

# Hunting & Trapping Data 2015-2016

Species	Subcategory	Killing Dates	Total days of hunting/trapping	Total Killed 2015-2016 except where noted	Status **
White-tailed Deer	Fall bow	9/12–10/2 2015 10/3–30 2015 <sup>2</sup>	49	13,312 <sup>15</sup>	
Deer dates are inclusive of all Regulation Sets	Youth hunts	9/26, 11/21 2015 <sup>2</sup>	2	376 <sup>15</sup>	
	Permit bow	10/31–11/21 2015 <sup>2</sup>	69	7,049 <sup>15</sup>	
	Six-day firearm	12/7–12 2015 <sup>2</sup>	6	4,791 <sup>15</sup>	
	Permit Muzzleloader	11/30, 12/1, 14–15, 19–24, 26–29 2015 <sup>2</sup>	25	4,398 <sup>15</sup>	
	Permit Shotgun	12/16–18 2015 <sup>2</sup>	66	8,470 <sup>15</sup>	
	Winter bow	1/1–31 2016 <sup>2</sup>	51	3,043 <sup>15</sup>	
Total White-tailed deer				41,439 <sup>15</sup>	D
Black Bear		12/7–12 2015 <sup>2</sup> Extended 12/16-19 2015 <sup>3</sup>	10	510 <sup>3</sup>	I
Squirrel, gray		9/26–12/5; 12/14-15, 17–31 2015; 1/1–2/15 2016 <sup>5</sup>	97	66,413 (2013-2014) <sup>11</sup>	S
Squirrel, Gray:	Muzzleloading Rifle (.36 caliber or smaller)	9/26–11/6 2015 and 1/2–2/15 2016 <sup>5</sup>			

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Woodchuck	Bow, muzzleloading rifle or shotgun	3/2 to 9/30 2015 <sup>5</sup> 3/1 to 9/28 2016 <sup>5</sup>	213 <sup>(2015)</sup> 212 <sup>(2016)</sup>	44,869 (2013-2014) <sup>11</sup>	S
	Bow or shotgun	9/26–12/5, 12/14–15, 17–31 2015; 1/1–2/5 2016 <sup>5</sup>	134		
Raccoon	hunting	10/1/2015–3/1/2016 <sup>5</sup>	152	1,968 (2013-2014) <sup>11</sup>	S
	trapping	11/15 2015–3/15 2016 <sup>2</sup>	121	9,647 (2013-14) <sup>17</sup>	
		1/1–3/15 2016 for trapping on specific wildlife management areas <sup>2</sup>	74		
Opossum	hunting	10/1/2015–3/1/2016 <sup>2</sup>	152	178 (2013-2014) <sup>11</sup>	S
	trapping	11/15 2015–3/15 2016 <sup>2</sup>		1,124 (2013-14) <sup>17</sup>	
		1/1–3/15 2016 for trapping on specific wildlife management areas <sup>2</sup>			
Skunk	trapping	11/15 2015–3/15 2016 <sup>2</sup>	121	270 (2013-14) <sup>17</sup>	S
		1/1–3/15 2016 <sup>2</sup> for trapping on specific wildlife management areas <sup>2</sup>	74		
Weasel	trapping	11/15 2015–3/15 2016 <sup>2</sup>	121	0	S
		1/1–3/15 2016 for trapping on specific wildlife management areas <sup>2</sup>	74		

