## Fieldwork and Hunting

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York County Mosquito Control

### Hunting Rules and Regulations

#### Every hunter, 12 or older, has to take a Hunter Education course

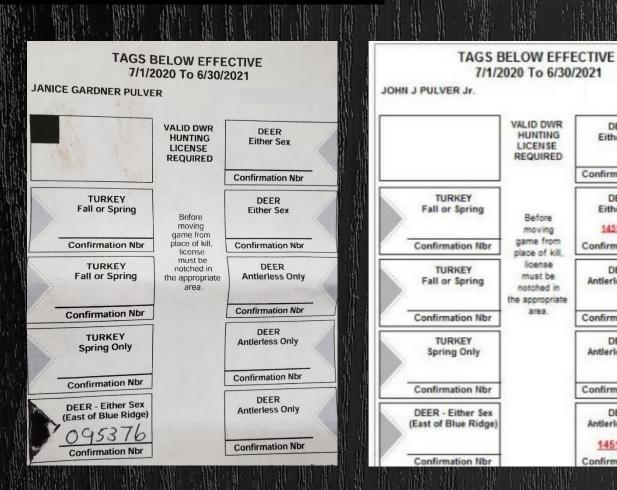
- Hunters have to purchase licenses annually for what and how they are going to hunt
- Every city, county, and state has different regulations

### Customer Information FULL NAME JANICE GARDNER PULVER

License Items		
ІТЕМ	VALID FOR	PRICE
HIP Registration	09/26/2020 - 06/30/20	21 0.00
Resident State Hunting	10/03/2020 - 10/02/202	21 23.00
Resident Archery	10/03/2020 - 10/02/202	21 18.00
Resident Muzzleloader	10/03/2020 - 10/02/202	21 18.00
Resident Deer Turkey	07/01/2020 - 06/30/20	21 23.00
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#### **Customer Information**

FULL NAME JOH	JOHN J PULVER Jr.		
ITEM	VALID FOR	PRICE	
HIP Registration	09/12/2020 - 06/30/2021	0.00	
Resident State Hunting	10/04/2020 - 10/03/2021	23.00	
Resident Archery	10/04/2020 - 10/03/2021	18.00	
Resident Muzzleloader	10/04/2020 - 10/03/2021	18.00	
Resident Deer Turkey	07/01/2020 - 06/30/2021	23.00	
Migratory Waterfowl Conservation Stamp	09/12/2020 - 06/30/2021	10.00	
Durable Annual License Card		5.00	
2021 Virginia Wildlife Calendar		15.95	



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**Either Sex** 

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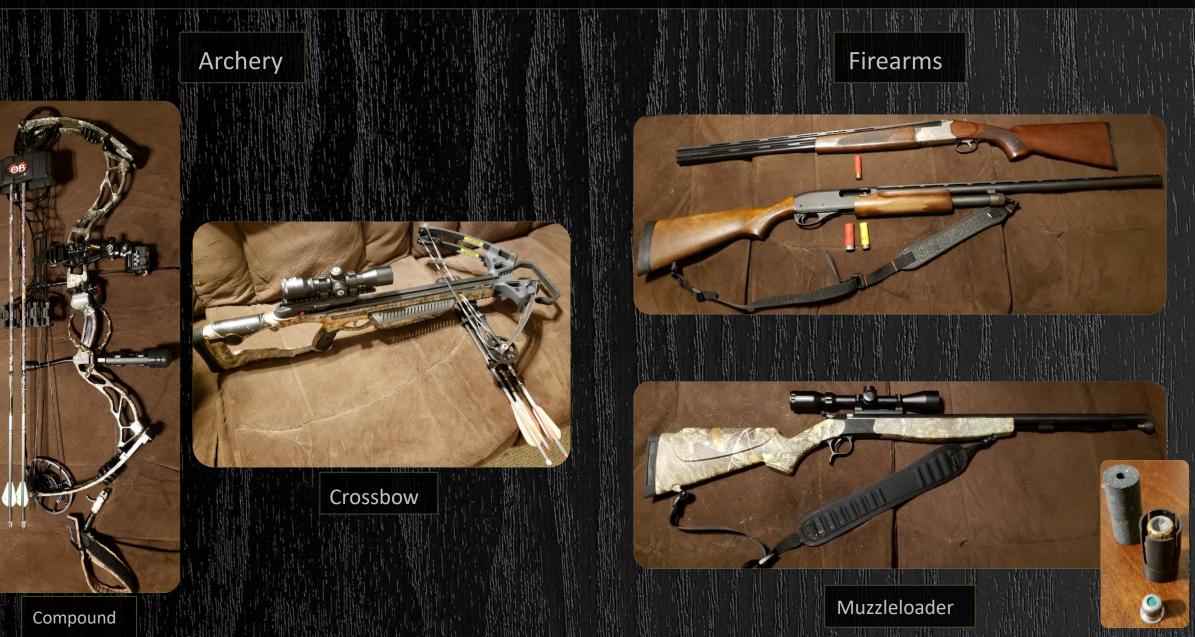
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### Archery, Muzzleloader, and Firearms



