

# **DNREC's Division of Fish & Wildlife announces butcher shops processing Sportsmen Against Hunger venison donations for 2016/17 deer season**

**DOVER** – To help hunters whose largesse supports DNREC's Sportsmen Against Hunger program continue to provide sustenance for needy Delawareans, the Division of Fish & Wildlife today announced the list of private butcher shops accepting donated deer during the state's 2016/17 deer hunting season. All donated venison will be distributed to charitable groups participating in the program.

Last year, 16,800 pounds of venison from 586 deer donated by hunters was divided among 32 food pantries and shelters statewide, providing more than 67,000 meals for hungry Delawareans. Since it began in 1992, the Sportsmen Against Hunger program has provided more than 1.8 million meals for Delawareans in need.

Successful hunters can take their deer directly to participating private butcher shops, or they may drop off their deer at any of the DNREC-maintained walk-in coolers, also listed below.

## **Participating Butcher Shops**

Sussex County  
Dave's Cut 'Em Up  
6854 Delmar Road  
Delmar, DE 19940

302-381-7257

Ole McDonald's  
Farm Fresh Meats & Produce  
8977 DuPont Boulevard  
Lincoln, DE 19960  
302-265-2321

Kent County  
Miller's Butcher Shop  
577 Morgans Choice Road  
Wyoming, DE 19934  
302-697-8278

D&J Custom Cutting  
89 Myers Drive  
Hartly, DE 19953  
302-492-0323

New Castle County  
Townsend Deer Butchering  
1300 Dexter Corner Road  
Townsend, DE 19734  
302-378-3268

Marks Butcher Shop  
7296 Grantham Lane (River Road Industrial Park)  
New Castle, DE 19720  
302-229-0897

**DNREC-maintained coolers for donated deer**

Sussex County  
Assawoman Wildlife Area, near Frankford  
Gumboro Community Center, Gumboro  
Redden State Forest Headquarters, near Georgetown  
Trap Pond State Park, near Laurel

Kent County

Woodland Beach Wildlife Area, near Smyrna  
Norman G. Wilder Wildlife Area, near Viola  
Mosquito Control Office, Milford

New Castle County  
Augustine Wildlife Area, Port Penn

Hunters donating deer at a DNREC-maintained cooler are to please call the phone number posted on the cooler so that the deer can be transported for processing in a timely manner. Hunters are reminded that any deer dropped off at a cooler also must be field-dressed and registered by the hunter donating it, with the registration number also written on the field tag attached to the animal. Coolers are checked frequently, with donated deer taken to the Sussex Correctional Institution's deer butchering program or to participating private butcher shops for processing.

All deer harvested in Delaware must be registered through the Division of Fish & Wildlife's Hunter and Trapper Registration (HTR) system. Deer hunters are encouraged to access the system online using a smartphone, tablet, laptop or desktop computer at [www.dnrec.delaware.gov/delhunt](http://www.dnrec.delaware.gov/delhunt). Those who prefer to talk to a live customer service representative can call 855-DELHUNT (855-335-4868).

For more information on hunting in Delaware, click on 2016-2017 Delaware Hunting and Trapping Guide. The guide also is available in printed form at DNREC's Dover licensing desk in the Richardson & Robbins Building, 89 Kings Highway, Dover, DE 19901, and from license agents statewide.

For more information on the Sportsmen Against Hunger Program, please visit Sportsmen Against Hunger, or contact Bill Jones, Kent County Regional Wildlife Manager, 302-284-4795. For deer information, please contact Deer and Furbearer Biologist Emily Boyd, at 302-735-3600.

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