

Kansas Deer Population and Management Archive

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2021

[Game wardens search for leads after two bucks found illegally shot](#) July 26, 2022

Kansas, WIBW

... Game wardens said the bucks are believed to have been shot between 8:45 a.m. on July 22 and July 23, on private property east of Oak Valley...

[Kansas Game Wardens Successfully Close Large Mule Deer Poaching Case](#) June 29, 2022 Sunflower Radio

... thanks to numerous public tips ... In all, 140 charges were filed for nine individuals for violations from 2015-2019. Of the nine individuals charged, three individuals received more than four charges...

[Deer population in area higher than average](#) March 23, 2022 Kansas, Backroads News

... the spotlight survey done in early November for Deer Management Unit 8, which includes Washington County, was about 30 percent above the 5-year average for the unit... for DMU 8 showed 25 bucks per 100 does while the statewide average is 31.2 bucks per 100 does. DMU 8 is also below the state average for fawns per doe with only 22.6 fawns per 100 does versus the statewide number of 45.3 fawns per doe...

[Commission Big Game Permits Awarded to Seven Kansas Non-profits](#) February 21, 2022 Great Bend Tribune

... Kansas Wildlife and Parks Commissioners drew the names of seven lucky conservation organizations ... Seven deer permits were awarded ...

[Commission Big Game Permits Awarded to Seven Kansas Non-profits](#) February 15, 2022 Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks

... One elk, one antelope or up to seven deer permits are issued each year, depending on applicant preference... Once the permit is sold, 15 percent of the total sale price is kept by the organization...

[Coyotes are thriving in Kansas despite competitive hunting events designed to reduce population](#) September 23, 2022 Kansas, The Topeka Capital-Journal

... State estimates show the number of coyotes in Kansas has nearly tripled since the 1980s... coyotes will dine on just about anything, from deer, rodents and birds to insects ...

[Population genomics of free-ranging Great Plains white-tailed and mule deer reflects a long history of inter-specific hybridization](#) 2021, Kansas. Evolutionary Applications

... Collectively, our results indicate a long history of gene flow between these species in the Great Plains, and hint at evolutionary processes that purge incompatible functional genomic elements as a result of hybridization. Surviving hybrids evidently may be reproductive, but with unknown consequences for the future integrity of these species, population trajectories, or relative susceptibility to emerging pathogens...

[Kansas deer season dates approved for 2021-22](#) April 21, 2021 The Topeka Capital-Journal

... KDWPT wildlife research biologist, indicated a 20% reduction in firearm and muzzleloader permit quotas will be recommended for this fall...

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[KDWPT to testify on bill seeking to allow transfer of landowner, tenant deer permits to nonresidents](#) February 19, 2021 Kansas, The Topeka Capital-Journal

... Corbet introduced similar legislation in 2019, which passed the House 63-60 but effectively died in the Senate ...

[Kansas man gets prison time for poaching 60 deer](#) January 14, 2021 KSNT

... charged with 139 counts, including illegal hunting and poaching of 60 whitetail and mule deer... ordered Blick to pay \$310,234 in restitution ...

2020

[Effects of white-tailed deer exclusion on the plant community composition of an upland tallgrass prairie ecosystem](#) (2020). KJ Bloodworth, ME Ritchie, KJ Komatsu - Journal of Vegetation Science

... Contrary to the impact that deer have in other ecosystems (e.g. forests), our results indicate that deer do not affect the plant community of herbaceous-dominated tallgrass prairies. These results indicate that while the loss of bison-grazers have shifted tallgrass prairie plant communities to C4 grass dominated systems, the shift to browsing-dominated herbivore pressure from deer has a minimal effect on the plant community...

[Hunting preview 2020](#) September 9, 2020 Kansas, Kansas City Star

... The overall population is stable, maybe even slightly increasing, Jaster [big-game program coordinator] said. The highest densities can be found in the Chautauqua Hills in southeast Kansas...

[The hunt is on for deer in Kansas](#) September 15, 2020 KSNT News

... Hunters killed 78,000 deer in Kansas last year. On Monday people can start hunting ... KDWPT estimates that the state has a deer population of about 700,000 ..

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2019

[Bill could change Kan. deer hunting](#) March 4, 2019 Kansas, hays Post

...passage of this bill will allow landowners to sell, at any price, their landowner deer permits to nonresident hunters to hunt on their land. It's no surprise that this bill is being pushed hard by a representative ... who also owns Ravenwood Hunting Lodge ...

