



From the manager



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## Become a co-op voter

When was the last time you voted?

For Southern Pine Electric, a member-owned electric cooperative, voting is already in our DNA. It's how we maintain an electric utility that is responsive to the consumers it serves. But voting also plays a crucial part in our representative democracy. Federal, state and local elections offer an opportunity to exercise a civic responsibility: to select the best leaders for our communities.

Yet in places all over America, even those served by electric cooperatives, citizens aren't exercising that right.

In the 2012 national elections, voter turnout dropped overall, but the decline in rural counties was 18 percent—twice that of the nation as a whole.

And when voters miss the chance to vote, they also lose the opportunity to communicate their concern to our leaders about the issues that matter to us, where we work, live and raise families.

Reliable electricity, access to rural broadband and the quality of our healthcare system are just a few issues we all care about. Still, they only become priorities if enough people show elected officials that they are paying attention. Registering to vote and

voting are the most effective ways to send this message.

When we go to the polls with the cooperative principle of "Concern for Community" in mind, we instantly improve our political system. It's a system designed to produce a government "of the people, by the people and for the people." People like you and me.

I'd like you to join me in a new initiative to get every eligible person registered to vote—you, me, our family and friends—and take the pledge to become a co-op voter.

Southern Pine has joined America's electric cooperatives in launching a campaign to help get out the vote and insert issues important to co-ops into the public discussion. Called "Co-ops Vote," this effort will help boost voter turnout in areas served by cooperatives across the country to ensure that our voices are heard loud and clear every day, and especially on Election Day.

Here's what you can do to help. Visit the Co-ops Vote website, [www.vote.coop](http://www.vote.coop), and take the pledge to become a co-op voter to support your community and electric cooperative when casting your vote in 2016. The website will give you information on your elected officials and candidates, the voter registration process, election dates and locations, and

background about eight key co-op issues we want our elected leaders to understand: rural broadband access, hiring and honoring veterans, low-income energy assistance, cybersecurity, water regulation, rural health care access, affordable and reliable energy, and renewable energy.

Co-ops Vote is a non-partisan program developed by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), the national service organization that represents the nation's more than 900 private, not-for-profit, consumer-owned electric cooperatives. With 42 million members across the nation, electric co-ops are a powerful voice on national issues that have a local impact.

If you have any questions, please visit [www.vote.coop](http://www.vote.coop). I hope to see you at the polls!

### Voting calendar

- Oct. 8 – Deadline to register to vote in the general election.
- Nov. 8 – Election day

**Questions:** Contact your county's circuit clerk or the Mississippi Secretary of State's office at [www.sos.ms.gov/elections-voting](http://www.sos.ms.gov/elections-voting).



## Energy Fairs share ways to control winter bills

Concerned about higher energy bills as winter approaches? Southern Pine Electric wants to help ease your fears.

We will host the 2016 Energy Fairs at each of our offices in October and early November at which you can get plenty of tips on how to prepare your home for cold weather and control your energy use.

Southern Pine employees will be available to answer your ques-

tions about energy use and provide information on how to make your home or business more energy efficient.

"Members are always looking for ways to save money and the annual energy fairs are one of the many ways Southern Pine tries to help," said Dan Davis, manager of marketing and public relations. "We encourage members to take advantage of these free events."

**Each fair will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**The schedule includes:**

- **Tuesday, Oct. 11**  
Newton District Office, 1400 S. Main St.
- **Friday, Oct. 14**  
Brandon District Office, 3215 Louis Wilson Drive
- **Tuesday, Oct. 18**  
Headquarters, 110 Risher St., Taylorsville
- **Friday, Oct. 21**  
New Hebron District Office, 2504 Ferguson Mill Road
- **Friday, Nov. 4**  
Hattiesburg, 7848 U.S. 49



Southern Pine employee Mike Bryant assists a member at a previous energy fair in Taylorsville. (File photo)



For a complete listing of hunting seasons, bag limits and other legal restrictions, go to [www.mdwfp.com](http://www.mdwfp.com).

### White-tailed Deer

#### Delta Zone

Private and open public lands west of I-55 and north of I-20 plus areas south of I-20 and west of U.S. Hwy. 61. **A legal buck is defined as having EITHER a minimum inside spread of 12 inches OR a minimum main beam length of 15 inches.**

Method	Season Dates	Legal Deer
Archery	Oct. 1 - Nov. 18	Either-Sex on private land and open public land.
Youth Gun	Nov. 5 - Jan. 31	Either-Sex on private land and authorized state and federal lands. Youth 15 and under.
Early Primitive Weapons	Nov. 7 - 18	<b>Antlerless Deer Only</b> on private land and open public land.
Gun (with dogs)	Nov. 19 - Dec. 1	Either-Sex on private land; Legal Bucks only on open public land.
Primitive Weapon	Dec. 2 - 15	Either-Sex on private land and open public land. <i>Weapon of choice may be used on private land with appropriate license.</i>
Gun (without dogs)	Dec. 16 - 23	Antlerless Deer & Legal Bucks on private land and open public land.
Gun (with dogs)	Dec. 24 - Jan. 18	Either-Sex on private land; Legal Bucks only on open public land.
Primitive Weapon	Jan. 19 - 31	Either-Sex on private land and open public land. <i>Weapon of choice may be used on private land with appropriate license.</i>

