

# HOW AND WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

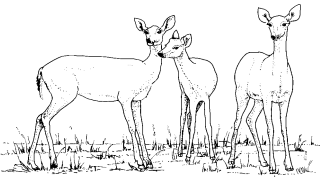
Last year there were some questions about the permit issuing process. So let me take the opportunity to detail how and why we do what we do.

We issue permits based upon the surveys and the population trends of the area. There is no way to ever get an exact count of a wild animal, so we have to use the surveys as trend data. With drought years and real wet years the surveys can change from year to year while the deer population did not. Because of the fact it takes several years to develop this “trend”, this is the reason that you don’t see your permit issuance change every year. If we are changing our issuance readily we could be just chasing bad data numbers and never get a grasp on what is really happening. Our permit issuance goes in stair step method. Every few years the issuance may change to correct a problem with the numbers, like over population or bad buck to doe ratios. Once these problems have been corrected the issuance will go back to a maintenance level, or if after a few years the problem hasn’t been rectified it may increase again. The bottom line is we don’t chase the data every year so your issuance number does not change annually. If your issuance has declined this is likely a good thing, meaning that you are getting your herd under control. In the same way the permits are not a reward or a bonus; they are issued to you to assist you in the management of your property. My goal is to make the deer herd on your population the healthiest possible by maintaining a good ratio and proper density. If you feel that your issuance is too high or low I would love to talk with you about it to make it right. It is a policy that I don’t discuss the issuance at the Coop meetings simply because there isn’t enough time to cover our bases. However, if you have question I am more than happy to sit down and look any case. The inaccuracy could be as simple as a lack of data for the area in question that is easily fixed.

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TEXAS PARKS & WILDLIFE		WHITE-TAILED DEER LEVEL 1 MANAGED LAND DEER PERMIT ANTLERLESS DEER PERMIT (PLEASE PRINT)										Permit # **VOID**			
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Hunting License # _____															
OR															
Driver's License # or ID Card # _____ State/Province/Country _____ License ID # _____															
Ranch of Kill Colorado Ranch _____ County of Kill Colorado _____															
Signature of Hunter _____ Signature of Landowner _____															
See reverse for instructions and information. Cut out month and day of kill															
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The other issue that is being asked is about how and when we issue the permits. In Colorado County the average acreage is fairly small. So we have teamed up with our neighbors to form Wildlife Management Association of landowners to group this land back together to manage our deer herd. We collect data as a group and we receive our permits as a group. This group meets twice a year, only once a year as an independent group, to discuss the success and failures of the area. This meeting is your first opportunity to pick up your doe tags. The reason for this is 2 fold.

The first is simple logistics because the time frame for getting the data analyzed and permits printed is tight. The second is that this meeting and having people attend it is an absolute essential part to the landowners forming bonds and working with their neighbors. By your attending the meeting to pick up permits you are sitting with your neighbors and getting on the same end of the rope to help move the deer population forward. We fully understand that not everyone can make it to the meeting; if you are unable to attend you simply need to come by the TPWD office to pick up the permits. I office alone and am not always in the office, so your best bet is to call before hand so we can set up a time that I can make sure I am there. I attempt to be in the office all day on Tuesday’s if that helps in your planning.



There is no doubt that the quality of the deer in Colorado County has been drastically improving year after year. Your participation in the Wildlife Management Associations and the data that you turn in is the corner stone for that improvement. So lets keep pulling on the same end of the rope so we can keep moving forward!