

CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE

If you hunt deer in Illinois, Missouri, Virginia and West Virginia or any other CWD-infected state you may not bring a deer back into Kentucky unless the brain and spinal column have been removed first.

Allowed parts from CWD-infected states and provinces include: quarters or other portions of meat with no part of the spinal column or head attached, boned-out meat, antlers, antlers attached to a clean skull plate, a clean skull, clean teeth, hides and finished taxidermy products.

CWD has not been detected in Kentucky.

CWD has been found in 22 states and 2 Canadian provinces: Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Up-to-date news regarding CWD can be found online at cwd-info.org.

Kentucky Hunters for the Hungry (KHFH) is a nonprofit, volunteer organization that encourages hunters to harvest and donate deer each season for distribution to homeless shelters and food banks throughout the state.

Hunters in Zone 1 counties have a unique opportunity to help. They may take an unlimited number of antlerless deer so long as they have purchased the appropriate additional deer permits.

You can also donate \$2 when renewing your car or truck's registration and help pay the cost of turning venison into a nutritious meal for the less fortunate in communities across Kentucky.



For detailed instructions about how to donate your deer, or to view a list of participating processors, visit:

www.huntersforhungry.org

ELK HUNTING

DATES, RESTRICTIONS AND HOW TO APPLY

QUOTA ELK	Firearms	Archery	Crossbow
Bull (antlered)	Week 1: Oct. 4-10, 2014 Week 2: Oct. 11-17, 2014	Sept. 20 - Oct. 3, Oct. 18 - Dec. 12 and Dec. 27, 2014 - Jan. 19, 2015	Oct. 18-19, Nov. 8 - Dec. 12 and Dec. 27-31, 2014
Cow (antlerless)	Week 1: Dec. 13-19, 2014 Week 2: Dec. 20-26, 2014	Oct. 18 - Dec. 12 and Dec. 27, 2014 - Jan. 19, 2015	
Youth-only Quota (either sex)	All seasons as noted above		

Note: Hunters must follow deer season and equipment regulations to take elk from any county not included in the 16-county elk zone (out-of-zone), and must have an out-of-zone elk permit.

HOW THE QUOTA HUNTS WORK

- Applications go on sale January 1 for the next year's Kentucky elk quota hunts. Hunters must buy their elk quota hunt applications before midnight Eastern time on April 30.
- Elk quota hunt applications can only be purchased online at fw.ky.gov. A person who does not have access to the department's website to apply for any quota

hunt may contact the department toll free at 1-800-858-1549 (Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.) for assistance.

- Residents and non-residents are eligible to apply for elk quota hunts.
- Each application costs \$10. Only individuals may purchase elk applications, not a party of hunters together.
- Hunters 15 years of age and under may apply for a youth-only quota hunt

during the same application period as for the regular elk quota hunt drawing.

- Applicants for this youth-only hunt may also purchase elk applications for the regular elk quota hunts. A youth may not be drawn for the youth-only quota hunt and the regular quota hunt for elk in the same year, and if drawn for the youth-only hunt, will be permanently blocked from applying for

the youth-only hunt again.

- A random computer drawing is held in May to select the drawn hunters. Applicants may check to see if they were drawn on fw.ky.gov.
- It is the hunter's responsibility to find a place to hunt in the area they choose or are assigned to hunt. Hunters must get landowner permission to hunt on private land.
- There is no limit to the number of assistants an elk hunter may take into the field, but only the permit holder is allowed to hunt.
- For the 2014-15 elk season two WMAs are designated Active Restoration Areas, and are off limits to elk hunting – Fishtap WMA in the North At-Large Area, and the southernmost parcel of Corrigan WMA in the South At-Large Area.
- Quota elk permits must be purchased from the department's website (fw.ky.gov) prior to hunting.
- Hunters drawn for a quota elk permit

LEGAL EQUIPMENT FOR ELK SEASON

- A modern rifle of .270 caliber or larger, with a magazine capable of holding no more than 10 rounds.
- A muzzleloading rifle of .50 caliber or larger.
- A muzzleloading or breech-loading shotgun no larger than 10-gauge, and no smaller than 20-gauge, firing a single projectile (slug, round ball, conical bullet or sabot bullet) only.
- A handgun with a barrel length of six (6) inches or longer, with a bore diameter of .270 inches or larger, when firing a bullet, producing at least 550 ft/lbs of energy at 100 yards.
- Firearms may not be fully-automatic (capable of firing more than one round with one trigger pull).
- Full metal jacketed or tracer bullet ammunition is prohibited.
- Archery and crossbow equipment that is legal for deer hunting. Hunters 15 years old or younger and over 65 years of age may use a crossbow during all crossbow and archery seasons.

are required to buy an elk quota hunt permit in addition to an annual hunting license.

- Hunters awarded a bull elk permit will be blocked for three years from applying for another bull elk permit.