[Fight for Kansas deer tag transfers shifts to Senate](#) March 18, 2019 Hutchinson News...

When the state moved to a system 20 years ago that [allowed landowners to sell deer permits to out-of-state trophy-seekers](#), the cost of hunting the same piece of land

increased from \$120 or less to \$5,000 in one season ... Opponents worry that outfitters again will secure the hunting rights to large areas of land to market access to trophy bucks at a steep cost...

[Deer populations are declining in some parts of Kansas](#) March 11, 2019 Kansas, Pratt Tribune

... "Huge numbers of deer" were noted by various Kansas explorers of the 19th Century, including Lewis and Clark, who spent two weeks in far northeast Kansas in 1804. James R. Mead noted that deer were "numerous" with- in the Red Hills region upon his travels through there in 1872. However, by 1904, after settlement of Kansas had progressed from east to west, DE Lantz of the U.S. Department of Agriculture opined that deer were "probably extinct" in the state. In 1947, Aldo Leopold, a well- known author, ecologist, and conservationist, similarly stated, "There is only one deer-less state: Kansas." ..., [information from Dr. Jonathan Conard of Sterling College]

[Fawn survival, cause-specific mortality, and bed-site selection of white-tailed deer and mule deer in Western Kansas](#) M Kern - 2019

... Our research suggests white-tailed deer fawns and mule deer fawns selected different characteristics for bed-sites at the microhabitat and landscape scale. Bed-site selection likely influences fawn survival, which could affect fawn recruitment. Managers should focus on maintaining heterogeneous landscapes composed mainly of native and Conservation Reserve Program grasslands with abundant cover to enhance mule deer fawn survival and bolster adult populations...

[Hunters find mountain lion carcass in north-central Kansas](#) January 31, 2019 KSN-TV ... "This is the 20th mountain lion confirmed in Kansas since 2007," he said. "And this is the second one that has been killed." ...The last confirmed mountain lion in Kansas was seen in 2016 ...

[If You Want to Go Whitetail Deer Hunting, These Are the 9 States You Should Visit](#)

September 9, 2019 Kansas, The National Interest

... more than 620,000 of whitetail deer ...

[Accidents involving deer on the rise in Kansas](#) November 10, 2019 Wichita Eagle

... An increase in the deer population is one reason for the 10-year high of deer-related crashes ... An outbreak of epizootic hemorrhagic disease dwindled the population in eastern Kansas starting in 2008. He said the disease, also called Bluetongue, killed off deer until 2013 ...

[Kansas wildlife secretary at odds with lawmaker over transfer of deer permits](#) February 24, 2019 The Topeka Capital-Journal

... Rep. Ken Corbet, R-Topeka, introduced legislation on behalf of the ranch [Ravenwood Lodge offers hunting] that would allow landowners in Kansas to transfer deer permits to out-of-state hunters. State officials worry the proposal will lead to an increase in poaching by trophy-seekers while limiting access to Kansas hunters...
[Kansas House barely OKs bill to allow sale of deer permits](#) February 27, 2019 Houston Chronicle

... A bill that would allow Kansas landowners to resell their permits to hunt white-tail deer to non-Kansas residents has barely passed the state House..

[Moose, rare animal sightings catch attention of wildlife experts](#) December 27, 2019 Kansas, KSNT News

... it followed the Republican River down into Kansas up into Jewell county ... It's the first confirmed moose sighting since the late 1980s..

[Record Number of Deer Hunters Apply for Kansas Limited Draw Permits](#) May 30, 2019 Outdoor News Daily

... Despite no changes to the total number of nonresident deer permits allocated by the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism (KDWPT), there was an increase of 1,588 applicants over last year. Of the 24,024 hunters who applied, 88 percent were successful...

2018

[Oh Deer \[Population\]](#) October 8, 2018 Kansas, Pittsburg Morning Sun

... "The deer population has stabilized over the last six years ... " Levi Jaster, Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism Big Game Coordinator said..

[Are deer numbers declining?](#) January 30, 2018 Kansas, The Sabetha Herald Inc.

... For a while now, I have noticed the deer population in my area is declining ... It is time for the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism to stand up and take note of what is happening. The disease from a couple of years ago coupled with the liberal limits during hunting seasons have taken their toll...

