



FIVE YEAR BIG GAME SEASON STRUCTURE DATES FOR 2015-2019

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BEAR

Archery: 28 day season, fixed dates, all licenses over the counter with a cap by DAU/GMU, no participation restriction, unfilled licenses may not be used during the regular deer and/or elk seasons.

2015 - 2019: September 2 - September 30, annually

Muzzleloader: 9 day season concurrent with muzzleloader deer and elk, all licenses over the counter with a cap by DAU/GMU, no participation restriction, unfilled licenses may not be used during the regular deer and/or elk seasons.

2015: 9/12 - 9/20

2016: 9/10 - 9/18

2017: 9/9 - 9/17

2018: 9/8 - 9/16

2019: 9/14 - 9/22

Limited September Rifle: 28 day season, fixed dates, licenses issued by DAU/GMU, no participation restriction, unfilled licenses may not be used during the regular deer and/or elk seasons.

2015 - 2019: September 2 - September 30, annually

Regular Rifle: Seasons concurrent with the regular rifle deer and elk seasons; all licenses over the counter with a cap by DAU/GMU, provided hunter also has a rifle deer or elk license valid during any date of the regular rifle seasons for the same bear GMU; bear may be hunted during any of the 4 deer or elk seasons.

2015: 10/10-10/14 and 10/17-10/25 and 10/31-11/8 and 11/11-11/15

2016: 10/15-10/19 and 10/22-10/30 and 11/5-11/13 and 11/16-11/20

2017: 10/14-10/18 and 10/21-10/29 and 11/4-11/12 and 11/15-11/19

2018: 10/13-10/17 and 10/20-10/28 and 11/3-11/11 and 11/14-11/18

2019: 10/12-10/16 and 10/19-10/27 and 11/2-11/10 and 11/13-11/17

Private Land Only Bear Seasons: There will be an option for limited licenses issued by GMU/DAU as needed with fixed dates.

2015-2019: September 2 - September 30, annually

AND

2015-2019: October 1-end of 4th regular deer/elk season



Plains Rifle Bear Season: Opening September 2 through the last day of the 4th deer/elk regular rifle season; licenses are unlimited in number, available over the counter.

2015: 9/2 - 11/15

2016: 9/2 - 11/20

2017: 9/2 - 11/19

2018: 9/2 - 11/18

2019: 9/2 - 11/17

DEER AND ELK

Archery (west of I-25 & unit 140): (See "Late Plains Archery Deer" for archery deer seasons east of I-25). There will be a 30 day season, opening the last Saturday in August.

Deer: Limited either sex or limited buck, licenses issued by GMU/DAU

Elk: Unlimited either sex and antlerless, valid in most units OR limited either sex licenses, issued by GMU/DAU (totally limited units) - OTC List B archery elk antlerless licenses would only be valid in GMUs that also have List B rifle elk antlerless licenses.

2015: 8/29 - 9/27

2016: 8/27 - 9/25

2017: 8/26 - 9/24

2018: 8/25 - 9/23

2019: 8/31 - 9/29

Muzzleloader (west of I-25 & unit 140): (See "Plains Muzzleloader Deer" for muzzleloader deer seasons east of I-25). There will be a 9 day season, opening on the second Saturday in September.

Deer: Limited either sex or limited antlered and limited antlerless in some GMUs, all licenses issued by GMU/DAU.

Elk: Limited either sex or limited antlered and limited antlerless, all licenses issued by GMU/DAU.

2015: 9/12 - 9/20

2016: 9/10 - 9/18

2017: 9/9 - 9/17

2018: 9/8 - 9/16

2019: 9/14 - 9/22



High Country Deer: Limited 9 day antlered deer season, in high country or wilderness portions of selected deer units, opening on the first Saturday of September or the second Saturday of September (to avoid opening Labor Day weekend).

2015: 9/12 - 9/20
 2016: 9/10 - 9/18
 2017: 9/9 - 9/17
 2018: 9/8 - 9/16
 2019: 9/7 - 9/15

Plains Muzzleloader Deer (east of I-25 except unit 140): There will be a 9 day season, opening the second Saturday in October. All licenses limited. Antlered and antlerless deer or antlered deer only, issued by GMU/DAU.

