

PENNSYLVANIA'S 2025-26 HUNTING LICENSES *On Sale* June 23

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Hunting Licenses on Sale Now

By State Rep. Joe Emrick

General hunting and trapping licenses for the 2025-26 season will be on sale starting Monday, June 23. Single-use antlerless licenses are on sale for all wildlife management units (WMU) and are guaranteed to PA residents in all WMUs through Sunday, July 13.

Starting Monday, July 14, nonresidents will have the opportunity to purchase unsold antlerless licenses on a first-come, first-served basis. Two weeks later, on Monday, July 28, sales of unsold antlerless licenses are open to both residents and nonresidents on a first-come, first served basis. Hunters are eligible to hold up to six antlerless licenses total, except in WMUs 5C and 5D which allow for up to nine more antlerless licenses per hunter – totaling no more than 15 antlerless licenses. Permits for the Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) will be available starting Monday, Aug. 11.

Licenses are available for purchase in person at license issuing agents. Click here for a map of agents across the Commonwealth. Licenses also are available for purchase online at huntfish.pa.gov.

Visit pgc.pa.gov for more information about hunting in the Commonwealth.

Preventing Theft of Benefits

By State Rep. Joe Emrick

Responding to a growing number of cases of stolen SNAP benefits, the state House recently approved legislation aimed at transitioning to chip-enabled Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) cards.

Since October 2022, Pennsylvania has recorded more than 23,000 cases of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits being stolen through skimming schemes. Unlike modern debit and credit cards, EBT cards currently lack chip security technology, making them highly vulnerable to fraud.

House Bill 1429 would require the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services to work with the General Assembly to ensure an efficient transition to chip-enabled EBT cards. The legislation would require the department to deliver a report to lawmakers highlighting costs, fraud prevention efforts and relevant statistics to enhance the security of SNAP benefits.

The bill is pending consideration in the Senate.



Eagle Scout Elijah Quan

By State Rep. Joe Emrick

Recently, I was proud to present a House of Representatives citation and an American flag flown over the Pennsylvania Capitol to Elijah Quan to recognize the Eagle Scout Award he earned. It's the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouts of America, now called Scouting America.

Elijah, from Troop 302 in Bethlehem, is the son of Eric and Leah Quan. His Eagle Scout ceremony was held on June 1 at the First Presbyterian Church on 2344 Center Street, Bethlehem, PA 18017.

Congratulation Elijah and good luck to you in your future endeavors.



Celebrating PA Dairy

By State Rep. Joe Emrick

June is Dairy Month in Pennsylvania, the perfect time to enjoy an extra dish of ice cream or yogurt, another piece of cheese, or a tall glass of milk!

The dairy industry is a major part of our state's agriculture economy, providing economic value to the tune of \$14.7 billion annually and over 52,000 jobs.

If you'd like to support Pennsylvania dairy, be sure to check the milk you purchase at the grocery store and look for the PA Preferred logo or milk with a plant code beginning with "42." Plant codes are usually printed near the top of the container or on the lid, or sometimes they're printed right on the label. The first, and most important, part of the code will always be two numbers (between 01 and 56). This identifies the state where the milk was processed. Pennsylvania's magic number is 42!

Learn more about the state's dairy industry here https://links.pahousenews.com/q/R83vvUO5-Q0XBZwGBcaZ3Sjd_I2iQNyGRFyZcOJYnZ0aW1Ic0ByY24uY29tw4gH_gJxzgMd4VVLzo29oSMnbhf_DQ.



New Liberty Bell License Plates Available

By State Rep. Joe Emrick

Pennsylvania vehicle owners can now order new state license plates featuring the Liberty Bell, the quintessential symbol of the Commonwealth and our nation's independence. Perfect timing as we prepare to mark the nation's 250th birthday next year!

The new style is available for standard vehicles and trucks, including personalized plates. If you switch from a specialty plate (like a military, organization or special fund plate), it will be replaced with a standard plate in the new design.

PennDOT's partners, such as dealers and online messengers, will use all existing standard issue license plate inventory before transitioning to the new plate design. If you want to ensure you receive the new plate design, order directly through PennDOT. The new license plates are optional for drivers with current license plates.

Click here for more information <https://links.pahousenews.com/q/spnyyIJRi90Xmz1kl5dq8eYBcb2r9bFxfI6ZcOJYnZ0aW1Ic0ByY24uY29tw4gJjA-R7SdfJU0LXyJZ5TNXBS43Og>.