



Kip's Korner



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"If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all." We've all been given that advice by an authority figure a time or two in our life, and most of us have had to bite our tongue a time or two as a result. While few agree with everything related to their state/provincial deer management program, it's easy to find something good to say about each of them. QDMA has members in all 50 states and Canadian provinces, so here is a "nice" stat taken from QDMA's *2011 Whitetail Report* specific to each.

Alabama - shot most antlerless deer per antlered buck (1.5) in Southeast in 2009.

Alaska - has the next-to-least-expensive resident archery license in the Pacific Region (\$25).

Arizona - increased buck harvest 158% from 2008 to 2009.

Arkansas - one of only four states in Southeast to shoot more than 1 antlerless deer per antlered buck in 2009.

California - has third highest percentage of state residents (13.5%) who only hunted out of state in 2006 (most recent survey assessing this statistic).

Colorado - increased harvest rate of Boone & Crockett bucks per thousand square miles (PTSM) 200% from 1999 to 2009.

Connecticut - ranked eighth in U.S. with 2.07 Pope & Young bucks harvested (and registered) PTSM annually from 1999 to 2009.

Delaware - shot most antlerless deer per antlered buck (2.6) in Northeast in 2009.

Florida - has Families Afield Partners designation of "least restrictive states" with regard to youth hunting opportunities.

Georgia - shot most antlerless deer per square mile (PSM; 6.7) in Southeast in 2009.

Hawaii - has the least expensive resident archery license in U.S. (\$10).

Idaho - increased harvest rate of Boone & Crockett bucks PTSM 100% from 1999 to 2009.

Illinois - shot (and registered) most Boone & Crockett bucks PTSM (1.07) in U.S. from 1999 to 2009.

Indiana - increased harvest rate of Boone & Crockett bucks 236% from 1999 to 2009.

Iowa - tied for harvesting most antlerless deer per antlered buck (1.8) in Midwest in 2009.

Kansas - one of only six states to rank in top 10 of Boone & Crockett and Pope & Young bucks harvested PTSM from 1999 to 2009.

Kentucky - shot second most Boone & Crockett bucks PTSM (0.85) in U.S. from 1999 to 2009.

Louisiana - one of only three states in U.S. to have yearling bucks constitute less than 20% of the 2009 buck harvest.

Maine - one of only two states in Northeast to have more than 30% of the 2009 buck harvest be 3.5 years or older.

Maryland - one of only two states in Northeast to shoot more than 6 antlerless deer PSM in 2009.

Massachusetts - agency staff collected biological data from 24% of the 2009 deer harvest; no state in the Northeast and only two in the entire U.S. collected biological data from a higher percentage of the 2009 deer harvest.

Michigan - shot most antlered bucks (215,120) in Midwest in 2009.

Minnesota - shot a higher percentage of the total deer harvest (29%) on opening day of 2009 firearms season than all other states in U.S.

Mississippi - led U.S. by having 66% of 2009 buck harvest being 3.5 years or older.

Missouri - one of only three states in Midwest to shoot more than 100,000 antlered bucks in 2009.

Montana - has least expensive resident archery license in the West (\$21).

Nebraska - increased harvest rate of Pope & Young bucks by 69% from 1999 to 2009.

Nevada - recently passed Families Afield legislation to lower hunting barriers for youths.

New Hampshire - had third lowest percentage of yearling bucks and third highest percentage of 3.5-plus-year-old bucks in the 2009 buck harvest in the Northeast.

New Jersey - shot most antlered bucks (3.9) PSM and most antlerless deer (6.8) PSM in Northeast in 2009.

New Mexico - increased buck harvest 119% from 2008 to 2009.

New York - tied for harvesting highest percentage (18%) of total 2009 deer

harvest on opening day of firearms season in Northeast.

North Carolina - one of only four states in Southeast to shoot more than 1 antlerless deer per antlered buck in 2009.

North Dakota - increased harvest rate of Boone & Crockett bucks 100% from 1999 to 2009.

Ohio - one of only two states in Midwest to shoot more than 4 antlerless deer PSM in 2009.

Oklahoma - shot 11% more antlered bucks in 2009 than 2008.

Oregon - received \$786,795 in Voluntary Public Access - Habitat Incentive Program grants in 2011.

Pennsylvania - increased harvest rate of Boone & Crockett bucks 500% from 1999 to 2009.

Rhode Island - had highest percentage (36%) of 2009 buck harvest be 3.5 years and older in Northeast.

South Carolina - tied for shooting most antlerless deer (4.9) PSM in Southeast in 2009.

South Dakota - increased harvest rate of Pope & Young bucks 91% from 1999 to 2009.

Tennessee - increased harvest rate of Boone & Crockett bucks by 300% from 1999 to 2009.

Texas - shot most antlered deer (300,575) in U.S. in 2009.

Utah - recently passed Families Afield legislation to lower hunting barriers for youths.

Vermont - has Families Afield Partners designation of "least restrictive states" with regard to youth hunting opportunities.

Virginia - shot most antlered bucks (108,623) in Northeast in 2009.

Washington - increased harvest rate of Pope & Young bucks PTSM 167% from 1999 to 2009.

West Virginia - has Families Afield Partners designation of "least restrictive states" with regard to youth hunting opportunities.

Wisconsin - shot (and registered) most Pope & Young bucks PTSM (7.63) in U.S. from 1999 to 2009.

Wyoming - increased harvest rate of Pope & Young bucks PTSM 40% from 1999 to 2009.

Canada

Alberta - increased harvest rate of Boone & Crockett bucks PTSM 31% from 1999 to 2009.

British Columbia - requires hunting guides/outfitters to pass an exam to receive their license/permit.

Manitoba - has least expensive resident archery license in Canada (\$36).

New Brunswick - provincial wildlife agency staff collected biological data on 14% of the 2009 deer harvest.

Nova Scotia - provincial wildlife agency staff collected biological data on 50% of the 2009 deer harvest (highest % in eastern Canada and the U.S.).

Ontario - increased harvest rate of Boone & Crockett bucks PTSM 50% from 1999 to 2009.

Quebec - shot most antlerless deer (0.6) PSM in eastern Canada in 2009.

Saskatchewan - requires hunting guides/outfitters to be licensed/permitted.

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