

SURVEY INSTRUMENT

2001 Minnesota DNR Deer Hunter Survey
Responsive Management 2001

1. PRESS RETURN WHEN INTERVIEW BEGINS

START

TIMER STARTS AFTER THIS SCREEN

2. Time when interview began

TIME1 1:1-5

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3. Hello, my name is _____, may I speak with _____?
I'm calling on behalf of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and we're conducting a survey on deer management in Minnesota. We are not selling anything and your opinions are completely confidential. Do you have some time to answer some questions?

CONPER 1:6-7

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- |_| 1. Correct person, good time to do survey (GO TO QUESTION 5)
 |_| 2. Bad time/schedule recall (CB-do not save) (GO TO QUESTION 4)
 |_| 3. AM, NA, BZ (do not save)
 |_| 4. TM
 |_| 5. RF
 |_| 6. NE
 |_| 7. DS
 |_| 8. BG
 |_| 9. DL
 |_| 10. Bad Number (missing digit, begins with zero, etc.)

SKIP TO QUESTION 138
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4. When would be a more convenient time to call you back?
Thank you for your time.

WHENCALL

ENTER DAY AND TIME ON CALLSHEET (CB)

SKIP TO QUESTION 138
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5. First, I would just like to verify that you hunted deer in Minnesota during the 2000 season (this past season), is this correct?

VERIFY 1:8

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 5)
- 2. Yes (GO TO QUESTION 7)
- 3. No
- 4. Don't know

6. Sorry, but right now we can only speak with hunters that hunted deer in Minnesota during the 2000 season. We'd like to thank you for your willingness to help, however.

SORRY

PRESS ENTER TO CONTINUE

SKIP TO QUESTION 138

7. ENTER LICENSE TYPE FROM CALLSHEET.

LICTYPE 1:9-10

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 7)
- 2. Regular Firearms - Zone 1A
- 3. Regular Firearms - Zone 2A
- 4. Regular Firearms - Zone 3A
- 5. Regular Firearms - Zone 3B
- 6. Regular Firearms - Zone 4A
- 7. Regular Firearms - Zone 4B
- 8. Archery
- 9. Multi-zone Buck
- 10. Muzzleloader
- 11. MISSING: SEE MANAGER

SKIP TO QUESTION 9

8. YOU DID NOT USE SPACE BAR

NOSPAC7

PRESS ENTER TO TRY AGAIN

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9. Our records indicate that you had a #7 license for the 2000 deer hunting season in Minnesota. Did you have any other deer licenses in Minnesota for the 2000 hunting season? If yes: Which ones?

READ LIST AS NECESSARY, CHECK IF YES)

PERMIT 1:11-20

(CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

1. Regular Firearms - Zone 1A
 2. Regular Firearms - Zone 2A
 3. Regular Firearms - Zone 3A
 4. Regular Firearms - Zone 3B
 5. Regular Firearms - Zone 4A
 6. Regular Firearms - Zone 4B
 7. Archery
 8. Multi-zone Buck
 9. Muzzleloader
 10. DNR: No, did not have any other licenses.

IF (#9 = 0) GO TO #8

10. I'd like to begin by asking you some questions about deer management in Minnesota.

Would you say you know a great deal, a moderate amount, a little or nothing about the Department's deer management program?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY)

KNOWDEER 1:21

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 10)
 2. A great deal
 3. A moderate amount
 4. A little
 5. Nothing
 6. Don't know

11. And would you rate the Department's deer management program as excellent, good, fair or poor?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY)

RATEDEER 1:22

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 11)
- 2. Excellent
- 3. Good
- 4. Fair
- 5. Poor
- 6. Don't know

12. In the area where you hunt most, do you think there are more deer now compared to 10 years ago, the same number of deer, or do you think there are fewer deer now than 10 years ago?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY)

DEERPOP 1:23

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 12)
- 2. More deer
- 3. The same number
- 4. Fewer deer
- 5. Don't know

13. And in your opinion, should the deer population in that same area you hunt most often be increased, remain the same or be decreased? (READ SCALE AS NECESSARY)

DEERLEV 1:24

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 13)
- 2. Increased
- 3. Remain the same
- 4. Decreased
- 5. Don't know

14. Now I'd like to ask you a few questions about your hunting experiences in Minnesota during the 2000 season. First, in what county did you deer hunt most in Minnesota in 2000?

(ENTER ? FOR DON'T KNOW)

WHEREHNT 1:25-26

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15. Overall, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with your Minnesota deer hunting experiences during the 2000 season?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

HUNTSAT 1:27

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 15)
- 2. Very satisfied (GO TO QUESTION 17)
- 3. Somewhat satisfied (GO TO QUESTION 17)
- 4. Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- 5. Somewhat dissatisfied (GO TO QUESTION 20)
- 6. Very dissatisfied (GO TO QUESTION 20)
- 7. Don't know

SKIP TO QUESTION 22

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16. YOU DID NOT USE SPACE BAR

NOSPAC1

PRESS ENTER TO TRY AGAIN

17. Why are you satisfied with your Minnesota deer hunting experiences during the 2000 season?

(DNR LIST; CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

WHYSAT 1:28-40

(CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- 1. Like the regulations
- 2. Plenty of animals to hunt (quantity of game)
- 3. Plenty of trophy animals to hunt (quality of game)
- 4. Plenty of access on public lands
- 5. Plenty of access on private lands
- 6. Not too many hunters in the field/Not too crowded
- 7. Like the way the DNR manages game
- 8. Hunting areas are aesthetically pleasing
- 9. Positive family experience
- 10. Harvested an animal/Successful hunt
- 11. Weather was good
- 12. Don't know
- 13. Other

IF (#17 = 0) GO TO #16

IF (#17 @ 13) GO TO #18

SKIP TO QUESTION 22

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18. ENTER OTHER REASON FOR SATISFACTION WITH HUNTING.
(IN FIRST PERSON; 120 CHAR.)