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Mink, Muskrat & Nutria	Trapping	North Zone: 11/15 2015–3/15 2016 South Zone: 12/1 2015–3/15 2016 <sup>2</sup>	121	Mink: 1,450 Muskrat: 26,071 Nutria?? (2013-14) <sup>17</sup>	Mink S Muskrat S Nutria I
Beaver & River Otter	trapping	12/26 2015–2/9 2016 <sup>2</sup>	46	Beaver: 594 River Otter: 43 (2013-14) <sup>17</sup>	Beaver I River Otter S
		1/1–2/9 2016 on select WMAs <sup>2</sup>			
Fox & Coyote	Bow and Arrow only	9/12–11/6 2015 <sup>5</sup> in DMZ Regulations Sets 4-8 <sup>5</sup>	185	Fox: 3,016 (2013-2014) <sup>11</sup>  Coyote: 63 (2013-2014) <sup>11</sup>	Eastern Coyote I  Red fox S  Gray fox S
	Bow and Arrow only	10/3–11/6 2015 in DMZ Regulation sets 0-3 <sup>5</sup>			
	Firearm or Bow and Arrow	11/7 2015–3/15 2016 <sup>5</sup>			
	Special Permit Season (Firearm or Bow and arrow)	1/1–3/15 2016 <sup>5</sup>			
	Trapping	11/15 2015–3/15 2016 except 1/1–3/15 2016 for trapping on specific wildlife management areas <sup>5</sup>			

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Feral Hogs	Deer hunters in Deer Management Zones 25 and 65 may hunt feral hogs during the regular deer seasons	Zone 25 (Regulation Set 3): 9/26, 10/3–30, 10/31–11/29, 11/30, 12/1, 7-12, 14-24,26-31 2015 1/1-1/31 2016 <sup>2</sup>	115		
		Zone 65 (Regulation Set 6): 9/12–10/31,11/1–11/30,12/1–24, 12/26–31 2015 1/1–30 2016 <sup>2</sup>	150		
Pheasant		11/7–12/5; 12/14,15,17–31 2015 1/1–2/15 2016 <sup>5</sup>	75	250,828 (2013-2014) <sup>8</sup>	D
	Youth Pheasant Hunt	10/31 2015 <sup>2</sup>	1		
	Hunting on semi-wild preserves	11/7 2015–3/15 2016 Sundays only See p. 62 in eregs for details	18		
	Hunting on commercial shooting preserves	9/1 2015–5/1 2016 Sundays only See p. 62 in eregs for details	35		
	Pheasant stocking on wildlife management areas	3 different sets of areas from November thru December p. 61 with exact dates	15		

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Partridge		11/7–12/5; 12/14,15,17–31 2015 1/1–2/15 2016 <sup>5</sup>	75	47,838: Chukar Partridge) <sup>1</sup> 1,010: Hungarian Partridge (2013-2014) <sup>8</sup>	
	Hunting on semi-wild preserves	11/7 2015–3/15 2016 Sundays only See p. 62 in eregs for details	18		
	Hunting on commercial shooting preserves	9/1 2015–5/1 2016 Sundays only See p. 62 in eregs for details	35		
Rabbit, hare & jackrabbit		9/26–12/5;12/14,15,17-31 2015; 1/1–2/20 2016 <sup>5</sup>	139	77,993: “rabbit” only (2013-2014) <sup>11</sup>	Eastern cottontail S New England cottontail U European hare I Black-tailed jackrabbit I White-tailed jackrabbit I
Northern Bobwhite (quail)				67,026 (2013-2014) <sup>8</sup>	RP
	Hunting on semi-wild preserves	11/7 2015–3/15 2016 Sundays only See p. 61 in eregs for details	18		
	Hunting on commercial shooting preserves	9/1 2015–5/1 2016 Sundays only See p. 61 in eregs for details	35		
	Quail stocking on wildlife management areas	3 different sets of areas from November thru December p. 61 with exact dates	15		
	Stocked quail at Peaslee & Greenwood WMAs only	11/7–12/5; 12/14, 15, 17–31 2015 11/30 2016 <sup>5</sup>	59		

