

2026 MUZZLELOADER DEER



Draw	Application Opens	Application Closes	Results Available
ST1-02	05/27/2026	06/23/2026, 08:00 AM CDT	07/02/2026

Over the Counter	Purchases Open	Purchases Close
LM1-13	09/03/2026	01/01/2027, 12:00 AM CDT

LICENSE AVAILABILITY

Unit	General Area	Type	Resident	Nonresident
ST1	Statewide	02	1000	
LM1	Open antlerless units	13	Unlimited	Unlimited

Open Antlerless Deer Units LM1-13

East River: 03A, 05A, 06A, 18A, 22A, 23A, 26A, 28A, 29A, 32A, 42A, 43A, 47A, 48A, 51A, 52A, 55A, 57A, 63A

West River: 02A, 15A, 15B, 20A, 24A, 24B, 30A, 30B, 31A, 35A, 35C, 39A, 39B, 45C, 49A, 53A, 53C, 58A, 58D, 64A

IMPORTANT SEASON INFORMATION

Eligibility: Residents and nonresidents are eligible.

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/>.

"Antlerless whitetail" muzzleloader licenses, restricted to one per individual, are not included in the combined deer draw, and can be purchased first-come, first-served.

Closures: Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge, Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge, Lake Andes National Wildlife Refuge, Waubay National Wildlife Refuge, Waubay State Game Refuge, Farm Island State Recreation Area, LaFramboise Island Nature Area, Custer State Park.

Group Number Maximum: Six (6) applicants

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

- Telescopic sights prohibited.
- Muzzleloader rifles must shoot a .44 caliber or larger bullet and muzzleloader pistols must shoot a .50 caliber or larger bullet.

FEE SCHEDULE

License Types	Resident	Nonresident
02 - one any buck deer	\$45	
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.

SEASON DATES

December 1, 2026 - January 1, 2027

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](#)

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