WHYSATST 2:1-120

SKIP TO QUESTION 22

19. YOU DID NOT USE SPACE BAR

NOSPAC2

PRESS ENTER TO TRY AGAIN

20. Why are you dissatisfied with your Minnesota deer
hunting experiences during the 2000 season?
(DNR LIST; CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

WHYDIS 3:1-12

(CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- 1. Dislike the regulations
- 2. Not enough animals to hunt (quantity of game)
- 3. Not enough trophy animals to hunt (quality of game)
- 4. Not enough access on public lands
- 5. Not enough access on private lands
- 6. Too many hunters in the field/Too crowded
- 7. Dislike the way the DNR manages game
- 8. Hunting areas are not aesthetically pleasing
- 9. Did not harvest an animal/Unsuccessful hunt
- 10. Weather was bad
- 11. Don't know
- 12. Other

IF (#20 = 0) GO TO #19
IF (#20 @ 12) GO TO #21

SKIP TO QUESTION 22

21. ENTER OTHER REASON FOR DISSATISFACTION WITH HUNTING.
(IN FIRST PERSON; 120 CHAR.)

WHYDISST 4:1-120

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22. Did you harvest a deer during the 2000 Minnesota deer season?

KILLDEER 5:1

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- |__| 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 22)
 |__| 2. Yes
 |__| 3. No
 |__| 4. Don't know

IF (#7 = 2) GO TO #23
 IF (#9 @ 1) GO TO #23
 IF (#7 = 3) GO TO #23
 IF (#9 @ 2) GO TO #23
 IF (#7 = 4) GO TO #23
 IF (#9 @ 3) GO TO #23
 IF (#7 = 5) GO TO #23
 IF (#9 @ 4) GO TO #23
 IF (#7 = 6) GO TO #23
 IF (#9 @ 5) GO TO #23
 IF (#7 = 7) GO TO #23
 IF (#9 @ 6) GO TO #23
 IF (#7 = 8) GO TO #24
 IF (#9 @ 7) GO TO #24
 IF (#7 = 9) GO TO #25
 IF (#9 @ 8) GO TO #25
 IF (#7 = 10) GO TO #26
 IF (#9 @ 9) GO TO #26

SKIP TO QUESTION 27

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23. How many days did you hunt deer in Minnesota during the 2000 season with your regular firearms license? (ENTER ? FOR DON'T KNOW)

DAYSRF 5:2-4

|__|__|__| days

IF (#7 = 8) GO TO #24
 IF (#9 @ 7) GO TO #24
 IF (#7 = 9) GO TO #25
 IF (#9 @ 8) GO TO #25
 IF (#7 = 10) GO TO #26
 IF (#9 @ 9) GO TO #26

SKIP TO QUESTION 27

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24. How many days did you hunt deer in Minnesota during the 2000 season with your archery license? (ENTER ? FOR DON'T KNOW)

DAYSBOW 5:5-7

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IF (#7 = 9) GO TO #25
IF (#9 @ 8) GO TO #25
IF (#7 = 10) GO TO #26
IF (#9 @ 9) GO TO #26

SKIP TO QUESTION 27

25. How many days did you hunt deer in Minnesota during the 2000 season with your multi-zone buck license? (ENTER ? FOR DON'T KNOW)

DAYSMZB 5:8-10

|_|_|_| days

IF (#7 = 10) GO TO #26
IF (#9 @ 9) GO TO #26

SKIP TO QUESTION 27

26. How many days did you hunt deer in Minnesota during the 2000 season with your muzzleloader license? (ENTER ? FOR DON'T KNOW)

DAYSML 5:11-13

|_|_|_| days

27. Would you say you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the number of adult bucks in the area where you hunted most often last season? (READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

BUCKNUM 5:14

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 27)
2. Very satisfied
3. Somewhat satisfied
4. Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
5. Somewhat dissatisfied
6. Very dissatisfied
7. Don't know

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28. Would you say you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the quality of adult bucks in the area where you hunted most often during the 2000 season?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

BUCKRATE 5:15

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 28)
 2. Very satisfied
 3. Somewhat satisfied
 4. Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
 5. Somewhat dissatisfied
 6. Very dissatisfied
 7. Don't know

29. Would you say you are satisfied or dissatisfied with the number of antlerless deer in the area where you hunted most often last season? (READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

DOENUM 5:16

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 29)
 2. Very satisfied
 3. Somewhat satisfied
 4. Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
 5. Somewhat dissatisfied
 6. Very dissatisfied
 7. Don't know

30. Now I have several statements about your impressions of the area you hunted most often last season. Please tell me if you agree or disagree with each statement.

Do you agree or disagree that there were enough deer in the area? (READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

ENUFDEER 5:17

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 30)
 2. Strongly agree
 3. Moderately agree
 4. Neither agree nor disagree
 5. Moderately disagree
 6. Strongly disagree
 7. Don't know

31. Do you agree or disagree that there were too many other hunters in the area?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

TOOMANY 5:18

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 31)
- 2. Strongly agree
- 3. Moderately agree
- 4. Neither agree nor disagree
- 5. Moderately disagree
- 6. Strongly disagree
- 7. Don't know

32. Do you agree or disagree that you had heard about or seen big bucks in the area?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

SEEBUCKS 5:19

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 32)
- 2. Strongly agree
- 3. Moderately agree
- 4. Neither agree nor disagree
- 5. Moderately disagree
- 6. Strongly disagree
- 7. Don't know

33. Now I'm going to read a list of several reasons why people may choose an area to hunt. Please tell me if each reason was a major consideration, a minor consideration or not a consideration at all, when you selected the area where you hunted most often last season in Minnesota.