QUOTA HUNTS WITHIN THE ELK ZONE

The elk zone includes the following 16 counties: Bell, Breathitt, Clay, Floyd, Harlan, Johnson, Knott, Knox, Leslie, Letcher, Magoffin, Martin, McCreary, Perry, Pike and Whitley. Inside this zone, elk may only be taken by hunters drawn for a quota hunt as previously described. All elk hunters must display a department-issued hang tag in their vehicles while hunting.

BAITING

Elk may not be hunted over bait on public or private lands within the elk zone. However, it is legal to hunt elk over bait outside the elk zone.

CALLING

A person shall not mimic the sound of an elk on public land open to elk hunting from Sept. 1 until the opening of the elk archery season.

SHOOTING HOURS

Elk may only be hunted during

daylight hours, from 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset.

BAG LIMIT/HUNTER ORANGE

The season bag limit on elk is one per hunter per season, regardless of permit type. Hunters may not take an elk during a quota elk hunt and also take an elk out-of-zone during the same season. Elk hunters and those who accompany them, or any other person hunting public or private lands in the elk zone during firearm elk seasons, must comply with the hunter orange clothing law.

ELK HUNTING OUTSIDE THE ELK ZONE

Elk may be taken from any county outside the zone by hunters who possess an annual Kentucky hunting license and an out-of-zone elk permit. These hunters must follow deer season and equipment regulations, but are not required to possess a deer permit.

CHECKING and TAGGING

All elk must be telechecked. Hunters must call 1-800-245-4263 and report the harvest. (See the General Information section for details.)

A carcass tag is required if a harvested elk leaves the hunter's possession for any reason.

KENTUCKY'S TROPHY BULLS

SCORE	Hunter	County	Method	Year
*372 6/8	Terrell Royalty	Knott	Modern gun	2009
371 0/8	Greg Neff	Bell	Modern gun	2007
*367 7/8	Kelvin Jackson	Harlan	Modern gun	2008
367 0/8	Bill Auxier	Knott	Modern gun	2007
*365 5/8	Brent Jones	Knott	Modern gun	2013
361 4/8	Franklin Scott	Knott	Modern gun	2006
*357 0/8	Bruce Brantley	Perry	Crossbow	2011
*356 6/8	Chris Godby	Knott	Modern gun	2009
353 2/8	Daniel Ware	Breathitt	Modern gun	2012
353 1/8	Wesley Gage Fultz	Leslie	Modern gun	2007

* Non-typical

This list includes the 10 largest bull elk scored and reported to Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. The department is compiling a list of the top 100 elk taken in Kentucky. Please send copies of official (signed) score sheets to: Kentucky Trophy Elk List, KDFWR, 1 Sportsman's Lane, Frankfort, Ky 40601. Emailed submissions to info.center@ky.gov also will be accepted.

WHERE TO HUNT ELK



BEAR HUNTING

SEASON DATES & RESTRICTIONS

BEAR	Chase-only	Archery/Crossbow	Firearms	Quota Hunt with Dogs
	Aug. 1-31 and Dec. 22-26, 2014	Nov. 22-30, 2014	Dec. 13-15, 2014	Dec. 22-26, 2014

Regulations pertaining to bear season requirements were pending legislative approval when this guide went to press. Proposed items include allowing a bear chase permit to be purchased online at fw.ky.gov from July 1-Dec. 31 and establishing a minimum handgun restriction to hunt bear. Please call 1-800-858-1549 or visit fw.ky.gov for the latest information.

CHASE-ONLY SEASON WITH DOGS

Unless license exempt, participants must purchase a Bear Chase Permit or Junior Bear Chase Permit. Bear Chase Permits are available for purchase online at fw.ky.gov from July 1 – August 31.

Bears may be chased with dogs only within the Eastern, Central, and Western Bear Chase Areas (see map). Bears shall only be chased during legal daylight hours. Hunters shall not chase bears from an area where bait is present or has been present for 30 days. Individual chase groups shall include no more

than five (5) people and eight (8) dogs, except a chase party may total seven (7) people if two (2) additional youths accompany the party.

ARCHERY/CROSSBOW SEASON

Unless license exempt, hunters must purchase a Bear Permit, in addition to an Annual Hunting License. Bear Permits are available for purchase over-the-counter, by phone (1-877-598-2401), and online at fw.ky.gov.

The archery/crossbow season harvest quota is 10 bears or five (5) female

bears, whichever is reached first. If either limit is reached, the season will close 30 minutes after sunset that day. Successful hunters must telecheck their bear by 8 p.m. Eastern time and also call 1-800-858-1549 within 24 hours of harvest to arrange for a physical check of the animal and receive a tag issued by Kentucky Fish and Wildlife. Bears physically checked during the archery/crossbow season must include a carcass or an intact hide that contains the skull and proof of sex.

Hunters must call 1-800-858-1549