2015: 10/10 - 10/18
 2016: 10/8 - 10/16
 2017: 10/14 - 10/22
 2018: 10/13 - 10/21
 2019: 10/12 - 10/20

Plains Regular Rifle Deer (east of I-25 except unit 140): There will be an 11 day season, opening on the Saturday of the last full weekend of October. All licenses limited. Antlered and antlerless deer or antlered deer only, issued by GMU/DAU.

2015: 10/24 - 11/3
 2016: 10/29 - 11/8
 2017: 10/28 - 11/7
 2018: 10/27 - 11/6
 2019: 10/26 - 11/5

Plains Archery Elk (east of I-25 except unit 140): There will be a 30 day season, opening the last Saturday in August.

2015: 8/29 - 9/27
 2016: 8/27 - 9/25
 2017: 8/26 - 9/24
 2018: 8/25 - 9/23
 2019: 8/31 - 9/29

Plains Muzzleloader Elk (select units - currently in GMUs 104, 133, 134, 141, and 142): There will be a 9 day season, opening the second Saturday in September.

2015: 9/12 - 9/20
 2016: 9/10 - 9/18
 2017: 9/9 - 9/17
 2018: 9/8 - 9/16
 2019: 9/14 - 9/22



Plains Rifle Elk (select units - currently in GMUs 104, 133, 134, 141, and 142):

Opens September 1 and closes January 31, either sex.

2015 - 2019: September 1 - January 31, annually

Regular Rifle Deer and Elk Seasons: four seasons

1st Season - 5 day season, followed by a 2 day break - Separate Limited Elk - Opening on the first Saturday after October 9 - Antlerless licenses may be offered in DAUs over population objective;

2nd Season - 9 day season, followed by a 5 day break - Deer and Elk Combined - Opening on a Saturday;

3rd Season - 9 day season, followed by a 2 day break - Deer and Elk Combined - Opening on a Saturday;

4th Season - 5 day season - Deer and Elk Combined - Opening on a Wednesday.

2015

- 1st Separate Limited Elk 10/10-10/14
- 2nd Combined Deer & Elk 10/17-10/25
- 3rd Combined Deer & Elk 10/31-11/8
- 4th Combined Limited Deer & Elk 11/11-11/15

2016

- 1st Separate Limited Elk 10/15-10/19
- 2nd Combined Deer & Elk 10/22-10/30
- 3rd Combined Deer & Elk 11/5-11/13
- 4th Combined Limited Deer & Elk 11/16-11/20

2017

- 1st Separate Limited Elk 10/14-10/18
- 2nd Combined Deer & Elk 10/21-10/29
- 3rd Combined Deer & Elk 11/4-11/12
- 4th Combined Limited Deer & Elk 11/15-11/19

2018

- 1st Separate Limited Elk 10/13-10/17
- 2nd Combined Deer & Elk 10/20-10/28
- 3rd Combined Deer & Elk 11/3-11/11
- 4th Combined Limited Deer & Elk 11/14-11/18

2019

- 1st Separate Limited Elk 10/12-10/16
- 2nd Combined Deer & Elk 10/19-10/27
- 3rd Combined Deer & Elk 11/2-11/10
- 4th Combined Limited Deer & Elk 11/13-11/17



Late Rifle Elk: There will be the option for limited antlerless seasons, with licenses issued by GMU/DAU, as needed to achieve population objectives. Season lengths are variable within the time frame by GMU/DAU and set annually.

- 2015: 11/16 - 1/31
- 2016: 11/21 - 1/31
- 2017: 11/20 - 1/31
- 2018: 11/19 - 1/31
- 2019: 11/18 - 1/31

Private Land Only Deer and Elk Seasons

Private Land Only (PLO) There will be the option for limited antlerless or either-sex deer and limited antlerless or either-sex elk, licenses issued by GMU/DAU as needed to achieve population objectives,

AND

Private Land Only (PLO) There will be the option for private land only buck licenses and private land either-sex elk licenses, where necessary to distribute antlered hunting opportunity between private and public lands, with PLO licenses issued by GMU/DAU, during the regular rifle seasons, including plains regular rifle seasons.

- 2015 - 2019: August 15 - January 31 (season lengths variable and set annually).
- Antlerless/either-sex deer and elk, issued by GMU/DAU.

