

# Kentucky Fish and Wildlife confirms 2018 deer season information

When Kentucky's 2018 deer season opened on Saturday, September 1, a number of new regulations took place.

Deer hunters should note the following changes for the upcoming season:

- The modern gun deer season has been lengthened in Zones 3 and 4 and will now be 16 days across all zones, opening Nov. 10 and continuing through Nov. 25, 2018.

- The statewide and youth deer permits now allow for the harvest of up to four deer. While the harvest allotment for statewide and youth deer permits has increased, the one-buck rule remains in place statewide.

- Estill, Powell and Wolfe will remain in Zone 3. Most counties east are Zone 4.

- The following counties have changed from Zone 2 to Zone 1: Union, Henderson, McLean, Muhlenberg, Todd, Mercer, Mason and Hart.

- The following counties have changed from Zone 3 to Zone 2: Warren, Allen, Monroe, Barren, Metcalfe, Adair, Edmonson, Butler, Breckinridge, Meade, Hancock, Daviess, Taylor, Casey, Lincoln, Boyle, Madison, Clark, Montgomery and Bath.

- The following counties have changed from Zone 4 to Zone 3: Garrard, Pulaski, Wayne and Laurel.

Each county across the state is assigned to one of four deer zones. Bag limits are zone specific. Hunters can harvest up to the zone bag limit in each zone but would need an additional deer permit to take more than four deer statewide.

- In Zone 1, hunters can take one antlered deer and an unlimited number of antlerless deer using the state-

wide deer permit and additional deer permits.

- In Zone 2, hunters can harvest up to four deer.

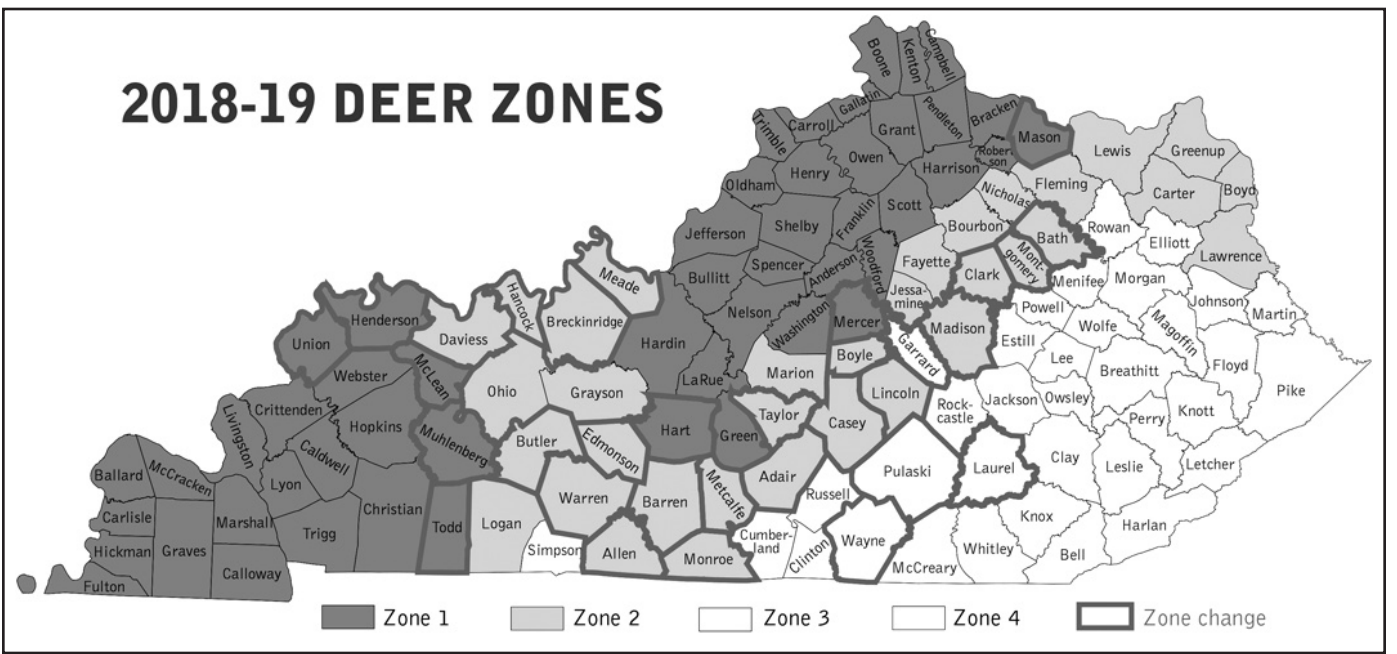
- In Zone 3, hunters can take up to four deer but a firearm cannot be used to harvest more than one antlerless deer.

- In Zone 4, hunters can take up to two deer. Only one can be antlerless, and the statewide one-buck rule remains in place. Antlerless deer can be harvested in Zone 4 during archery season, crossbow season, youth gun seasons and the last three days of December muzzleloader season.

Kentucky's archery deer season opened Sept. 1, 2018 and continues through Jan. 21, 2019. Crossbow season is Oct. 1-21 and Nov. 10-Dec. 31, 2018. Muzzleloader season is Oct. 20-21 and Dec. 8-16, 2018. The youth-only gun season spans the weekend of Oct. 13-14, 2018 and the free youth weekend is Dec. 29-30, 2018.