First, was choosing an area to hunt because it was close to your home a major consideration, a minor consideration or not a consideration at all when you selected an area to hunt last season? (READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

CLOSEHOM 5:20

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 33)
- 2. Major consideration
- 3. Minor consideration
- 4. Not a consideration
- 5. Don't know

34. Was choosing an area to hunt because you had hunted the area before a major consideration, a minor consideration or not a consideration at all when you selected an area to hunt last season? (READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

HUNTB4 5:21

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 34)
 2. Major consideration
 3. Minor consideration
 4. Not a consideration
 5. Don't know

35. What about because you thought there were a lot of deer in the area? (Was that a major consideration, a minor consideration or not a consideration at all when selecting an area to hunt last season?) (READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

LOTSDEER 5:22

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 35)
 2. Major consideration
 3. Minor consideration
 4. Not a consideration
 5. Don't know

36. What about because you thought there were few other hunters in the area? (Was that a major consideration, a minor consideration or not a consideration at all when selecting an area to hunt last season?) (READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

FEWHUNT 5:23

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 36)
 2. Major consideration
 3. Minor consideration
 4. Not a consideration
 5. Don't know

37. What about because the area was open to public hunting?
(Was that a major consideration, a minor consideration or
not a consideration at all when selecting an area to hunt
last season?) (READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

GAINACC 5:24

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 37)
- 2. Major consideration
- 3. Minor consideration
- 4. Not a consideration
- 5. Don't know

38. What about because you thought there were large antlered
bucks in the area? (Was that a major consideration, a minor
consideration or not a consideration at all when selecting
an area to hunt last season?)

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

BIGBUCKS 5:25

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 38)
- 2. Major consideration
- 3. Minor consideration
- 4. Not a consideration
- 5. Don't know

39. What about because of the area's season dates? (Was that
a major consideration, a minor consideration or not a
consideration at all when selecting an area to hunt last
season?) (READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

SCHEDULE 5:26

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 39)
- 2. Major consideration
- 3. Minor consideration
- 4. Not a consideration
- 5. Don't know

40. On what type of land do you primarily deer hunt in Minnesota?
(DNR LIST; CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

TYPELAND 5:27-28

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 40)
 2. State Wildlife Management Area
 3. State Forest
 4. National Forest
 5. County Forest
 6. Other public land
 7. Special park hunts
 8. Private land (respondent's own property)
 9. Private land (property of respondent's family or friend)
 10. Private land (leased for hunting)
 11. Private land (other)
 12. National Wildlife Refuge
 13. Federal Waterfowl Production Area
 14. Don't hunt on one particular type of land
 15. Don't know

41. During the past 3 years have you hunted deer on a Minnesota State Wildlife Management Area (WMA)?

WMALAND 5:29

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 41)
 2. Yes
 3. No
 4. Don't know

42. When you deer hunt in Minnesota, do you usually hunt alone or with a group?

HUNTWITH 5:30

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 42)
 2. Alone
 3. With a group (GO TO QUESTION 43)
 4. Both about equally (GO TO QUESTION 43)
 5. Don't know

SKIP TO QUESTION 44

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43. On average, how large of a group do you usually hunt with in Minnesota? (ENTER ? FOR DON'T KNOW)

PRTYSIZE 5:31-33

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44. Would you say you hunt from a tree stand always, sometimes, rarely or never? (READ SCALE AS NECESSARY)

TREESTND 5:34

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- |__| 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 44)
- |__| 2. Always
- |__| 3. Sometimes
- |__| 4. Rarely
- |__| 5. Never
- |__| 6. Don't know

45. Now I'm going to read you some reasons why people might deer hunt. Please tell me which reason BEST describes why you, personally, deer hunt.

(READ LIST; CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

WHYHUNT 5:35-36

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- |__| 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 45)
- |__| 2. For the meat
- |__| 3. To be with family and friends
- |__| 4. For the sport or recreation
- |__| 5. To be close to nature
- |__| 6. For the relaxation
- |__| 7. To protect your crops and property from damage
- |__| 8. For the tradition
- |__| 9. For prestige
- |__| 10. (DNR: None of these)

46. Now I'd like to talk to you about various deer hunting approaches in Minnesota. I'd like for you to tell me which ONE of the following best describes your deer hunting approach in Minnesota.

Would you say you: hunt exclusively for large antlered bucks during the entire deer season, do you hunt for large antlered bucks early in the season but will shoot any legal deer later, do you shoot any antlered buck, do you shoot the first legal deer that offers a good shot, or do you shoot only antlerless deer? (READ LIST AS NECESSARY; CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

STRATEGY 5:37

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 46)
 2. Hunt for large antlered bucks during entire season
 3. Hunt for large antlered bucks early/shoot any legal deer later
 4. Shoot any antlered buck
 5. Shoot the first legal deer that offers a good shot
 6. Shoot only antlerless deer
 7. DNR: Other (GO TO QUESTION 47)
 8. Don't know

SKIP TO QUESTION 48

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47. ENTER OTHER STRATEGY FOR HUNTING DEER IN MINNESOTA.
 (IN FIRST PERSON; 120 CHAR.)

OTHSTRAT 6:1-120

48. How familiar are you with the deer management philosophy called Quality Deer Management? Would you say you are very familiar, somewhat familiar or not at all familiar with Quality Deer Management? (READ SCALE AS NECESSARY)

KNOWQDM 7:1

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 48)
- 2. Very familiar
- 3. Somewhat familiar
- 4. Not at all familiar
- 5. Don't know

SKIP TO QUESTION 50

49. YOU DID NOT USE SPACE BAR

NOSPAC3

PRESS ENTER TO TRY AGAIN

50. Quality Deer Management is a popular term used in deer management today. However, the word "quality" means different things to different people. What exactly does Quality Deer Management mean to you?