### Where to Hunt and Blaze Orange

- Where can I hunt?
  - Your own property
  - Public land where hunting is allowed
  - Land with permission from land owner
  - 200 yards away from a place of worship and/or dwelling
- Blaze Orange
  - Has to be a solid color, worn on the upper body, and visible 360 degrees
  - In Virginia, you only have to wear a hat

#### Do I Need to Wear Blaze Orange?

Turkey & Archery	Muzzleloader	Firearms
No	To and from stand or blind	Yes

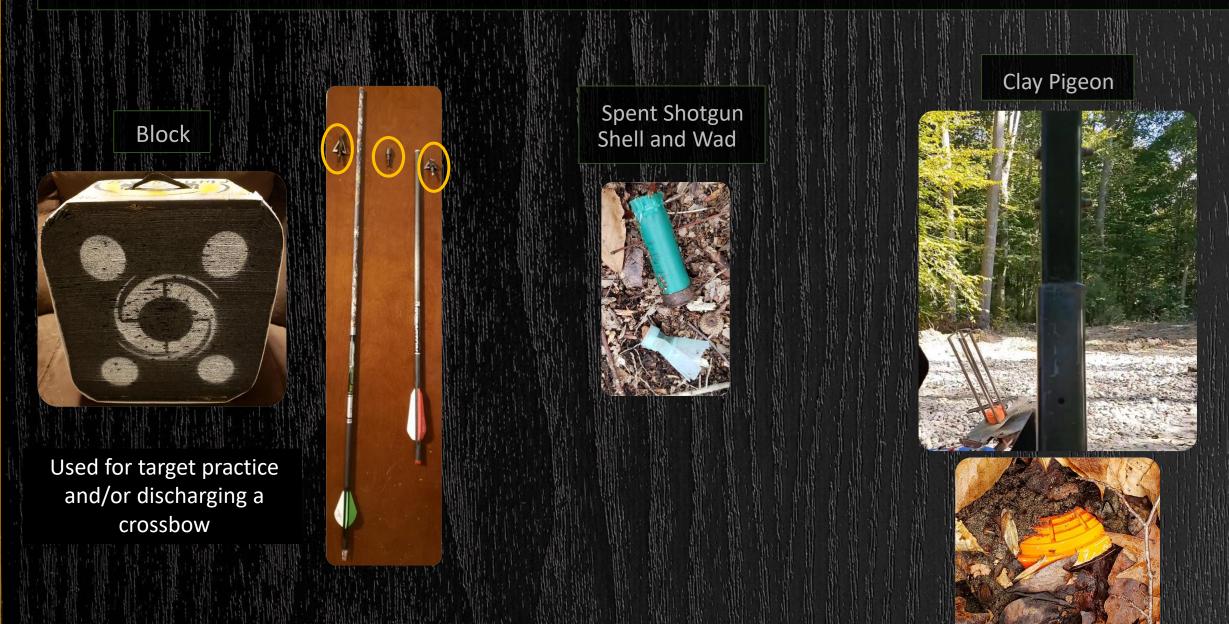


### **Deer Season**

- Legal Time
  - Half hour before sunrise to a half hour after sunset
- Bag Limit
  - Two deer per day and no more than three antlered deer for the season



### What is That?



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# Deer Biology and How to Hunt



