

New Harvest Record Set for Modern Gun Deer Season

Expanded opportunities lead to greater hunter success

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Nov. 30, 2018) — A record 106,797 deer were taken over Kentucky's 16-day modern gun season that concluded Nov. 25, topping the previous record from 2015 by almost 1,400 deer.

"We anticipated an increase in harvest for the season due to several changes in deer regulations implemented earlier this year," said Gabe Jenkins, Deer and Elk Program coordinator for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.

The Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission proposed the regulation changes after several meetings with deer hunters, officials and other stakeholders from across the state. The changes included expanding the modern gun deer season to 16 days statewide, which added six additional hunting days in some areas. Other changes adjusted statewide and youth deer permits to allow for the harvest of up to four deer and reclassified 32 counties to a less restrictive zone.

While the harvest in the

season's first 10 days was average compared to recent years, there was a significant increase in the final six days thanks to the statewide expansion.

"It's obvious hunters took advantage of the last six days because 23,553 deer were checked in that timeframe," Jenkins said. "The 10-year average for the last six days of modern gun season before this year was 15,429."

Biologists will analyze the effects of the regulatory changes, including adjustments for counties hardest hit by last year's epizootic hemorrhagic disease (EHD) outbreak, and additional statistics on the statewide deer harvest will be made available after archery deer season ends Jan. 21, 2019.

In addition to archery season, crossbow deer season is open now through Dec 31. The late muzzleloader season runs Dec. 8-16, and the free youth weekend is Dec. 29-30.

As a reminder, hunters may take as many deer as allowed for each zone but must purchase an additional deer permit to take more

than four deer statewide. The statewide limit for antlered deer remains one per hunter regardless of zone, method or season.

"Hunters who haven't filled their freezers and aren't ready to put everything up until next fall might want to consider donating a legally harvested deer through Kentucky Hunters for the Hungry," said Roger LaPointe, executive director of the non-profit organization. "It's a way hunters can help curb hunger and malnutrition in our state."

Kentucky Hunters for the Hungry works with processors to donate venison to people in need at cost to hunters. Visit kyhuntersforthehungry.info for instructions on how to donate a deer and for a list of participating processors.

Hunters donated almost 1,000 deer in 2017, translating to almost 40,000 pounds of ground venison and up to 300,000 meals provided in soups, stews and sauces for Kentucky families. Kentucky Hunters for the Hungry hopes to double the number of deer donated to the program.



A Kentucky buck keeps a watchful eye while feeding on mast. (Photo courtesy of Kentucky Fish & Wildlife Resources)

Estill Middle Engineers 2018-19 Boys Basketball

Nov. 8th (Thurs) Lee County Away
 Nov. 12th (Mon) . . . Garrard County Away
 Nov. 13th (Tues) . . . Powell County Away
 Nov. 15th (Thurs) Rockcastle Home
 Nov. 19th (Mon) . . . Clark-Moores Away
 Nov. 20th (Tues) . . Owsley County Home
 Nov. 26th (Mon) Model Home
 Nov. 29th (Thurs) Madison Middle Away
 Dec. 3rd (Mon) Farristown Home
 Dec. 4th (Tues) Lee County Home
 Dec. 6th (Thurs) . . . Powell County Home
 Dec. 10th (Mon) Caudill Away
 Dec. 11th (Tues) . . . Owsley County Away
 Dec. 13th (Thurs) Foley Home
 Dec. 15th (Sat) District Tourney at Lee Co.
 Jan. 3rd (Thurs) . . . Garrard County Home
 Jan. 7th (Mon) Rockcastle Away
 Jan. 10th (Thurs) . . . Clark-Moores Home
 Jan. 14th (Mon) Model Away
 Jan. 15th (Tues) Berea Home
 Jan. 17th (Thurs) Madison Middle Home
 Jan. 21st (Mon) Farristown Away
 Jan. 22nd (Tues) Berea Away
 Jan. 28th (Mon) Caudill Home
 Jan. 31st (Thurs) Foley Away
 Feb. 4th-9th Conference Tournament

Estill Lady Engineers 2018-19 Girls Basketball

Nov 27 Model A. (W) 69-36
 Nov 29 Menifee County (L) 50- 52
 Dec 1 Hazard (L) 47-59
 Dec 4 Rockcastle County . . . H 6:00

Peggy Moore Classic at Breathitt Co.