(DNR LIST; CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

DEFQDM 7:2-10

(CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- 1. Balanced sex ratio (one buck for every one doe)
- 2. Larger, older deer
- 3. An abundance of deer
- 4. Large bodied bucks
- 5. Bucks with large antlers
- 6. Bucks with large antler spreads
- 7. Less competition with other hunters
- 8. Don't know
- 9. Other

IF (#50 = 0) GO TO #49

IF (#50 @ 9) GO TO #51

SKIP TO QUESTION 53

51. ENTER OTHER MEANING FOR QDM.
(IN FIRST PERSON; 120 CHAR.)

DEFQDMST 8:1-120

SKIP TO QUESTION 53

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52. YOU DID NOT USE SPACE BAR

NOSPAC4

PRESS ENTER TO TRY AGAIN

53. Now I'm going to read you a list of several types of
deer and I want to know if you consider each one to
be a quality deer. (READ LIST; CHECK IF YES)

QUALDR 9:1-8

(CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- 1. Any legal deer?
- 2. A large doe?
- 3. Any antlered buck?
- 4. A buck with 8 or more points?
- 5. A buck with a 16 inch or greater inside spread?
- 6. A hunter's first deer?
- 7. DNR: Other
- 8. DNR: Don't know

IF (#53 = 0) GO TO #52

IF (#53 @ 7) GO TO #54

SKIP TO QUESTION 55

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54. ENTER OTHER TYPES OF QUALITY DEER
(IN FIRST PERSON; 120 CHAR.)

QUALDRST 10:1-120

55. Would you support or oppose a regulation protecting small-antlered bucks in exchange for increased odds of shooting larger-antlered bucks in later years?
(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

ODDS 11:1

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 55)
- 2. Strongly support
- 3. Moderately support
- 4. Neither support nor oppose
- 5. Moderately oppose
- 6. Strongly oppose
- 7. Don't know

56. Would you support or oppose the DNR managing for large antlered bucks, if it meant fewer overall deer?
(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

MNGBIG 11:2

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 56)
- 2. Strongly support
- 3. Moderately support
- 4. Neither support nor oppose
- 5. Moderately oppose
- 6. Strongly oppose
- 7. Don't know

57. Would you support or oppose the DNR managing for large antlered bucks, if it meant that the overall deer population would be less productive, meaning it would take longer for recovery after severe winters?
(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

LESSPROD 11:3

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 57)
- 2. Strongly support
- 3. Moderately support
- 4. Neither support nor oppose
- 5. Moderately oppose
- 6. Strongly oppose
- 7. Don't know

58. Most Quality Deer Management programs focus on protection of younger bucks to increase the number of older large-antlered bucks. There are several ways this might be accomplished. I'm going to read a list of ways this could be attempted and I would like for you to tell me if you support or oppose each one as a way to manage deer in Minnesota.

Would you support or oppose limiting the number of days within a deer season that antlered bucks may be taken as a way to protect bucks? (READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

LIMITDAY 11:4

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 58)
- 2. Strongly support
- 3. Moderately support
- 4. Neither support nor oppose
- 5. Moderately oppose
- 6. Strongly oppose
- 7. Don't know

59. Would you support or oppose limiting the number of hunters that are allowed to take antlered bucks as a way to protect bucks? (READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

LIMITHNT 11:5

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 59)
- 2. Strongly support
- 3. Moderately support
- 4. Neither support nor oppose
- 5. Moderately oppose
- 6. Strongly oppose
- 7. Don't know

60. Would you support or oppose limiting the size of bucks that hunters may take through antler point restrictions as a way to protect younger bucks?
(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

LIMITSIZ 11:6

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 60)
- 2. Strongly support
- 3. Moderately support
- 4. Neither support nor oppose
- 5. Moderately oppose
- 6. Strongly oppose
- 7. Don't know

61. If such an antler point restriction was applied, how many total points should a buck have in order to be legally harvested?
(ENTER ? FOR DON'T KNOW)

NUMPTS 11:7-8

| total points

62. Would you support or oppose opening the firearms season after the peak of the rut (mid November), as a way to protect bucks?
(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

AFTERRUT 11:9

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 62)
- 2. Strongly support
- 3. Moderately support
- 4. Neither support nor oppose
- 5. Moderately oppose
- 6. Strongly oppose
- 7. Don't know

63. Would you support or oppose eliminating party hunting, as a way to protect antlered bucks?
(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

PRTYHUNT 11:10

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 63)
 2. Strongly support
 3. Moderately support
 4. Neither support nor oppose
 5. Moderately oppose
 6. Strongly oppose
 7. Don't know

64. In areas which could support additional harvest, would you support or oppose requiring hunters to shoot an antlerless deer prior to shooting an adult buck?
(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

DOEB4BCK 11:11

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 64)
 2. Strongly support
 3. Moderately support
 4. Neither support nor oppose
 5. Moderately oppose
 6. Strongly oppose
 7. Don't know

65. Would you prefer to see Quality Deer Management applied statewide, zone wide, by individual antlerless permit area, by individual management area such as a State Wildlife Management area, or are you opposed to all Quality Deer Management? (READ LIST AS NECESSARY)

WHRQDM 11:12

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 65)
 2. Statewide
 3. Zone wide
 4. By individual antlerless permit area
 5. By individual management area such as a State Wildlife Mgmt. Area
 6. Opposed to all QDM
 7. DNR: Don't know

66. How likely would you be to pay an additional fee to the state to hunt in areas specifically managed for older, large antlered bucks? (READ LIST AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

BIGFEE 11:13

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 66)
- 2. Very likely
- 3. Somewhat likely
- 4. Not at all likely
- 5. Don't know

