DEER NEW JERSEY,

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

VENISON SHARING GUIDE

For hunters, landowners and community partners

LOCAL FOOD • SHARED WITH PURPOSE

Help nature. Nourish friendships.

Sharing responsibly harvested venison connects people to healthy local food—and helps forests, farms and herds.



WHY SHARE VENISON?

It extends the value of every harvest, provides nutritious local protein and strengthens the human connections at the heart of food and stewardship.

THE LEGAL ESSENTIALS

Wild New Jersey venison may be gifted or donated—not bought or sold. Keep it properly handled and labeled for traceability.

FIVE WAYS TO PUT VENISON ON MORE TABLES

1	**HUNTERS**	Share with family and friends, donate through Hunters Helping the Hungry, or connect with a nonprofit community organization.
2	**FRIENDS + NEIGHBORS**	Ask a licensed hunter—or a butcher who processes venison—about receiving a properly labeled gift. Pay only processing costs.
3	**LANDOWNERS + FARMERS**	Welcome responsible hunters, agree to share the harvest, help cover processing, or direct deer to a participating donation butcher.
4	**FOOD ORGANIZATIONS**	Ask NORWESCAP or the Community Food Bank of New Jersey about free venison deliveries, or arrange a compliant direct donation.
5	**BUTCHERS + LOCAL PROGRAMS**	Processors can join the donation network. Municipal, county and other programs can make venison donation part of deer stewardship.

Share the harvest. Multiply the benefit.

Required label: hunter name, address, phone, license number, harvest confirmation number and harvest date.

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