deer. Hogs outcompete with many wild animals for food. They also cause damage to waterways that lead to erosion. Pigs can carry diseases such as anthrax and brucellosis that might spread to humans, wildlife and domestic livestock.

Therefore, Alabama sportsmen can hunt feral hogs all year long without limit on private land. Most public hunting properties with pig populations allow sportsmen to bag feral hogs during open seasons for other game.

Most people probably shoot pigs as bonus game if they pass close to their deer stands. Others shoot if they happen to see a pig while hunting squirrels or other game. Some people stalk the tusked terrors. With no natural enemies preying upon them, wild boars don’t spook as easily as deer.

Many sportsmen chase hogs with dogs. They release chase or “strike” dogs to root the pigs out of their hiding places and “bay them up.” Then, the hunters send in a catch dog, normally a pit bull or something else with strong jaws and a mean disposition. The dog grabs a vital organ to hold the pig until the hunters arrive.