

# 2026 EAST RIVER DEER



Draw	Application Opens	Application Closes	Results Available
First	05/27/2026	06/23/2026, 08:00 AM CDT	07/02/2026
Second	07/08/2026	07/22/2026, 08:00 AM CDT	07/27/2026
Third	07/29/2026	08/12/2026, 08:00 AM CDT	08/14/2026
Fourth	08/18/2026	09/01/2026, 08:00 AM CDT	09/04/2026
Leftovers	09/09/2026	12/06/2026, 12:00 AM CDT	

## SEASON DATES

November 21 - December 6, 2026

**Antlerless only season:** Only those tags specifically designated as "antlerless" are valid from December 12-20. Any Deer, Any Buck, or Any Whitetail tags do not convert for this antlerless only season.

## IMPORTANT SEASON INFORMATION

**Eligibility:** Residents are eligible for all units, with some exceptions. **REMINDER:** This season is a part of the combined deer draw in which individuals are restricted to the number of applications contingent on other applications and licenses held. Find detailed information at <https://gfp.sd.gov/hunt-fish-license/>.

**Group Number Maximum:** Six (6) applicants

## GENERAL APPLICATION INFORMATION

Visit <https://gfp.sd.gov/hunt-fish-license/> to view application information, residency and age requirements, landowner preference, preference points, and license fee explanations.

[Unit Descriptions and Map](#)  
[Interactive Hunting Unit Map](#)

## CONTACT US

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**NOTE: All applications must be submitted [online](#).**

## FEE SCHEDULE

License Types	Resident	Nonresident
01 - one any deer	\$45	\$375
02 - one any buck deer	\$45	\$375
11 - one any whitetail deer	\$45	\$375
13 - one antlerless whitetail deer	\$24	\$100

## RETURN POLICY (NEW FOR 2026)

**Return Deadline:** August 1, 2026

**Return Fee:** \$10 - Residents | \$30 - Nonresidents

A fee will be assessed if a customer returns their license. They will also be ineligible for any subsequent draws that year for that respective season.

## NONRESIDENTS

All license numbers listed are for Residents only. No licenses are available to nonresidents until the leftover period. These are first-come, first-served.

## LICENSE AVAILABILITY

Unit	General Area	Type	Resident
01A	Minnehaha (restrictions; see unit desc.)	01	300 ▼
03A	Brown (exc. Sand Lake NWR)	01	600 —
		13	300 —
04A	Beadle	11	450 —
05A	Codington	01	400 —
		13	200 —
06A	Brookings	01	400 —
		13	100 —
07A	Yankton	02	50 ▼
08A	Davison	02	50 ▼
10A	Aurora	11	200 —
12A	Bon Homme	02	50 ▼

## LICENSE AVAILABILITY, CONT'D

Unit	General Area	Type	Resident	
13A	Brule (exc. 13L)	01	50	—
		11	500	—
13L	Brule, public lands around Brule Bottom and Pease GPAs	01	20	—
14A	Buffalo (exc. Pease GPA)	01	50	—
		11	150	—
16A	Campbell	01	30	—
		11	350	—
17A	Charles Mix (exc. Lake Andes NWR)	11	200	—
18A	Clark	01	600	—
		13	200	—
19A	Clay	02	50	▼
22A	Day (exc. Waubay NWR)	01	600	—
		13	300	—
23A	Deuel	01	500	—
		13	100	—
25A	Douglas	11	150	—
26A	Edmunds	01	500	—
		13	200	—
28A	Faulk	01	600	—
		13	400	—
29A	Grant	01	400	—
		13	100	—
32A	Hamlin	01	600	—
		13	100	—
33A	Hand	01	10	—
		11	300	—
34A	Hanson	02	100	▼
36A	Hughes (exc. areas around Pierre)	01	150	—
		11	250	—
37A	Hutchinson	02	50	▼
38A	Hyde	01	10	—
		11	300	—
40A	Jerauld	11	200	—

Unit	General Area	Type	Resident	
42A	Kingsbury	01	500	—
		13	200	—
43A	Lake	01	300	—
		13	100	—
44A	Lincoln (exc. Newton Hills SP)	02	50	▼
46A	McCook	01	200	▼
47A	McPherson	01	500	—
		13	400	—
48A	Marshall	01	500	—
		13	50	—
51A	Miner	01	400	—
		13	350	—
52A	Moody	01	300	—
		13	100	—
54A	Potter	01	50	—
		11	400	—
55A	Roberts	01	500	—
		13	50	—
56A	Sanborn	11	150	▼
57A	Spink	01	700	—
		13	200	—
59A	Sully, west of US 83	01	100	—
		11	75	—
59B	Sully, east of US 83	01	20	—
		11	75	—
61A	Turner	02	50	▼
62A	Union	02	50	▼
63A	Walworth	01	50	—
		11	400	—
		13	100	—

### LICENSE CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR

▲ Increase    — No Change    ▼ Decrease    ◆ New Type