Late Plains Archery Deer (east of I-25 except unit 140): There will be 2 or 3 splits within the season (3 in units with both regular and late plains rifle deer seasons) to avoid archery/rifle season overlap. All licenses limited, either-sex deer or antlered deer only, issued by GMU/DAU.

- 2015: 10/1-10/23 and 11/4-11/30 and 12/15-12/31
OR 10/1-10/23 and 11/4-12/31
OR 10/1-11/30 and 12/15-12/31
- 2016: 10/1-10/28 and 11/9-11/30 and 12/15-12/31
OR 10/1-10/28 and 11/9-12/31
OR 10/1-11/30 and 12/15-12/31
- 2017: 10/1-10/27 and 11/8-11/30 and 12/15-12/31
OR 10/1-10/27 and 11/8-12/31
OR 10/1-11/30 and 12/15-12/31
- 2018: 10/1-10/26 and 11/7-11/30 and 12/15-12/31
OR 10/1-10/26 and 11/7-12/31
OR 10/1-11/30 and 12/15-12/31
- 2019: 10/1-10/25 and 11/6-11/30 and 12/15-12/31
OR 10/1-10/25 and 11/6-12/31
OR 10/1-11/30 and 12/15-12/31



Late Plains Rifle Deer (east of I-25 except unit 140): There may be a single 14 day season, fixed dates annually. All licenses limited. Antlered and antlerless deer or antlered deer only by GMU/DAU

2015 - 2019: December 1 - December 14, annually

MOOSE

Archery: first Saturday after Labor Day in September through close of archery deer & elk

2015: 9/12 - 9/27

2016: 9/10 - 9/25

2017: 9/9 - 9/24

2018: 9/8 - 9/23

2019: 9/7 - 9/29

Muzzleloader: 9 day season concurrent with muzzleloader deer & elk

2015: 9/12 - 9/20

2016: 9/10 - 9/18

2017: 9/9 - 9/17

2018: 9/8 - 9/16

2019: 9/14 - 9/22

Rifle: 14 day season, fixed dates annually, first 14 days of October

2015 - 2019: October 1 - October 14, annually

PRONGHORN

Archery: 37 day season, unlimited licenses (some units limited, licenses issued by GMU/DAU), with fixed dates annually beginning August 15th. Bucks will be hunted only in August, bucks and does (either-sex) hunting in September.

2015-2019: August 15 - August 31, annually bucks only and September 1 - September 20, annually either sex.

Muzzleloader: There will be a 9 day season, limited buck and limited doe, statewide licenses (some units closed), with fixed dates annually in September and a small fixed number of licenses. Note: there is a potential need for unit-specific limited licenses in those units which have low overall numbers of pronghorn licenses for all methods of take.

2015-2019 September 21 - September 29, annually



Rifle: There will be a 7 day season, opening on the first Saturday in October, limited buck and limited doe issued by GMU/DAU.

2015: 10/3 - 10/9

2016: 10/1 - 10/7

2017: 10/7 - 10/13

2018: 10/6 - 10/12

2019: 10/5 - 10/11

Late Rifle: Late seasons vary in length, closing no later than December 31, annually.

2015-2019: Dates vary, end no later than December 31, annually.

MOUNTAIN LION

April Season: There may be an April season in select GMUs, opening April 1 and closing April 30. Unlimited licenses that span both the regular and April seasons.

2015-2019: April 1 - April 30, annually

Fall Season: Opens with 1st rifle elk season and ends with close of 4th rifle deer/elk season, licenses valid only during open rifle deer or elk seasons, elk or deer season participation will apply if hunting west of I-25 or in GMU 140. Pursuit with hounds is not legal. Implementation of season to be delayed until supporting management process is developed; will be restricted to select DAUs/GMUs as determined by management need.

2015-2019: Season dates will be provided in the future, pending management discussions and after seasons are implemented in regulations.

Regular Season: Opens the day following the closing date of the 4th regular rifle deer/elk season, closing on March 31. Unlimited licenses that span both the regular and April seasons.

2015: 11/16 - 3/31/2016

2016: 11/21 - 3/31/2017

2017: 11/20 - 3/31/2018

2018: 11/19 - 3/31/2019

2019: 11/18 - 3/31/2020