. Cooperators will be given 48 hours to provide requested documentation. If a hunting camp is used, it is recommended to keep records at that location.
- DMAP cooperators agree to allow LDWF personnel access to their lands for management surveys or other inspections deemed appropriate.
- Property enrolled in DMAP must be posted with DMAP signs at a minimum of 1000-foot intervals around entire boundary of the property and at every entry point onto the property.
- Assigned DMAP tags are valid only on enrolled DMAP lands for which they have been issued. All unused tags shall be returned by March 1 to LDWF official who issued the tag at this location.
- Tier 1 requires antlered and antlerless tags, and Tiers 2 and 3 require antlerless tags.
- DMAP tags must be used during the entire deer hunting season, which includes archery, primitive and modern firearm seasons.
- The DMAP tag must be attached in such a manner that it cannot be removed before the Deer Harvest Sheet is submitted.
- The tag must remain with the deer in the field; camp, en route to domicile of its possessor or stored at a cold storage facility. The tag is no longer required when the meat is identifiable as food rather than wild game.
- Documentation of all deer harvested in DMAP shall be kept daily on an official DMAP Deer Harvest Sheet. Mandatory records include: DMAP tag number, harvest date, hunter’s name, license number (annual or lifetime) or date of birth (under 16/over 59) and required biological data from harvested deer. Mandatory biological data on Tier 1 and 2 includes (jawbones), weight, antler measurements and lactation of females (not required for Tier 3).
- Failure of the cooperator to follow these rules and regulations may result in suspension and/or cancellation of the property’s participation in the DMAP program.
- Antlerless deer may be harvested any day of deer season on property enrolled in DMAP provided a DMAP tag is possessed by the hunter at time of harvest.

### DMAP LEVELS OF PARTICIPATION

DMAP cooperators property must contain at least 50 percent forest or natural habitat; a current map of the property is required.

#### TIER 1

1,000 acres or more, associated with quality or trophy buck management. Strategies include increased doe harvest to maintain deer herds at balanced levels and allowing bucks to reach older ages before harvest. Mandatory DMAP antlered and antlerless tags required along with complete harvest data collection.

Deer harvest is restricted to antlered and antlerless deer quotas established by biologists for enrolled property. Hunters must place an antlered or antlerless DMAP tag on each deer harvested. There are no daily or season deer limits for antlered or antlerless deer harvested by a hunter. This Tier requires the mandatory collection of biological data, including jaw bones, from each deer harvested. (Special tag allotment rules apply.)

Participants receive 15-day modern gun season extensions immediately prior to the early primitive gun season opening day, or immediately after the last primitive gun season day, depending on regional breeding data. Program biologists determine which season extension(s) are appropriate. Participants are also eligible to request an additional 10-day rabbit hunting season extension after the regular rabbit season closure.

#### TIER 2

500 acres or more, associated with quality deer management. Complete harvest data collection mandatory. Only antlerless DMAP tags normally issued.

Antlerless deer harvest is restricted to antlerless deer quota for enrolled property. Hunters must place an antlerless DMAP tag on each antlerless deer harvested. There is no daily or season limit for antlerless deer harvested by a hunter. Antlered deer must be tagged with hunter’s license tags (unless antlerless DMAP tags are issued). The antlered deer limit is one per day. The antlered deer season limit is the same as the respective Deer Area. Tier 2 requires the mandatory collection of biological data, including jaw bones, from each deer harvested.

#### TIER 3

40 acres or more, documentation of total number of antlered and antlerless deer harvested. DMAP tag required. Only antlerless DMAP tags available.

Antlerless deer harvest is restricted to antlerless deer quota for enrolled property. Hunters must place an antlerless DMAP tag on each antlerless deer harvested. There is no daily or season limit for antlerless deer harvested by a hunter. Antlered deer must be tagged with hunter’s license tags. The antlered deer limit is one per day. The antlered season limit is the same as the respective Deer Area. Tier 3 only requires that the total harvest of both bucks and does be reported on provided forms.

#### TIER 4

No acreage minimum, documentation of total number of antlered and antlerless deer required. Only available for nuisance deer species such as crop or lawn depredation. Only antlerless tags issued.

### DMAP APPLICATION

**Enrollment and Returned Record Dates**

- **Enrollment of a New Cooperator by AUGUST 1**
- **Annual Renewal Active Cooperators by SEPTEMBER 1**
- **Payment of DMAP Fees by SEPTEMBER 15**
- **All Records Data Sheet Returned by MARCH 1**

### DMAP PROGRAM FEE SCHEDULE

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### PROCEDURES FOR USING DMAP TAGS

#### TIER 1 (Antlered and Antlerless Tags Issued)

- You’ve harvested a deer. Take the appropriate antlered or antlerless DMAP tag from the tag holder.
- Bring the deer to whatever facility your club has where records are kept and data is collected (even if it’s a residence).
- Record DMAP tag number on data sheet.
- Collect all required biological data from deer and record on data sheet.
- You are legal and your deer is validated. You can proceed with the cleaning process. Do not call in any information.

#### TIER 2 (Antlerless Tags Issued)

- You’ve harvested an antlerless deer ( doe or button buck). Take an antlerless DMAP tag and attach the tag to the deer.
- Bring the deer to whatever facility your club has where records are kept and data is collected (even if it’s a residence).
- Record antlerless DMAP tag number on data sheet.
- Collect all required biological data from deer and record on data sheet.
- You are legal and your deer is validated. You can proceed with the cleaning process. Do not call in any information.

#### TIER 3 (ONLY Antlerless Tags Issued)

- You’ve harvested an antlerless deer ( doe or button buck). Take an antlerless DMAP tag and attach the tag to the deer.
- Bring the deer to whatever facility your club has where records are kept and data is collected (even if it’s a residence).
- Record “Club ID Number and Deer Number” on the report card portion of your license. (Example Club ID 70285 deer #7) [70285-7]
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### You’ve harvested an antlered deer. Detach one of your antlered deer tags from your hunting license. Record the date and parish on the tag and affix it to the carcass with string, wire, etc.
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