67. Now I'd like to talk to you about hunting access. Overall, do you think the amount of public lands in Minnesota available for deer hunting is excellent, good, fair or poor?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY)

PUBACC 11:14

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 67)
- 2. Excellent
- 3. Good
- 4. Fair
- 5. Poor
- 6. Don't know

68. And how would you rate deer hunting access on private lands in Minnesota? Would you say it is excellent, good, fair or poor? (READ SCALE AS NECESSARY)

PRIVACC 11:15

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 68)
- 2. Excellent
- 3. Good
- 4. Fair
- 5. Poor
- 6. Don't know

69. Would you support or oppose having to pay a fee to hunt deer on private lands in Minnesota?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

PRIVFEE 11:16

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 69)
- 2. Strongly support
- 3. Moderately support
- 4. Neither support nor oppose
- 5. Moderately oppose
- 6. Strongly oppose
- 7. Don't know

70. How supportive would you be of paying a fee for a State program that leases private land for public hunting access? Would you say you'd be very likely, somewhat likely or not at all likely to support such a fee?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

PAYLEASE 11:17

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 70)
- 2. Very likely (GO TO QUESTION 71)
- 3. Somewhat likely (GO TO QUESTION 71)
- 4. Not at all likely
- 5. Don't know

SKIP TO QUESTION 72

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71. And would you be willing to support such a program through increased license fees?

LEASEFEE 11:18

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 71)
- 2. Yes
- 3. No
- 4. Don't know

72. Now I'd like to ask you some questions about various hunting regulations and season structures in Minnesota.

Do you support or oppose the use of permanent deer stands on public lands in Minnesota?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

PRMSTAND 11:19

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 72)
- 2. Strongly support
- 3. Moderately support
- 4. Neither support nor oppose
- 5. Moderately oppose
- 6. Strongly oppose
- 7. Don't know

73. And do you support or oppose limiting tree stands to PORTABLES ONLY on public land?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

PORTSTND 11:20

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 73)
- 2. Strongly support
- 3. Moderately support
- 4. Neither support nor oppose
- 5. Moderately oppose
- 6. Strongly oppose
- 7. Don't know

SKIP TO QUESTION 75

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74. YOU DID NOT USE SPACE BAR

NOSPAC99

PRESS ENTER TO TRY AGAIN

75. And which of the following restrictions to permanent tree stands on public lands would you support?

(READ LIST; CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

RSTTRE 11:21-26

(CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- 1. Overall size restrictions
- 2. Restrict building materials to biodegradable only
- 3. Design restrictions
- 4. Restrict how the stand can be attached or fastened to the tree
- 5. Don't support any restrictions to perm tree stands on public land
- 6. Don't know

IF (#75 = 0) GO TO #74

76. Do you agree or disagree that hunters using permanent tree stands exert more control over hunting areas on public lands than hunters using portable stands?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

PREEMPT 11:27

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 76)
- 2. Strongly agree
- 3. Moderately agree
- 4. Neither agree nor disagree
- 5. Moderately disagree
- 6. Strongly disagree
- 7. Don't know

77. Thinking about the current archery season structure (September 15-December 31) and your experiences from this past hunting season, would you say that the length of the archery deer season is too long, too short or about right?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY)

BOWLNGTH 11:28

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 77)
- 2. Too long
- 3. About the right length
- 4. Too short
- 5. Don't know

78. Do you think the archery season should open earlier, later or do you like the current timing for the archery season the best? (READ SCALE AS NECESSARY)

BOWDATES 11:29

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 78)
- 2. Earlier
- 3. Current timing is best
- 4. Later
- 5. Don't know

79. Do you think the number of hunters during the archery season is too high, too low or about right? (READ SCALE AS NECESSARY)

BOWHNTRS 11:30

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 79)
- 2. Too high
- 3. About the right number
- 4. Too low
- 5. Don't know

IF (#7 = 2) GO TO #80
 IF (#9 @ 1) GO TO #80
 IF (#7 = 3) GO TO #80
 IF (#9 @ 2) GO TO #80
 IF (#7 = 4) GO TO #80
 IF (#9 @ 3) GO TO #80
 IF (#7 = 5) GO TO #80
 IF (#9 @ 4) GO TO #80
 IF (#7 = 6) GO TO #80
 IF (#9 @ 5) GO TO #80
 IF (#7 = 7) GO TO #80
 IF (#9 @ 6) GO TO #80

SKIP TO QUESTION 83

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80. Thinking about the current firearms season structure for #7 and your experiences from this past hunting season, would you say that the length of the firearms deer season is too long, too short or about right? (READ SCALE AS NECESSARY)

GUNLNGTH 11:31

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 80)
- 2. Too long
- 3. About the right length
- 4. Too short
- 5. Don't know

81. Do you think the #7 season should be open earlier, later, or do you like the current timing for the firearms season the best? (READ SCALE AS NECESSARY)

GUNDATES 11:32

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 81)
- 2. Earlier
- 3. Current timing is best
- 4. Later
- 5. Don't know

82. Do you think the number of hunters during the #7 season is too high, too low or about right? (READ SCALE AS NECESSARY)

GUNHNTRS 11:33

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 82)
- 2. Too high
- 3. About the right number
- 4. Too low
- 5. Don't know

83. Thinking about the current muzzleloader season structure (November 25-December 10) and your experiences from this past hunting season would you say that the length of the muzzleloader deer season is too long, too short or about right? (READ SCALE AS NECESSARY)

MUZLNPTH 11:34

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 83)
- 2. Too long
- 3. About the right length
- 4. Too short
- 5. Don't know

84. Do you think the muzzleloader season should be open earlier, later or do you like the current timing for the muzzleloader season the best? (READ SCALE AS NECESSARY)