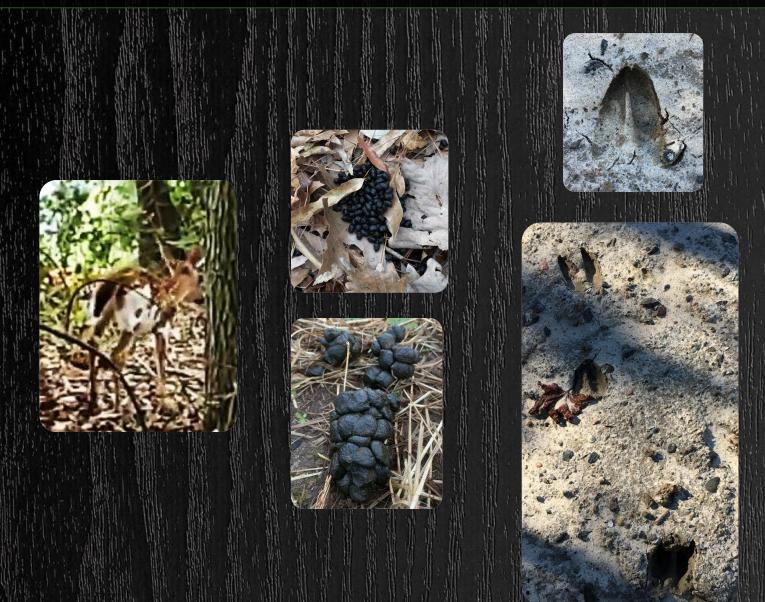
### Deer Biology – Fawns and Female Deer

#### Fawn

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- Young male or female deer
- Fawns are born scentless
  - This is why does leave them by themselves
- Doe
  - Older female deer
  - Her fawns and older daughters stick around to form a small herd
- Noise they make is called a bleat





### Deer Biology – Male Deer

- Button buck
  - "Teen" male deer
  - Have no antlers, but you can see "buttons" on its head where antlers would grow in
- Buck
  - Older male deer
  - Shed off antlers early in the year
  - Grow in velvet in the spring
- Noise they make is called a grunt



In the fall, have you ever felt like: Higher number of car accidents involving deer?

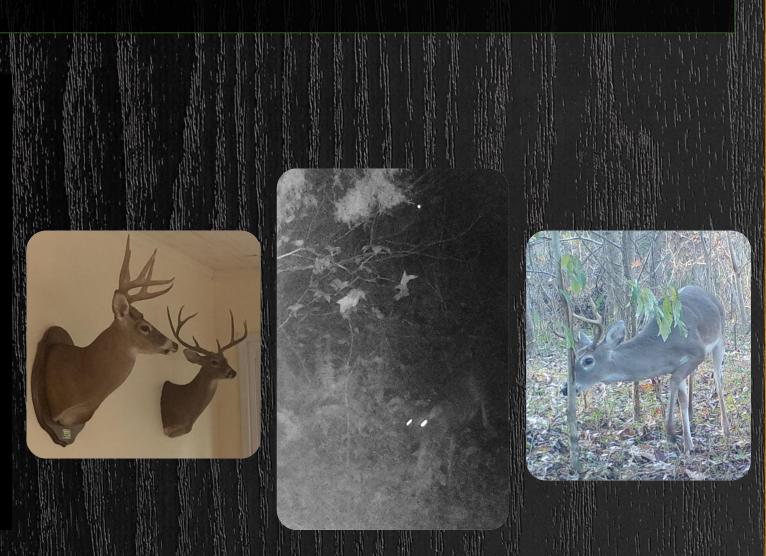
Your workers who hunt are taking off more frequently?

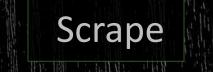
Bucks look like they didn't skip neck day at the gym?



