## **CARCASS TAGGING**



## **CURRENT REQUIREMENTS**

### Tagging:

- For licensed hunters of any big game species or turkey, the licensee killing the animal shall immediately punch or completely fill in (black out) the area designated for the appropriate species on the license.
- Immediately upon arriving at a vehicle, camp or a place of storage, the licensee must permanently fill in the proper date and time of kill on their license.





### **NEW TAGGING PROPOSAL**

- Re-instate Department-controlled paper tagging system
- Initiate electronic tagging pilot program
- Effective April 1, 2018
- Paper or Electronic versions of licenses accepted



- Distribution of carcass tags is controlled by the Department
- Issued by Department for all draw hunts
- Vendors across the State and Department offices would have tags for all other hunts and the ability to issue duplicate tags if necessary.

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	Possession of another person's unpotched tag is illegal, unless that person is physically present.				AUSANDER SAVARAL Alexandra Sandoval, Director and Secretary to







You also must have a copy of your license available while hunting.

Antiered and Horned Game: Detach antier tag from carcass tag. Attach the antier tag to the main beam of the animal where it will not slide off. Notch the month and day of kill on the carcass tag, and then attach to the hock tendon of the animal (see illustration) prior to moving animal or bird from the kill site. Tags must remain attached until the animal arrives at a taxidermist, meat processing facility or place of final storage (e.g. your home), or if required, is inspected, documented or pelt tagged by a Game and Fish official. The carcass tag authorizes possession of the game animal for one (1) year from date of kill. Keep it!

Note:

1. Remove this top portion to fit in wallet.

2. Keep one hock tendon naturally attached to boned out meat for tagging.

Antierless / Female Game, Turkey, Bear and Cougar: Leave antier tag attached to carcass tag. Notch the month and day of kill on the carcass tag, and then attach to the hock tendon of the animal (see illustration) prior to moving animal or bird from the kill site. Turkey: attach carcass tag on leg above the spur. BEAR / COUGAR: Carcass tag may be wrapped around a hind leg above the foot if skinned. Tags must remain attached until the animal arrives at a taxidermist, meat processing facility or place of final storage (e.g. your home), or if required, is inspected, documented or pelt tagged by a Game and Fish official. Carcass tag authorizes possession of the game animal for one (1) year from date of kill. KEEP IT!

#### Tag must be notched immediately upon kill. Tag must be attached to game before leaving kill site.

1. Do not remove this backing until you are ready to tag.

2. Upon killing your game animal, completely notch out the month and day of kill on the carcass tag.

3. Prior to moving the carcass, remove this entire backing material. Do not leave any backing material on the tag. Wrap the tag on carcass as shown, matching the ends together and pressing adhesive sides together evenly and tightly. Leave entire face of tag visible and readable. Do not overlap tag ends or cover any of the print







Left to right: Turkey tag, antler tag and carcass tag.



Prior to removing the harvested animal from the kill site, the licensed hunter must:

- Notch the appropriate date of kill on tag
- Attach both the antler and carcass tag to the game animal.



Requires Amending the Following Rules:

- 19.31.10 NMAC Hunting and Fishing Manner and Method
- 19.30.9 NMAC Wildlife Administration (license vendors)
- All Species Rules (19.31.11 19.31.17, 19.31.21 NMAC)



# **Electronic Reporting System**

• <u>Current</u>: May file report utilizing a variety of methods:

- Dept. Information Center
- Automated phone system
- Website
- Department offices
- New: "Game Check" function on new smart phone application







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#### Pros:

- Convenience
- Better harvest information
- Minimizes licensing errors
- Additional investigative tools
- Greater appeal to next generation of hunter

### Cons:

- Will need to educate hunters about changes
- Hunters have shorter timeframe to file harvest report



### Pros:

- Addresses some hunters concerns
- Process already understood by hunters
- Officers can easily determine properly tagged and possessed game in field
- Officers can handle failure to tag violations in the field rather than with a search warrant several days or months later
- Department controls the number of carcass tags in the field
- Very efficient method which will result in less intrusive LE contacts

### Cons:

- Controlled carcass tag system is not as convenient as print at home system
- Duplicates will have to be purchased from vendor or Department offices
- Private land and over the counter will have to be purchased at a vendor or Department offices

