



New Mexico Department of Game and Fish

Tagging Information

NEW FOR 2018:

A TAG IS REQUIRED WITH ALL BIG-GAME AND TURKEY LICENSES

DO NOT HUNT BIG GAME OR TURKEY WITHOUT A VALID TAG!

HOW TO GET YOUR TAG

DRAW TAGS:

- All draw license tags will be mailed to the address provided by the customer. Customers must still have a printed license for each species, which can be printed on standard paper through your NMDGF account. This does not apply for bear and turkey permits--customers must purchase the appropriate license and tag(s) for these draw permits.

ONLINE AND TELEPHONE BIG-GAME AND TURKEY LICENSE PURCHASES:

- Online and telephone purchase of private-land elk, antelope, deer, oryx, and public-land javelina licenses will be restricted if within 14 days of the hunt start date. Customers will need to purchase the license with tag in person at any license vendor or NMDGF office if within 14 days of the start of the hunt.
- Online and telephone purchase of bear, cougar, Spring and Fall turkey, Barbary sheep and statewide off Florida Mountain ibex licenses will not be restricted, but customers should allow up to 14 days for mailing of the tag. If you don't receive the tag in the mail, you can obtain a tag in person at any license vendor or NMDGF office.

DUPLICATE TAGS:

- Duplicate tags for any big-game or turkey license may be obtained at any license vendor or NMDGF office. A \$1 vendor fee will apply. **PLEASE NOTE:** The original tag will be invalidated when a duplicate tag is issued, and the license must be reprinted with the new valid tag number



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LICENSE DONATIONS AND TRANSFERS

- Recipients of license transfers and donations may be required to obtain the tag for their license in person at a license vendor or NMDGF office.

2018 LICENSE SALES

- Private-land elk, antelope and oryx licenses and tags, and statewide off-Florida Mountain ibex licenses and tags will now be available at all license vendors.
- Most 2018 licenses will be available online, by telephone at 888-248-6866, and at license vendors and NMDGF offices beginning March 22. Some license types are not available until later in the license year (private-land deer, private-land elk, private-land antelope, javelina, Federal Duck Stamps, and Fall turkey).

HOW TO TAG YOUR BIG-GAME ANIMAL OR TURKEY

ALL BIG-GAME AND TURKEY HARVESTS MUST BE TAGGED

1. *Immediately after harvesting any big game or turkey, the carcass tag must be notched. Carcass tag must be attached to the kill before leaving the kill site. Instructions for notching and attaching are listed on page 21 and are provided on the reverse side of the tag.*
2. *Antlered or horned big game require an antler/horn tag be attached in addition to a carcass tag. Instructions for attaching are listed below and provided on the reverse side of the tag.*
3. *Any big-game or turkey kill left unattended in the field, in a vehicle or in camp must have a properly notched carcass tag and antler/horn tag (if applicable) attached. It is unlawful to possess any big-game species or turkey in the field without a properly notched carcass tag.*
4. *Bear and cougar must be both carcass tagged and pelt tagged. Bear or cougar must be presented for pelt tagging within five (5) days after harvest ([pages 115, 121](#)).*



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TAGGING INSTRUCTIONS

The carcass tag authorizes possession of the big-game animal or turkey for one (1) year from date of kill. Bear and cougar carcass tags authorize possession of the animal for five days or until pelt tagged, whichever occurs first. **Keep your tags!**

1. Do not remove backing on the carcass tag until you are ready to tag.
2. Upon killing your big-game animal or turkey, immediately and completely notch the month and day of kill on the carcass tag and then attach to the hock tendon of the animal or above the leg spur of the turkey (see illustrations below) prior to moving the big-game animal or turkey from the kill site. For bear and cougar the carcass tag may be wrapped around a hind leg above the foot if skinned.
3. 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.
4. Tags must remain attached until the big-game animal or turkey arrives at a taxidermist, meat processing facility or place of final storage (e.g. your home), or if required, until it is inspected, documented or pelt tagged by a NMDGF official.
5. If a big-game animal is boned out or when a javelina is killed and nothing is removed or only the skull is taken, fold and adhere the carcass tag to itself leaving the entire face of the carcass tag visible. The adhered carcass tag must remain physically with parts of the animal that are removed and possessed.

ANTLERED AND HORNED GAME TAG INSTRUCTIONS

When ready to tag, detach antler tag from backing. Attach the antler/horn tag to the main beam of the antler or horn where it will not slide off. Leave entire face of tag visible and readable. *(Left to right: Carcass tag, turkey tag, and antler tag).*