MUZDATES 11:35

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 84)
- 2. Earlier
- 3. Current timing is best
- 4. Later
- 5. Don't know

85. Do you think the number of hunters during the muzzleloader season is too high, too low or about right? (READ SCALE AS NECESSARY)

MUZHNTS 11:36

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 85)
- 2. Too high
- 3. About the right number
- 4. Too low
- 5. Don't know

86. Thinking about the current multi-zone buck season structure and your experiences from this past hunting season, would you say that the length of the multi-zone buck deer season is too long, too short or about right? (READ SCALE AS NECESSARY)

MZBLNGTH 11:37

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 86)
- 2. Too long
- 3. About the right length
- 4. Too short
- 5. Don't know

87. Do you think the multi-zone buck season should be open earlier, later or do you like the current timing for the multi-zone buck season the best? (READ SCALE AS NECESSARY)

MZBDATES 11:38

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 87)
- 2. Earlier
- 3. Current timing is best
- 4. Later
- 5. Don't know

88. Do you think the number of hunters during the multi-zone buck season is too high, too low or about right? (READ SCALE AS NECESSARY)

MZBHNTRS 11:39

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 88)
- 2. Too high
- 3. About the right number
- 4. Too low
- 5. Don't know

89. Currently, multi-zone buck hunters can hunt both the 4A (early) and 4B (late) deer seasons in Zone 4 (southern and western MN). Do you agree or disagree that multi-zone buck hunters should be restricted to hunting in either 4A or 4B, but not both? (Hunters would still be allowed to hunt in other zones under this regulation.) (READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

MULTZONE 11:40

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 89)
- 2. Strongly agree
- 3. Moderately agree
- 4. Neither agree nor disagree
- 5. Moderately disagree
- 6. Strongly disagree
- 7. Don't know

90. Last year, did you hunt deer with firearms in Zone 3 (southeastern MN)? If yes: Last year, did you hunt the 3A (early buck only) or 3B (late) deer season?

AORB 11:41

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 90)
- 2. Yes, 3A (GO TO QUESTION 92)
- 3. Yes, 3B (GO TO QUESTION 95)
- 4. No, didn't hunt deer w/firearms in Zone 3
- 5. Don't know

SKIP TO QUESTION 97

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91. YOU DID NOT USE SPACE BAR

NOSPAC98

PRESS ENTER TO TRY AGAIN

92. What are the most important reasons why you chose the 3A season rather than the 3B season? (DNR LIST; CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

WHY3A 11:42-51

(CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- 1. Wanted first opportunity to harvest bucks
- 2. Wanted to hunt the peak of the rut
- 3. Wanted to hunt deer before other gun hunters spook them
- 4. Work or other commitments prevent me from hunting 3B
- 5. I do not have hunting access during 3B
- 6. The weather is usually better during the 3A season
- 7. The 3A season is 2 days longer than the 3B season
- 8. Hunting partners prefer the 3A season
- 9. Don't know
- 10. Other

IF (#92 = 0) GO TO #91
IF (#92 @ 10) GO TO #93

SKIP TO QUESTION 97

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93. ENTER REASON FOR HUNTING 3A SEASON. (IN FIRST PERSON; 120 CHAR.)

WHY3AST 12:1-120

SKIP TO QUESTION 97

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94. YOU DID NOT USE SPACE BAR

NOSPAC97

PRESS ENTER TO TRY AGAIN

95. What are the most important reasons why you chose the 3B season rather than the 3A season? (DNR LIST; CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

WHY3B 13:1-10

(CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- 1. Better chance of shooting a deer in the 3B season
- 2. Want to hunt when more hunters are in the woods moving the deer
- 3. Want to be able to hunt both adult bucks and antlerless deer
- 4. Work or other commitments prevent me from hunting 3A
- 5. I do not have hunting access during 3A
- 6. There is a better chance of snow during the 3B season
- 7. I enjoy being able to hunt over the Thanksgiving holiday
- 8. Hunting partners prefer the 3B season
- 9. Don't know
- 10. Other

IF (#95 = 0) GO TO #94
IF (#95 @ 10) GO TO #96

SKIP TO QUESTION 97

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96. ENTER REASON FOR HUNTING 3B SEASON. (IN FIRST PERSON; 120 CHAR.)

WHY3BST 14:1-120

97. Currently, the firearms season in Zone 3 (SE Minnesota) is split into a 9-day, bucks-only season (3A) followed by a 7-day season (3B), where antlerless deer are allowed by permit. The second season begins the sixth day after completion of the first season.

Would you support or oppose combining the 3A and 3B firearms seasons into a single, 9-day season where antlerless deer are allowed by permit?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

SINGLE3 15:1

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 97)
 2. Strongly support
 3. Moderately support
 4. Neither support nor oppose
 5. Moderately oppose
 6. Strongly oppose
 7. Don't know

98. Would you support or oppose maintaining both a 3A and 3B season but allow antlerless harvest by permit in both seasons?
 (READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

KEEP3A3B 15:2

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 98)
 2. Strongly support
 3. Moderately support
 4. Neither support nor oppose
 5. Moderately oppose
 6. Strongly oppose
 7. Don't know

99. Would you support or oppose having the 3B season follow immediately after the 3A season, thus eliminating the 5-day closure between the seasons?

(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

NO6DAY 15:3

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 99)
 2. Strongly support
 3. Moderately support
 4. Neither support nor oppose
 5. Moderately oppose
 6. Strongly oppose
 7. Don't know

100. Would you support or oppose changing the current Zone 3 seasons to have an antlerless only season, followed by a bucks only season? (READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

BUCKAFTR 15:4

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 100)
- 2. Strongly support
- 3. Moderately support
- 4. Neither support nor oppose
- 5. Moderately oppose
- 6. Strongly oppose
- 7. Don't know

101. Currently, the firearms season in Zone 4 (western and southern Minnesota) is split into a 2-day season (4A) followed by a 4-day season (4B), where antlerless deer are allowed by permit only. The second season begins the sixth day after the completion of the first season.