#### Hill Zone

Private and open public lands east of I-55 and north of I-20 plus areas south of I-20 and east of U.S. Hwy. 61, excluding areas south of U.S. Hwy. 84 and east of MS Hwy. 35. **A legal buck is defined as having EITHER a minimum inside spread of 10 inches OR a minimum main beam length of 13 inches.**

Method	Season Dates	Legal Deer
Archery	Oct. 1 - Nov. 18	Either-Sex on private land and open public land.
Youth Gun	Nov. 5 - Jan. 31	Either -Sex on private land and authorized state and federal lands. Youth 15 and under.
Early Primitive Weapons	Nov. 7 - 18	<b>Antlerless Deer Only</b> on private land and open public land.
Gun (with dogs)	Nov. 19 - Dec. 1	Either-Sex on private land; Legal Bucks only on open public land.
Primitive Weapon	Dec. 2 - 15	Either-Sex on private land and open public land. <i>Weapon of choice may be used on private land with appropriate license.</i>
Gun (without dogs)	Dec. 16 - 23	Either-Sex on private land and open public land.
Gun (with dogs)	Dec. 24 - Jan. 18	Either-Sex on private land; Legal bucks only on open public land.
Archery/Primitive Weapon	Jan. 19 - 31	Either-Sex on private land and open public land. <i>Weapon of choice may be used on private land with appropriate license.</i>

#### Southeast Zone

Private and open public lands south of U.S. Hwy. 84 and east of MS Hwy. 35. **A legal buck is defined as having EITHER a minimum inside spread of 10 inches OR a minimum main beam length of 13 inches.**

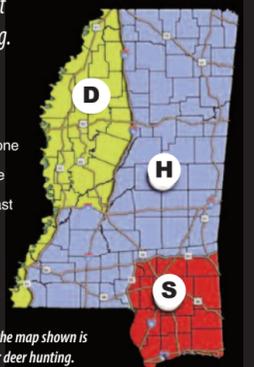
Method	Season Dates	Legal Deer
Archery	Oct. 15 - Nov. 18	Either-Sex on private land and open public land.
Youth Gun	Nov. 5 - Feb. 15	Either-Sex on private land and authorized state and federal lands. Youth 15 and under.
Gun (with dogs)	Nov. 19 - Dec. 1	Either-Sex on private land; Legal Bucks only on open public land.
Primitive Weapon	Dec. 2 - 15	Either-Sex on private land and open public land. <i>Weapon of choice may be used on private land with appropriate license.</i>
Gun (without dogs)	Dec. 16 - 23	Either-Sex on private land and open public land.
Gun (with dogs)	Dec. 24 - Jan. 18	Either-Sex on private land; Legal Bucks only on open public land.
Archery/Primitive Weapon	Jan. 19 - 31	Either-Sex on private land; Legal Bucks only on open public land. <i>Weapon of choice may be used on private land with appropriate license.</i>
	Feb. 1 - 15	Legal Bucks only on private land and open public land. <i>Weapon of choice may be used on private land with appropriate license.</i>

#### Small Game

Season	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit
Youth Squirrel	Sept. 24 - 30	8
Squirrel - Fall Season	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28	8
Squirrel - Spring Season	May 15 - June 1	4
SPECIES	Season Dates	Daily Bag Limit
Rabbit	Oct. 15 - Feb. 28	8
Bobwhite Quail	Nov. 24 - Mar. 4	8
Frog	Apr. 1 - Sept. 30	25/Night

**Delta Zone** - A legal buck is defined as having EITHER a minimum inside spread of 12 inches OR one main beam at least 15 inches long.

**Southeast and Hill Zones** - A legal buck is defined as having EITHER a minimum inside spread of 10 inches OR one main beam at least 13 inches long.



\*Please note the map shown is zoned only for deer hunting.

### Dove

- **White-winged & Mourning Dove (North Zone)\*\*** Sept. 3 - Oct. 9; Oct. 22 - Nov. 6; Dec. 10 - Jan. 15
- **(South Zone)\*\*\*** Sept. 3 - 11; Oct. 8 - Nov. 13; Dec. 3 - Jan. 15

\*\* (Dove North Zone) Areas north of U.S. Hwy 84 plus areas south of U.S. Hwy 84 and west of MS Hwy 35  
\*\*\* (Dove South Zone) Areas south of U.S. Hwy 84 and east of MS Hwy 35.

### Fall Turkey

