

The statewide muzzleloader deer season is Dec. 1-31.

Hunters will hope for better conditions than a year ago, when snow covered the state much of the month. Harvest during the 2009 muzzleloader season decreased 15 percent from the previous year.

The permit fee is \$30 for residents and \$209 for nonresidents, and permits are unlimited in number.

The bag limit is one deer of either sex, except no mule deer may be taken in the Mule Deer Conservation Area (MDCA), and one antlerless white-tailed deer.

The MDCA is comprised of the Buffalo, Frenchman, Republican, and Platte units.

Legal weapons are muzzleloading rifles, muskets and handguns, as well as magnifying and variable-power scopes.