Would you support or oppose combining the 4A and 4B firearms seasons into one 9-day season in those portions of Zone 4 which have a history of needing additional harvest? (READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

APLUSB1 15:5

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 101)
- 2. Strongly support
- 3. Moderately support
- 4. Neither support nor oppose
- 5. Moderately oppose
- 6. Strongly oppose
- 7. Don't know

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102. Would you support or oppose combining the Zone 4A and 4B firearms seasons into one 9-day season, if it meant limiting the number of deer hunting licenses issued for that zone each year?
(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

APLUSB2 15:6

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 102)
 2. Strongly support
 3. Moderately support
 4. Neither support nor oppose
 5. Moderately oppose
 6. Strongly oppose
 7. Don't know

103. Would you support or oppose lengthening the Zone 2A (transition area from the Twin Cities to Lake of the Woods) firearms season to 16 days total, in forested northern portions of Zone 2?
(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

NINEDAYS 15:7

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 103)
 2. Strongly support
 3. Moderately support
 4. Neither support nor oppose
 5. Moderately oppose
 6. Strongly oppose
 7. Don't know

104. Minnesota's party hunting regulations allow hunters in the field together to shoot and tag deer for each other. Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with these regulations? (READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

PARTYSAT 15:8

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 104)
 2. Very satisfied (GO TO QUESTION 106)
 3. Somewhat satisfied (GO TO QUESTION 106)
 4. Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
 5. Somewhat dissatisfied (GO TO QUESTION 109)
 6. Very dissatisfied (GO TO QUESTION 109)
 7. Don't know

SKIP TO QUESTION 111

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105. YOU DID NOT USE SPACE BAR

NOSPAC5

PRESS ENTER TO TRY AGAIN

106. Why are you satisfied with Minnesota's current party hunting regulations? (DNR LIST; CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

PRTYST 15:9-14

(CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- 1. Just like being with friends/family/For the camaraderie
- 2. Increases chance of harvest
- 3. Enables experienced hunters to help younger hunters
- 4. Allows me to continue hunting after tagging a deer
- 5. Don't know
- 6. Other

IF (#106 = 0) GO TO #105

IF (#106 @ 6) GO TO #107

SKIP TO QUESTION 111

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107. ENTER OTHER REASON FOR SATISFACTION WITH PARTY HUNTING REGS. (IN FIRST PERSON; 120 CHAR.)

PRTYSTST 16:1-120

SKIP TO QUESTION 111

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108. YOU DID NOT USE SPACE BAR

NOSPAC6

PRESS ENTER TO TRY AGAIN

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109. Why are you dissatisfied with Minnesota's current party hunting regulations? (DNR LIST; CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

PRTYDS 17:1-6

(CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

1. Takes the sport out of it/No challenge
 2. Too many deer are harvested
 3. Makes hunting competitive
 4. Facilitates illegal activity
 5. Don't know
 6. Other

IF (#109 = 0) GO TO #108

IF (#109 @ 6) GO TO #110

SKIP TO QUESTION 111

110. ENTER OTHER REASON FOR DISSATISFACTION WITH PARTY HUNTING REGS. (IN FIRST PERSON; 120 CHAR.)

PRTYDSST 18:1-120

111. Would you support or oppose eliminating the ability of party members hunting together to shoot and tag deer for each other in Minnesota? (READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

NOPARTY 19:1

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 111)
 2. Strongly support
 3. Moderately support
 4. Neither support nor oppose
 5. Moderately oppose
 6. Strongly oppose
 7. Don't know

112. Currently, the basic season limit for deer in Minnesota is one deer. Additional antlerless deer may only be taken by management and intensive harvest permits in portions of the state. Would you support or oppose increasing the basic season limit to 2 deer, one with a gun and one with a bow? (READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

BAGLIMIT 19:2

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 112)
- 2. Strongly support
- 3. Moderately support
- 4. Neither support nor oppose
- 5. Moderately oppose
- 6. Strongly oppose
- 7. Don't know

113. Currently, archery and muzzleloader deer hunters are allowed to take a deer of either sex without an antlerless permit. Would you support or oppose increasing the basic season limit to 2 deer (one by gun, one by bow) if muzzleloaders and archers were required to apply for antlerless deer permits? (READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

APPLYANT 19:3

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 113)
- 2. Strongly support
- 3. Moderately support
- 4. Neither support nor oppose
- 5. Moderately oppose
- 6. Strongly oppose
- 7. Don't know

114. Would you support or oppose increasing the basic season limit to 2 deer if fewer antlerless permits would be available to regular gun hunters? (READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

GUNANT 19:4

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 114)
- 2. Strongly support
- 3. Moderately support
- 4. Neither support nor oppose
- 5. Moderately oppose
- 6. Strongly oppose
- 7. Don't know

115. Do you usually use an ATV while deer hunting?

USEATV 19:5

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 115)
- 2. Yes (GO TO QUESTION 116)
- 3. No
- 4. Don't know

SKIP TO QUESTION 118

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116. What is the primary reason you use the ATV while deer hunting?

(DNR LIST; CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

WHYATV 19:6

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 116)
- 2. To get to and from hunting areas
- 3. To retrieve deer
- 4. To haul supplies and equipment
- 5. To get to and from the road and deer camp
- 6. Don't know
- 7. Other (GO TO QUESTION 117)

SKIP TO QUESTION 118

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117. ENTER OTHER REASON FOR USING ATV.

(IN FIRST PERSON; 120 CHAR.)

