



LICENSED HUNTING PRESERVE PROGRAM

NEWSLETTER
CLASS A HUNTING PRESERVES
2012-2013

HUNTING PRESERVE SEASON AND MONTHLY REPORTS

The hunting season on Class A Game Breeding and Hunting Preserve Areas is September 1st through April 15th. Preserve operators may use all or any part of the season.

The monthly record form and instructions are available on the Game Breeding & Hunting Preserve Area Website. Please review and follow the instructions. Please use the newly implemented on-line record form. Note that you must provide the preserve name from the drop down list, the month and year in the specified format and an e-mail address. When you click on the "Submit Report" button, you will automatically receive the information you've submitted in a return e-mail. For Class A licensees, you must submit an on-line record for each month from September through April even if there was no hunting on the preserve. For those months with no hunting check the "No Activity" box.

If you need assistance with the on-line record procedure, please contact us.

RECORD KEEPER SURVEY

An information survey is included with this newsletter. Please complete and return the survey if the person responsible for completing and submitting the monthly reports for the hunting preserve is someone different than the licensee.

If the survey is applicable to your hunting preserve, please return the survey within two weeks of receipt of this newsletter.

GAME BIRD RELEASES

During the hunting preserve season the Wildlife Code requires hunting preserves to release 250 ring-necked pheasants and/or bobwhite quail. This requirement can be fulfilled by releasing all ring-necked pheasants, all bobwhite quail, or any combination of the two species. This requirement must be met annually to qualify for license renewal.

HUNTING LICENSES AND HABITAT STAMPS

Hunters that hunt on licensed hunting preserves are required to have a valid Illinois Hunting or Sportsmen's License in possession while hunting. Non-residents must have a 5-day, regular full season, or special non-resident hunting preserve license. The special non-resident hunting preserve license is valid for the hunting preserve season, but only for released game birds or released toe-clipped mallards. This special license is only valid while the hunter is on a licensed Game Breeding and Hunting Preserve Area. Habitat Stamps are not required when hunting captive-reared game birds or toe-clipped mallards on licensed Game Breeding and Hunting Preserve Areas.

The special non-resident hunting preserve licenses are available individually over the internet from the Department's website at: www.dnr.illinois.gov, by telephone at DNR Direct (888/6Permit or 888/673-7648) or from any license vendor. These special non-resident licenses are available for \$12.50 each.

BOUNDARY SIGNS

Perimeter signs must be posted at not more than 500 feet intervals around the entire outside boundary of the hunting preserve. Signs are priced at \$3.25 each and can be ordered by letter or telephone.

When ordering by letter, please specify the number of signs required and provide an address to which United Parcel Service (UPS) can deliver the signs.

HARVEST TAGS

Tags are priced at ten cents each and need to be ordered in increments of 500. Tags for upland game (e.g., ring-necked pheasants, quail, chukar and Hungarian partridge, etc.) on hunting preserves are red and tags for captive-reared mallards are blue. All tags are numbered consecutively and can only be used on the hunting preserve to which they have been assigned. The Wildlife Code requires affixing harvest tags to game birds and mallards harvested on hunting preserves the same day they are taken.

ORDERING INFORMATION FOR BOUNDARY SIGNS AND HARVEST TAGS

Please send requests for signs and tags to:
Illinois Department of Natural Resources
Post Office Box 19458
Springfield, IL 62794-9458

Checks should be made payable to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and should accompany your order.

Telephone orders for signs and tags paid for with a Visa or MasterCard can be directed to:
Illinois Department of Natural Resources
Commercial License Office
217/785-3423

HUNTING PRESERVE WEBSITE

A website for licensed hunting preserves is available on the internet at:
<http://dnr.state.il.us/lands/landmgt/programs/Gbhpa/index.htm>
Hunting preserve operators can access hunting preserve regulations, instructions and forms, the *Hunt Illinois Hunting Preserves* directory, and related information on the website.

QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS

Preserve operators with questions or problems can write, call, or e-mail. Business hours are 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Terry L. Musser, Program Manager
or
Barb Foster, Program Assistant

Hunting Preserves, Controlled Pheasant Hunting, Field Trials & Dog Training
IDNR, Division of Parks and Recreation
One Natural Resources Way
Springfield, IL 62702-1271

Phone: 217/782-6752
Fax: 217/785-2438
E-mail: Terry.Musser@illinois.gov
E-mail: Barbara.L.Foster@illinois.gov