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Crow		8/10–12/5 2015 12/14 2015 1/1–3/19 2016 <sup>10</sup> (Mon, Thurs, Fri, Sat)	123 (approx)	26,927 (2013-2014) <sup>8</sup>	American crow S Fish crow S
Ruffed Grouse		North of Rt. 70 10/17–12/5; 12/14, 15, 17–31 2015 <sup>5</sup>	70	725 (2013-2014) <sup>8</sup>	D
		South of Rt. 70 11/7–12/5; 12/14, 15, 17–31 2015 <sup>5</sup>			
Fall Turkey	Hunting period N	10/24–31 2015 (excluding Sundays) <sup>5</sup>	6	121 <sup>13</sup>	I (Eastern Wild Turkey)
Youth Upland Bird Hunting Day		10/31 2015 <sup>5</sup>	1		
Turkey (Spring Gobbler)	Includes hunting periods A,B,C,D,E	4/25–5/27 2016 <sup>5</sup>	31	3,043 <sup>13</sup>	
Turkey (Spring Gobbler youth)		4/23–5/27 2016 <sup>5</sup>			
Youth Turkey Day		4/23 2016 <sup>5</sup>			
American Woodcock	2 Zones	10/17–11/21 <i>North</i> 11/7–11/28 12/19 2015 1/1 2016 <i>South</i> <sup>10</sup>	36??	2,737 (2014) <sup>8</sup>	RP
Coot	3 Zones	10/10–10/22, 11/14–10/22 <i>North</i> 10/17–10/24, 11/14 2015–1/14 2016 <i>South</i> 10/31–11/3, 11/26 2015–1/30 2016 <i>Coastal</i> <sup>10</sup>	110	500 ± 192% (2014) <sup>9</sup>	U (American Coot)
Common Moorhen (a/k/a Common Gallinule)		9/1–11/7 2015 <sup>10</sup>	68		U

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Purple Gallinule					P
Duck	3 Zones	10/10–10/22, 11/14–10/22 <i>North</i> 10/17–10/24, 11/14 2015–1/14 2016 <i>South</i> 10/31–11/3, 11/26 2015–1/30 2016 <i>Coasta</i> <sup>10</sup>	110	52,500 (2014) <sup>9</sup>	
Mergansers	3 Zones	10/10–10/22, 11/14–10/22 <i>North</i> 10/17–10/24, 11/14 2015–1/14 2016 <i>South</i> 10/31–11/3, 11/26 2015–1/30 2016 <i>Coasta</i> <sup>10</sup>	110	Hooded mergansers: 3,318 Other mergansers: 1,255 (2014) <sup>9</sup>	Hooded Merganser, Common Merganser, Red-breasted Merganser S
Canada Goose	September Geese	9/1–30 2015 <sup>10</sup>	30	Canada goose: 29,703 (2014) <sup>9</sup>	I
	Regular Season	10/31–11/3 <sup>10</sup>	19		
	Special Winter Season	1/25–2/15 2016 <sup>10</sup>	23		
Light Geese	Regular Season	10/17 2015–2/8 2016 <sup>10</sup>	92		
	Conservation Order	2/16–4/9 2016 <sup>10</sup>			
Snow Goose				1,545 (2014) <sup>9</sup>	I
Brant	3 Zones	11/14–11/28, 12/22–1/9 2015 <i>North</i> 10/17–10/24, 11/14–12/10 2015 <i>South</i> 11/26–12/5, 12/19 2015–1/12 2016 <i>Coasta</i> <sup>10</sup>	30	1,500 ± 55% (2014) <sup>9</sup>	RP

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Sea Duck (includes scoters, long-tailed ducks and eiders)	Special Sea Duck Area	9/29 2015–1/30 2016 <sup>10</sup>	124	4,300 $\pm$ 54% (2014) <sup>9</sup>	All species scoters: RP Common Eider RP King Eider S
Rail		9/1–11/7 2015 <sup>10</sup>	68	400 $\pm$ 190% (2014) <sup>9</sup>	Yellow U Black T Clapper INC King SC Virginia RP
Common snipe		9/18 2015–1/2 2016 <sup>10</sup>	117	0	S
Youth Waterfowl Day	North Zone	10/3, 10/31 2015 <sup>10</sup>	2		
	South Zone	10/10, 11/7 2015 <sup>10</sup>	2		
	Coastal Zone	11/7 2015 2/13 2016 <sup>10</sup>	2		

### “Status” Symbols

#### Mammal status symbols<sup>4</sup>

E - endangered T - threatened D - decreasing INC - increasing S - stable U - undetermined  
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#### Bird status Symbols<sup>7</sup>

E - endangered T - threatened D - decreasing INC - increasing S - stable U - undetermined  
I - introduced P - peripheral RP - regional priority SC - special concern



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