DEER NEW JERSEY,

Let's find balance for our forests, farms, and families.

FARMER ACTION GUIDE

For New Jersey farmers and farmland owners

FARMING SUCCESSFULLY—FOR GENERATIONS

Reclaim your farm from deer damage.

Clear harvest goals, capable hunters and full use of available programs can protect crops and feed local families facing food insecurity.



WHY ACT NOW?

One-quarter of farmers in a Rutgers survey reported abandoning parcels because of deer damage. Stronger stewardship protects production and choice.

PUT ANTLERLESS DEER AT THE CENTER

Antlerless harvest is the practical lever for reducing future herd growth. Set a specific goal, require reporting and verify results.

EIGHT ACTIONS TO PROTECT YOUR FARM

1	**SET + VERIFY ANTLERLESS GOALS**	Raise antlerless harvest; require same-day reporting and verify results.
2	**WRITE GOALS INTO LEASES**	Include harvest, reporting and donation expectations before renewal.
3	**MAKE DONATION EASY**	Direct extra deer to HHH and related non-profits, and track the food shared.
4	**MANAGE HUNTERS CLEARLY**	Control who, when, where and how; use agreements, references and check-ins.
5	**REPORT FARM DAMAGE**	Contact NJDEP Wildlife Damage Control Unit: (609) 259-7955.
6	**USE DEPREDATION PERMITS**	Apply when eligible; recruit agents, appoint a supervisor and arrange processing.
7	**SPEAK UP BEYOND YOUR LAND**	Engage neighbors and municipalities using safety, food and stewardship.
8	**STRENGTHEN FARM PARTNERSHIPS**	Work with New Jersey Farm Bureau and other farmer networks.

Protect crops. Feed people. Build resilience.

Deer New Jersey can help with goals, hunter relationships, lease language, venison donation and regional outreach.

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