### Deer Biology - Rut

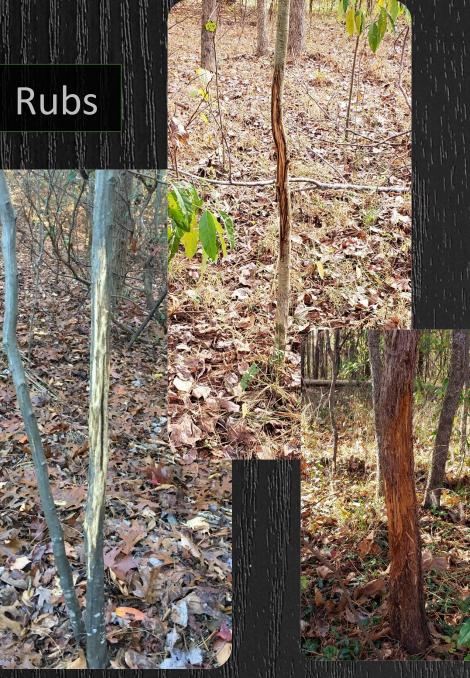
- Deer breeding season in November
  - The hormones in bucks increase which also causes their neck to swell
  - The increase in car crashes is likely caused by bucks trying to get does and/or does running away from them
  - Bucks make rubs on saplings to mark their territory
  - Best time to hunt because bucks become less cautious/you are more likely to come across them during the day











### Where and When to Choose to Hunt

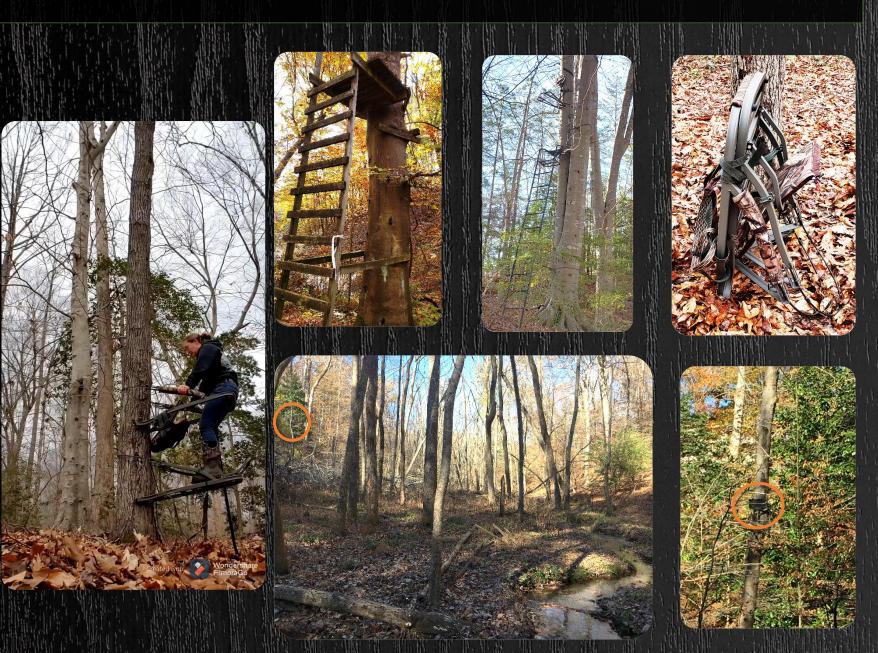
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- Find an area with a high amount of deer sign
- Find a "choke point" in the local geography
- Best times to hunt are early morning and late afternoon
  - Hunters usually are in the stand 30 minutes before legal time and leave the stand at or after legal time
- When in the stand, you listen for deer(usually)
  - If you are doing field work in the woods, talk and/or make noise so a hunter knows you're not a deer
  - Wear a bright color so they know your location



### How to Hunt Deer

- Stand Hunting
  - Wooden, lock-on, metal
  - Climber
  - Blind
  - Sitting on the ground
- Running Dogs
  - Dogs jump deer and hunters on other side of woods wait for deer to come by
- Clothing
  - Most people wear camo, but some don't



## Illegal Hunting

### What Happened?

#### \*Deer body parts about to be shown\*

Someone took the

head for the antlers

Dead deer with the back strap and tenderloins taken, that deer was probably poached



Deer was field dressed

### Take-home Points

- Don't have to worry about being shot during archery season
- Hunters with guns will be in the woods:
  - Deer
    - November, December
  - Small game
    - January
  - Turkey
    - April, and May
- A hunter does not want to be seen, so do your part to be seen/known if you are worried about it
- Hopefully you will be able to distinguish some illegal hunting activity
  - Illegal hunting activity should be notified to a Conservation Office and/or land owner

