

TEXAS DEER MANAGEMENT CALENDAR

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	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
SUMMARIZE HARVEST RECORDS										HARVEST RECOMMENDATIONS		
GUN SEASON RECORD KEEPING	ADVERTISE LEASE OPENINGS									CHECK AND SUPPLY FEEDERS		
PRESCRIBED BURNS												
TOP DRESS FOOD PLOTS			SOIL TEST				REPAIR AND BUILD BLINDS				GENERAL GUN SEASON RECORDKEEPING	
SUBMIT HUNTING LEASE LICENSE RECORD BOOK					ESTABLISH FOOD PLOTS		ORDER SEED		ARCHERY SEASON			
			ORDER SEED						SEND GAME FORECAST NEWSLETTER			
	BROWSE SURVEY						RECORD INCIDENTAL OBSERVATIONS					
SUPPLEMENTAL FEEDING					SPOT FERTILIZE		SUPPLEMENTAL FEEDING				LEASE FEE DUE	
	HUNTER NEWSLETTER		OBTAIN LEASE DOWN PAYMENT				DEER SURVEYS					
POST SEASON DEER SURVEY	DISC STRIPS FOR WEED PRODUCTION								ESTABLISH FOOD PLOTS			

Description of Management Activities

- JANUARY**– Monitor hunters to ensure recordkeeping compliance. Summarize harvest records from previous season; analyze and compare with defined goals; conduct post-season deer survey if desired; forward hunting lease license record book to TWPD; supply supplemental feed for energy if intensive management is practiced; conduct prescribed burns.
- FEBRUARY** – Continue to summarize harvest records and compare to goals; conduct browse surveys; continue to conduct prescribed burns; top dress small grain food plots with nitrogen fertilizer; send short newsletter to hunters describing previous season; continue to supply supplemental feed for energy if intensive management is practiced; disc strips to encourage forb (weed) production; forward hunting lease license record book if not done in January.

- **MARCH** – Conduct browse surveys prior to spring green-up; provide a supplemental, high energy food source prior to spring green-up if intensive management is practiced; continue to disc to promote weed growth; send newsletter to hunters if not done in February; begin advertising lease openings.
- **APRIL** – Continue to advertise lease openings; soil test if warm season food plots are planned; order necessary seed and fertilizer; begin billing hunters for lease down payments.
- **MAY** – Continue to advertise lease openings; begin to establish 1 to 3 percent of land base in warm season food plots; spot fertilize selected areas of rangeland/forestland if appropriate; complete billing and collection of down payments.
- **JUNE** – Continue to advertise lease openings; continue to establish warm season food plots; continue to spot fertilize if appropriate.
- **JULY** – Continue to advertise lease openings; begin repair and construction of blinds, hunting vehicles and roads; begin recording incidental observations of deer.
- **AUGUST** – Continue to repair vehicles and roads and construct and repair blinds; initiate supplemental feeding of protein and/or energy source as conditions dictate; order seed if cool season food plots are planned; continue to record incidental observations of deer; initiate deer survey activities.
- **SEPTEMBER** – Continue supplemental feeding of protein and/or energy source as needed; continue to record incidental observations of deer; check and supply feeders; continue deer survey activities; send game forecast newsletter if survey information is available to formulate harvest recommendations; establish cool season food plots (1 to 3 percent of land base); prepare for bow hunters.
- **OCTOBER** – Continue to record incidental observations of deer; continue survey activities; formulate harvest recommendations and send game forecast newsletter to hunters if not completed in September; continue to establish cool season food plots; collect balance of lease fees from bow hunters; check on bow hunters as needed to ensure harvest record compliance; continue to check and supply feeders as needed.
- **NOVEMBER** – Obtain balance of lease fee from gun hunters; provide brief orientation for hunters to include game management plan; continue recording incidental observations; provide hunters with harvest record forms and check for compliance; photograph all bucks taken.
- **DECEMBER** – Monitor hunters to ensure recordkeeping compliance; make note of specific problems in need of correction by next season.

