

2020 PRAIRIE CHICKEN HUNT APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Note: Customers are responsible for providing accurate and correct information to the license agent for the license, lottery application or permit they are requesting. Customers are also responsible for verifying that they have the correct license type, application or permit they requested and that the information (i. e. customer address, zone, permit area, group number.) is correct prior to leaving the agent location.

WHEN AND WHERE TO APPLY Minnesota resident Prairie Chicken hunters must apply by **Friday, August 14, 2020**, at any license agent throughout the state, ask for application code 616. It costs \$4.00 to apply; this fee must be paid at the time of application and is non-refundable. Applications can also be made by calling (1-888-MNLICENSE) available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week or by Internet at [buy hunting licenses or apply for hunts here](#). There is a \$3.50 service fee for phone and Internet sales

GENERAL A total of 125 applicants will be selected. Licenses are made available by a drawing based on a system of preference. A hunter's preference level is determined by the number of years the applicant has submitted valid but unsuccessful applications since last receiving a license. **Preference will only be given if the same MDNR number is used from the last time you applied.**

Prairie Chicken Permit Areas are open to hunters who have been issued a license through the preference drawing system. Hunters may hunt only in the prairie chicken permit area for which the hunter's license is issued. Landowner permission is required to hunt private agricultural land or posted land.

Dates: September 26-October 4. **Prairie Chicken Permit Areas:** Applications may be made for only one (1) of the Prairie Chicken Permit Areas (*see map*). **Limit:** Two (2)-Prairie Chicken of either sex. **License:** \$23.00 resident Prairie Chicken Hunting License

To apply, **Minnesota resident** hunters 21 and over must be a legal resident of Minnesota for at least sixty (60) days and must provide one of the following: a valid Minnesota driver's license, a state of Minnesota ID card (issued by the Department of Public Safety), or if under 18 a firearms safety certificate number. Youth under 12 who have never used the electronic license system, should contact the DNR License Center at 877-348- 0498, Monday through Friday between 8:00am and 4:30pm to create a record and to obtain a DNR number. It is important that your ID card reflect your current mailing address; this is where your winning notification will be sent if you are successful in the computer preference drawing.

LANDOWNERS OR TENANTS RESIDING IN PRAIRIE CHICKEN AREAS

NOTE: Qualified landowners or tenants who are successful in this special drawing must allow prairie chicken hunting on their land during the entire season. Information on the location of such land will be available to other prairie chicken hunters.

ELIGIBILITY: Up to 20 percent of the permits for each permit area and time period will be issued by computer selection to applicants who are landowners or tenants of **40 acres or more** of prairie or grassland within the permit area for which they have applied. The qualifying prairie or grassland may be non-contiguous. Members of the immediate landowner or tenant family are also eligible for this drawing. **PERMIT AREA SELECTION:** You must select the 4-digit Prairie Chicken Permit Area in which your land is located. The qualifying prairie or grassland may be non- contiguous. **LANDOWNER DESCRIPTION:** County number of qualifying land (*see map*). You will also need to provide the township number (3 digits), range number (2 digits), and section number(s) (1 or 2 digits) for your qualifying land, as well as the number of acres of eligible land (minimum of 40 acres). **TENANT:** If you qualify as a tenant, you must provide landowner's name. **LANDOWNER/TENANT:** If you qualify for the special landowner/tenant drawing, you must provide your telephone number.

GROUP APPLICATION You may apply individually or with **one (1) to three (3)** other hunters in your group. The group accommodates those who do not want to hunt unless they can hunt with one or more hunting partners. When applying as a group, all valid group members will receive a license. All group members (maximum of four [4] people), must apply for the same Prairie Chicken permit area and hunt time. The first applicant of each group will receive a **group ID** number, which is printed on your receipt. The remaining group members will need to use this ID number when applying to be included in the group. The member who has the lowest preference level will determine the preference rating of a group. Group applications can be made of all general or all landowner/tenant, but not both. **Do not mix general and landowner/tenant applications. Mixing general and landowner/tenant applications in unlawful and will be rejected.**

NOTIFICATION Successful applicants in the drawing will be mailed the **2020 Prairie Chicken Winners Notice and landowner list** as their **winning notification**. When you receive **your winning notification**, you will need to go to any license agent to purchase your license.