



DIVISION OF FISHERIES & WILDLIFE

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FARMER/LANDOWNER PERMIT

Farmers who earn at least 50% of their annual income from agricultural practices *or* landowners who own more than 300 contiguous acres of undeveloped property qualify to hunt on their own property during the legal seasons without a hunting license. If a qualified farmer or landowner without a hunting license wants to hunt deer, turkey, and/or bear on their property, they will need to apply for a Farmer/Landowner permit. If issued, a Farmer/Landowner permit allows farmers or landowners domiciled on the property and members of their immediate family (defined as son, daughter, brother, sister, mother, father, or spouse) who reside on the property to hunt on that approved property during the legal hunting seasons. Those issued a Farmer/Landowner permit are not exempt from seasons, bag limits, reporting, or methods of take. All species harvested under this permit must be reported online through MassFishHunt or at an official check station.

The Farmer/Landowner permit entitles the holder to the following tags and permits to be used only on the approved property during the species' hunting season:

- 2 Antlered Deer Tags
- 1 Antlerless Deer Permit (additional ADPs can be issued at MassWildlife District Offices to qualified farmers or landowners with approved property in Wildlife Management Zones with unlimited ADPs – Zones 10, 11, 13, 14)
- 1 Bear Permit
- 2 Spring Turkey Permits and 1 Fall Turkey Permit

Farmer/Landowner permits are valid from the date of issue to the end of the calendar year. Farmers and landowners must apply for the permit annually as needed. If a farmer or landowner is interested in hunting on other property, they will need to purchase a hunting license and the applicable permits. If an individual acquires both a Farmer/Landowner permit and a regular hunting license, they may harvest no more than 1 bear, 3 turkeys (2 spring, 1 fall), and 2 antlered deer per season but may harvest as many antlerless deer as they have valid permits for.

Eligibilities:

Farmers

- Massachusetts farmers domiciled on the property where they derive at least 50% of total annual income from agricultural practices, members of their immediate family residing on the property, or lessees/tenants residing on the property may be eligible for a Farmer/Landowner permit. The income must be derived from the raising and selling of dairy cattle and products, beef cattle, poultry, sheep, swine, horses, ponies, mules, goats, bees, fruits, vegetables, berries, nuts or other foods used directly or indirectly for human consumption, feed for animals, tobacco, flowers, sod, trees, nursery or greenhouse products, forest products or ornamental plants and shrubs.
- All the land, exclusive of the legal safety zones, **MUST NOT BE POSTED** and must be open without restriction to the public for hunting.

Landowners

- Massachusetts landowners domiciled on their property of 300 or more contiguous acres of undeveloped property as well as members of their immediate family residing on the property may be eligible for a Farmer/Landowner permit.
- All the land, exclusive of the legal safety zones, **MUST NOT BE POSTED** and must be open without restriction to the public for hunting.

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FARMER/LANDOWNER PERMIT APPLICATION

Name: _____ Year: _____

Residential Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Phone #: _____

Email: _____ MassFishHunt Customer ID#: _____

*Applicants must have a MassFishHunt account to be issued the Farmer/Landowner permit. Create a free account at <https://massfishhunt.mass.gov/> or visit your nearest MassWildlife District Office to create an account.

Please fill out the Farmer OR Landowner section, in its entirety, as it applies to you. Do NOT fill out both farmer and landowner sections. All applicants must fill out section III.

I. FARMER: (earn at least 50% of annual income from agricultural practices and reside on the property)

Check One:

- ☐ Owner
- ☐ Immediate Family Member*
- ☐ Lessee or Tenant*

*If immediate family member, please provide the name and address of the head of household and your relationship to them. For the purpose of this permit, immediate family is defined as any child, parent, sibling, guardian, or spouse. If leasing, please provide the name and address of the property owner.

II. LANDOWNER: (own 300+ contiguous acres of undeveloped property and reside on the property)

Check One:

- ☐ Owner
- ☐ Immediate Family Member*

* If immediate family member, please provide the name and address of the head of household and your relationship to them. For the purpose of this permit, immediate family is defined as any child, parent, sibling, guardian, or spouse.

III. ALL APPLICANTS: LIST THE STREET AND TOWN WHERE PROPERTY IS LOCATED AND THE ACREAGE OF THAT PROPERTY.

Note: Landowners must own 300+ contiguous acres of undeveloped property to qualify.

1.) Location: _____ # of Acres: _____

2.) Location: _____ # of Acres: _____

3.) Location: _____ # of Acres: _____

Note: If you have more than 3 locations, use page 3 of this application to list remaining properties.

TOTAL ACREAGE OWNED OR LEASED: _____

I hereby certify under the pains and penalty of perjury that my status as a landowner or lessee as indicated above is true and correct and that my property, exclusive of the legal safety zones, is open without restriction to the public for hunting. If a permit is issued, the property could be listed on MassWildlife's website as open for hunting to licensed hunters. I also understand that my application may be verified at any time by the Office of Law Enforcement or the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife.

Date: _____ Signature of Applicant: _____

Please return the completed application to:

**Farmer/Landowner Permit, MassWildlife Field Headquarters,
1 Rabbit Hill Road, Westborough, MA 01581**

Applicants should allow at least 30 days for the processing of Farmer/Landowner permit applications by the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife.

Important: If issued, Farmer/Landowner permits will NOT be mailed back to you. You must log onto your MassFishHunt account to access the permit. When approved, you will be able to add the permit to your cart and "purchase" it for \$0. You can print your permit at home or you can get assistance at a licensing vendor. Call MassWildlife at 508-389-6300 with any questions.

ADDITIONAL PAGE FOR LISTING PROPERTY

4.) Location: _____ # of Acres: _____

5.) Location: _____ # of Acres: _____

6.) Location: _____ # of Acres: _____

7.) Location: _____ # of Acres: _____

8.) Location: _____ # of Acres: _____

9.) Location: _____ # of Acres: _____

10.) Location: _____ # of Acres: _____

11.) Location: _____ # of Acres: _____

12.) Location: _____ # of Acres: _____

13.) Location: _____ # of Acres: _____

14.) Location: _____ # of Acres: _____

15.) Location: _____ # of Acres: _____

16.) Location: _____ # of Acres: _____

17.) Location: _____ # of Acres: _____

18.) Location: _____ # of Acres: _____

19.) Location: _____ # of Acres: _____

20.) Location: _____ # of Acres: _____

Note: Write the total acreage of property owned or leased on page 2.