



New to Dove Hunting?

Education



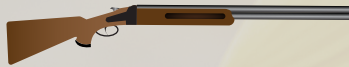
Field to Fork® is a unique, start-to-finish workshop that teaches adult participants everything they need to know in order to successfully hunt a specific game species. Past offerings include: dove, squirrel, spring turkey and deer hunting workshops. Species specific topics typically covered are: wild game species biology and ecology, hunting regulations, basic hunting equipment, scouting and hunting tactics, processing wild game, cooking wild game meat, and much more! Check out the Field to Fork page at FW.KY.GOV/FIELDTOFORK

Check List



- HIP Survey Completed
- Migratory Game Bird-Waterfowl Hunting
- Permit
- Hunting License
- Hunter Safety Card (orange card)
- Shotgun plugged to hold three shells total
- Area Use Permit (for specific public lands)
- Map of planned hunting area
- Chair or Bucket
- Game Bag
- Camouflage or Earth tone clothing
- Sunglasses or other protective eye wear
- Take plenty of water and sunscreen
- Hunting plan that you share with someone

Tips



1. DO NOT SHOOT AT LOW FLYING BIRDS!
2. Make sure you can see the sky behind the bird.
3. Position yourself at least 50 yds from others.
4. Know your shooting zone.
5. Avoid movement when birds are in view.
6. Improved Cylinder or Modified chokes.
7. Recommended 8, 9, or 7 1/2 shot size.
8. Pre-season practice and pattern your gun.
9. Follow through with your shot; keep swinging!
10. Pick up trash and spent shells.

How To



To breast a dove hold the bird in your hands, breast side facing you. Place both thumbs together in the middle of the breast and push down & away in opposite directions, splitting the skin and exposing the breast. Put a finger under the bottom of the sternum and pull up towards the head. Cut the remaining cartilage with strong scissors. Some recipes include the whole breast, and some you will remove the two sides from the bone. Remember to check your meat for "peppering", or pellets, from the shot.