WHYATVST 20:1-120

118. Existing regulations on ATV use during the deer hunting season require licensed deer hunters to only use ATVs before and after shooting hours and from 11am to 2pm. Do you think that ATV deer hunting rules should be more restrictive, less restrictive or kept the same?
(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY)

ATVREGS 21:1

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 118)
- 2. More restrictive
- 3. Kept the same
- 4. Less restrictive
- 5. Don't know

119. Wildlife management areas have restricted motor vehicle access and are generally closed to ATV use with a few exceptions for disabled hunters and for retrieval of deer in northwest Minnesota WMAs.

Do you support or oppose current restrictions on ATV use on Wildlife Management Areas?
(READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

WMAATV 21:2

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 119)
- 2. Strongly support
- 3. Moderately support
- 4. Neither support nor oppose
- 5. Moderately oppose
- 6. Strongly oppose
- 7. Don't know

120. The Minnesota DNR is considering a youth-only deer hunt to help improve recruitment and retention of deer hunters. Relating to the regular firearms season, please tell me which of the following options appeals most to you.

(READ LIST; CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

YOUTHHNT 21:3

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 120)
- 2. Youth early weekend firearms hunt statewide prior to
- 3. Regular Firearms (GO TO QUESTION 120)
- 4. Youth early weekend hunt in specific locations like parks,
- 5. wildlife management areas or refuges (GO TO QUESTION 120)
- 6. before the Regular Firearms season (GO TO QUESTION 120)
- 7. Do not support any youth hunt prior to the Regular Firearms
- 8. season (GO TO QUESTION 120)
- 9. Don't know

121. In some areas in Minnesota it may be necessary to harvest additional antlerless deer to reach population objectives. I'm going to read you a list of ways this could be accomplished, and I'd like to know if each would encourage you to harvest more antlerless deer in permit areas where additional deer harvest is needed.

First, if the bag limits were increased. Would this encourage you to harvest more antlerless deer in permit areas where additional deer harvest is needed?

MOREDOES 21:4

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 121)
- 2. Yes
- 3. No
- 4. Don't know

122. What if seasons were lengthened. Would this encourage you to harvest more antlerless deer in permit areas where additional deer harvest is needed?

SEASON 21:5

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 122)
- 2. Yes
- 3. No
- 4. Don't know

123. What if you could have the deer processed and donated to food shelves without a direct cost to you? Would this encourage you to harvest more antlerless deer in permit areas where additional deer harvest is needed?

NOCOST 21:6

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 123)
- 2. Yes
- 3. No
- 4. Don't know

124. What if you could have the deer processed and donated to food shelves for a small fee that would be included in your deer license? Would this encourage you to harvest more antlerless deer in permit areas where additional deer harvest is needed?

SMALLFEE 21:7

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 124)
- 2. Yes
- 3. No
- 4. Don't know

125. Would you agree or disagree that the deer hunting regulations printed in the annual Minnesota Hunting and Trapping Regulations are clear and understandable? (READ SCALE AS NECESSARY; PROMPT FOR DEGREE)

READREGS 21:8

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 125)
- 2. Strongly agree
- 3. Moderately agree
- 4. Neither agree nor disagree
- 5. Moderately disagree
- 6. Strongly disagree
- 7. Don't know

126. Much of Minnesota's deer regulation complexity is a result of trying to maximize hunter opportunity while insuring a sustainable harvest of deer. Which of the following would you consider in order to simplify regulations?

COMPLEX 21:9

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 126)
- 2. Reduce the number of license types available
- 3. Reduce the number of special hunts offered
- 4. Reduce the number of zone and season options
- 5. Reduce the number of options for taking more than one deer
- 6. I agree that regulations are too complex, but do not support
- 7. any of these options to reduce the complexity (GO TO QUESTION 126)
- 8. I disagree that deer hunting regulations are too complex
- 9. DNR: Don't know

127. Great! We are just about through. The final questions are for background information and help us analyze the results.

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PLEASE PRESS ENTER TO CONTINUE...

128. Do you consider your place of residence to be in a large city, a suburban area, a small city/town, or a rural area?

RESIDE 21:10

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- 1. Invalid answer. Select another. (GO TO QUESTION 128)
- 2. Large city or urban area
- 3. Suburban area
- 4. Small city or town
- 5. Rural area
- 6. REFUSED

129. In what county do you live?

(ENTER ? FOR DON'T KNOW; 88 FOR REFUSED)

COUNTY 21:11-12

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130. What is the highest grade level you have completed in school?
(READ LIST AS NECESSARY)

LEVED 21:13

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- 1. (DNR: Invalid answer. Select another.) (GO TO QUESTION 130)
- 2. Grades 1 - 12, but no HS Diploma
- 3. High school graduate or equivalent
- 4. Some college or trade school
- 5. College graduate
- 6. Graduate or professional degree
- 7. (DNR: REFUSED)

131. Which of these categories best describes your total household income before taxes last year?
(READ SCALE)

INCOME 21:14

(CHECK ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- 1. (DNR: Invalid answer. Select another.) (GO TO QUESTION 131)
- 2. Less than \$19,999
- 3. \$20,000 to \$39,999
- 4. \$40,000 to \$59,999
- 5. \$60,000 to \$99,999
- 6. \$100,000 or more
- 7. (DNR: DON'T KNOW)
- 8. (DNR: REFUSED)

132. And finally, may I ask your age?
(ENTER ? FOR DON'T KNOW; ENTER 888 FOR REFUSED)

AGE 21:15-17

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LOWEST VALUE = 1

133. That's the end of the questionnaire, thank you very much for your time and cooperation!
(ENTER ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS; IN FIRST PERSON; 120 CHARACTERS)

END 22:1-120

140. Date call was made

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Year Month Day

SAVE IF (#138 = 1)