Dec 8 Jackson City A 4:00

Dec 10 Jackson County H 7:30
 Dec 14 Powell County A 6:00
 Dec 15 Pulaski County A 7:30
 Dec 18 Lee County H 6:00

Gateway Holiday Classic at Montgomery

Dec 28 Bryan Station A 1:30
 Dec 29 TBA A
 Dec 30 TBA A 1:30

Jan 3 Nicholas County A 7:30
 Jan 5 Montgomery County . . . A 3:30
 Jan 7 Madison Southern . . . A 7:30
 Jan 8 Owsley County H 7:30
 Jan 11 Powell County H 6:00
 Jan 15 Lexington Catholic . . . A 7:30
 Jan 18 Lee County A 6:00
 Jan 19 Harrison County H 2:30
 Jan 22 Owsley County A 6:00
 Jan 28 Berea A 7:30
 Jan 31 Madison Central H 7:30

Scott Blank Classic

Feb 1 Buckhorn A 8:45
 Feb 2 Whitley County H 7:30
 Feb 8 Wolfe County A 7:30
 Feb 9 Leslie County A
 Feb 11 North Laurel H 7:30
 Feb 12 Oneida Baptist Inst. . . H 7:30
 Coach Ruth Hughes

Estill County Engineers 2018-19 Boys Basketball

Nov 27 Jackson County (L) 46-51
 Nov 30 Madison Southern . . . (L) 60-64
 Dec 4 Rockcastle County . . . H 7:30

PRTC Classic at Jackson County

Dec 7 Whitley County A 8:45

Peggy Moore Memorial at Breathitt Co.

Dec 8 Rowan County A 5:30

Dec 14 Powell County . A 8:00
 Dec 17 Wolfe County H 7:30
 Dec 18 Lee County H 6:00

Kentucky Bank Challenge at Rowan Co.

Dec 21 West Carter A 6:00
 Dec 22 George Rogers Clark . A 7:30

Dan Swartz Classic at Bath County

Dec 27 Lewis County A 6:30

Jan 8 Owsley County H 6:00
 Jan 11 Powell County H 8:00
 Jan 15 Montgomery County . H 7:30
 Jan 18 Lee County A 7:30
 Jan 19 Breathitt County A 5:00
 Jan 22 Owsley County A 8:00
 Jan 24 Bath County H 7:30
 Jan 26 Fleming County A 2:30
 Jan 28 Buckhorn H 7:30
 Jan 31 Western Hills A 7:30
 Feb 2 Letcher County Central A 2:00
 Feb 5 Pulaski County A 7:30
 Feb 7 Berea A 7:30
 Feb 9 Wolfe County A 6:30
 Feb 12 Menifee County A 7:30
 Feb 15 Hazard H 7:30
 Coach Jon B. Bentley



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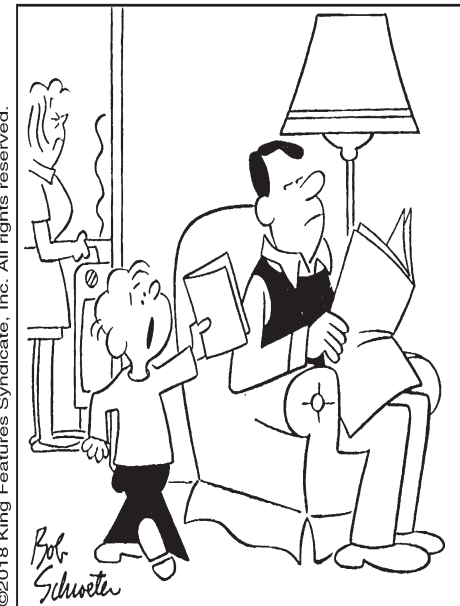
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