Regulations for the fall and winter hunting seasons are printed in the Kentucky Hunting and Trapping Guide. An updated version of this year's guide with complete deer hunting regulations, including finalized season dates, county zone assignments and bag limit information, is available online at [fw.ky.gov](http://fw.ky.gov). A print version will arrive in the coming weeks to locations that sell licenses and permits.

The guide includes all fall hunting and trapping season dates, summarizes hunting and trapping laws, and provides information about public lands hunting by region, youth hunting opportunities, hunter education requirements and quota hunts.



Kentucky Deer Hunting Zones -- Estill is in Zone 3

## September Moonlight Market is Friday

This Friday, September 7th, the Estill County Chamber of Commerce will host the fourth Moonlight Market event in Downtown Irvine. The event has a street fair vibe and brings together community groups, vendors and live music to celebrate all that Estill County has to offer.

"We're so happy with how this event has progressed and the changes that we've made over the last several months have only made the event better each time!" said

Ethan Moore, President of the Estill County Chamber. "We hope everyone will come out and be part of the fun and experience what we hope will become a signature event in Estill County."

As part of the event, the Estill County Farmer's Market will be set up selling Kentucky Proud produce and products and the Estill County Historical and Genealogical Society will be presenting "Collecting your Oral History" with Sarah Schmitt from the Kentucky Histori-

cal Society. New in September, the Lil' Rascals inflatable company will be on site with a bounce house. The Main Stage act is The Jenkins Twins, a local favorite band from Estill County, who will begin their FREE set at 8pm. The event runs from 6pm until 10pm and is on Broadway in Downtown Irvine. The final event of the 2018 series will be held on October 19th.

Moonlight Market is a community-wide downtown event series that was created

to encourage locals and visitors to explore downtown Irvine, enjoy live music, demonstrations, vendor booths and organizational tables and activities and love where we live. This series spans six months, and we hope it will be a platform to incorporate a variety of businesses, civic groups, and community organizations.

For more information or to become a vendor, contact Jessica Aldridge at the Chamber at (606) 723-2450 or [Jessica@EstillCountyKY](mailto:Jessica@EstillCountyKY).

**Birding BITS** BY Cindy Brook

Easy Feeding  
Birdseed blocks are a nice alternative to loose seed since there are no feeders to clean. Look for them at stores that sell birdseed. I love to use one that is comprised of all nuts. Just about every bird loves a nut!

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Estill County Lady Engineers 2018 Girls Volleyball			
Sep. 5	Lee County	A	6:00
Sep. 10	Jackson City	H	6:00
Sep. 11	Menifee County	H	6:00
Sep. 13	Owsley County	H	
Sep. 18	Breathitt County	A	6:00
Sep. 19	Morgan County	A	7:30
Sep. 20	Lee County	H	6:00
Sep. 24	Wolfe County	H	6:00
Sep. 25	Morgan County	H	7:30
Sep. 27	Powell County	H	7:00
Oct. 1	Red Bird	H	7:00
Oct. 4	Menifee County	A	6:00

Estill County Lady Engineers 2018 Girls Soccer			
Sep. 6	Menifee County	H	6:00
Sep. 8	Perry County Central	H	7:00
Sep. 10	TBA	H	8:00
Sep. 13	Menifee County	A	6:00
Sep. 15	Letcher Co. Central	A	12:00
Sep. 18	Buckhorn	H	6:30
Sep. 20	Fleming County	A	6:00
Sep. 24	Powell County	A	6:00
Oct. 2	Fleming County	H	8:00
Oct. 4	Buckhorn	A	7:30

Coach: Matthew W. Hall

### Proper Ginseng Hunting Techniques

**Kentucky Ginseng Program**  
Harvest Date Start . . . . . September 1  
Can sell green ginseng . September 1  
Can sell dry ginseng . . September 15

**Ginseng Program Summary**

- ⇒ Ginseng harvest season is from September 1 - December 1, each calendar year
- ⇒ Buying season for green ginseng starts September 1 each calendar year
- ⇒ Buying season for dry ginseng is from September 15 - March 31 each calendar year
- ⇒ Dealer licenses are valid annually from September 1 - August 31 and cost \$75.00 for Kentucky residents and \$150.00 for non-residents.
- ⇒ Harvesters can declare their ginseng as wild, wild simulated, woodsgrown or cultivated.
- ⇒ All fees collected are deposited specifically for the ginseng program.
- ⇒ The regulation outlines violations and penalties, which is available to download at <http://www.kyagr.com/marketing/ginseng>

**Ginseng Age**

The minimum age of harvest by law is 5 years and 3 prongs. However, the market for ginseng prefers roots 10 years old and older.

**Underage Root**

Not only is underage root illegal to harvest, it's really not worth anything. In this picture are 16 young roots harvested before maturity. These 16 roots shown below weigh less than ONE whole ginseng root of marketable age. If young plants come up when digging a larger root, plant them back into the same spot and leave them for your children and grandchildren to harvest.

**GOOD STEWARDSHIP CHECKLIST**  
When harvesting American Ginseng, make sure you follow all of these good stewardship practices.

- Get permission to harvest.
- Only harvest plants that have 3 prongs or are at least 5 years of age.
- Only dig plants with red berries
- Plant berries within fifty feet of where you dug the root with your finger in 3/4 to 1 inch of soil.
- Leave some mature plants for the future.
- If young plants come up when digging a larger root, plant them back into the same spot.

Courtesy of Thackers Root Buyers  
Call (606) 723-4404

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40-table show -- \$15.00 per table  
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