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## What “Tools” Are Available and Who Has the Authority?

### Season Structure and Length

Authority: *Department of Natural Resources:* Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451. MCL 324.40107. Establish hunting seasons. (NRC or Legislature can establish the first open season for a new game species).

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Authority: *Natural Resources Commission:* Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.40113a. Exclusive authority to regulate the taking of game, including hunting with any weapon, equipment, or the use of dogs or raptors.

### Special Licenses and Discounts

Authority: *Department of Natural Resources:* Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451. MCL 324.43521. Licenses may be discounted for marketing purposes to increase participation. The price of a license or application fee may be discounted or eliminated to achieve a harvest or management objective for that species.

Authority: *Department of Natural Resources:* Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451. MCL 324.43531b. Free tags may be issued for survey purposes or for the enforcement of harvest limits.

Authority: *Legislature:* Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, Part 435. Authority to establish license fees.

### Harvest Incentives and Bag Limits

Authority: *Department of Natural Resources:* Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451. MCL 324.43552. The department may establish a quota on the number of each kind of license that may be issued.

### Baiting and Feeding

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### Deer Culling

Authority: *Department of Natural Resources:* Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451. MCL 324.40114. May issue permits to prevent disease.

## **Surveillance**

Authority: *Department of Natural Resources:* Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451. MCL 324.40106. Transportation and possession of game and protected animals whether living or dead.

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## **Deer Processing, Carcass Disposal, and Movement**

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## **Live Animal Movement**

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Authority: *Department of Agriculture and Rural Development:* Animal Industry Act; 1988 PA 466, MCL 287.719. A person shall not import or move intrastate livestock known to be affected with or exposed to chronic wasting disease, as determined by an official test, without permission of the director.

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### **Biosecurity and Handling of Hazardous Materials**

Authority: *Department of Agriculture and Rural Development:* Animal Industry Act; 1988 PA 466, MCL 287.730c. Inspection and Testing for Tuberculosis

Authority: *Department of Agriculture and Rural Development:* Animal Industry Act; 1988 PA 466, MCL 287.708(e) Develop and implement scientifically based surveillance and monitoring programs for reportable diseases where these programs would aid in the control or eradication of a reportable disease.

### **Privately Owned Cervids**

Authority: *Department of Natural Resources:* Privately Owned Cervidae Producers Marking Act; 190 of 2000, MCL 287.958-959-Registration; MCL 287.962-Inspection.

### **Antler Point Restrictions**

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