[Research to focus on deer in northwest Kansas](#) February 12, 2018 Kansas, Hays Post
... Kansas State University and Kansas Wildlife ... Especially concerning are recent observation indices of mule deer, suggesting that the range of this iconic Kansas plains species is contracting westward and the population could be declining..

[What's with these Kansas deer?](#) March 12, 2018 Kansas, Hays Post

... "We are already on the western edge of the mule deer range and hate to see their population dwindle any more here in Kansas, and Nebraska is not seeing the same problem, so that leaves us Kansas wildlife biologists searching for answers." ... the first stage is to capture and collar 120 deer ..

[Great Plains Deer Herd Update 2017](#) December 6, 2017 Kansas, Game & Fish

... In Kansas, mule deer range has shrunk in the past several decades. The range has gradually moved to the west. The reason why is unknown ...

2017

[Disguised drones boost wildlife management](#) August 25, 2017 Kansas, McPherson Sentinel

... If a deer or a cow has a hotter than normal temperature, it might be pregnant or ill ... We've been working on some projects recently where we're flying over deer that are worth over a million dollars each... We can provide the software to count wildlife...

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[Kansas whitetail, mule deer study should answer important questions](#) August 12, 2017 Kansas, Wichita Eagle

... next spring dozens of deer will be wearing high-tech tracking collars ... We want to know how many are dying from what causes. .. As recently as 30 years ago, mule deer were common over most of central and western Kansas... Now, they're rare in those same areas. Nationally, nearly all states with mule deer have experienced population declines...

[Kansas Deer Hunting Forecast 2017](#), October, 2017, Outdoor Life

Kansas

Species: Whitetails and mule deer

Estimated population: 595,000 whitetails and 41,000 mule deer (2016 estimates)

Fall 2016-'17 harvest: 84,025 whitetails, 2,115 mule deer

[Mother Nature will be tested in healing burned prairies](#) March 11, 2017 Kansas, Wichita Eagle

... wildfires in Clark and Comanche counties ... saw a herd of 19 deer. Some carried deep burns. I'm sure some of those have since died. Carcasses of many more littered the prairie...

[Wild Fire's Impact](#) March 30, 2017 Kansas, KDWPT News

... Rough estimates indicate that 25 percent to 30 percent of deer inhabiting the burned area may have been killed ... the burned area makes up about 20 percent of Deer Management Unit 16, so the loss of deer for the unit is estimated at about 5 percent..,

[Outlook good for hunters as hunting season starts](#) September 2, 2017, Kansas, Pratt Tribune

... deer numbers are pretty steady. There have been some ebb and flow because of disease but the disease problem has decreased lately. Deer numbers have leveled out and hunters should have some good opportunities this year..,

[2017 Great Plains Deer Forecast](#) September 19, 2017 Kansas, Game & Fish

... Deer numbers are stable ... the range of mule deer has been gradually moving westward...

[The time is now to watch for deer crossing Kansas roads](#) October 4, 2017 Wichita Eagle

... "The deer population has stabilized over the last five years, so areas that have had deer likely still have them," said Levi Jaster, Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism Big Game Coordinator ..,

[Hunting prospects looking good on both sides of state line](#) November 3, 2017 Kansas, Kansas City Star

... The southeast should be good again. There's good deer numbers and good opportunities to harvest antlers. North central should have good numbers. The southwest is a little down. It's still recovering from drought down there. In Unit 18 there's no extended antler season because of that. But overall, it's still pretty good." ..,

[Vehicle/deer crash season looms in Kansas](#) October 4, 2018 Kansas, Hays Post

... According to the Kansas Department of Transportation, 10,226 (17 percent) of the 58,834 vehicle crashes reported in 2017 were deer-related ... "The deer population has stabilized over the last six years, so areas that have had deer likely still have them," said Levi Jaster, Kansas Department of Wildlife..,

Wild Fire's Impact, Kansas

KDWPT News Release

PRATT – With a perfect storm of heavy fuel, high winds and low humidity, wild fires roared through 23 Kansas counties in early March. One of the largest burned more

than 800 square miles in Clark and Comanche counties, scorching more than 80 percent of Clark County. The fires had a devastating impact to those who lived and worked in the area, destroying homes, fences, livestock feed and killing cattle.



The “Starbuck Fire” that burned Clark County was particularly fearsome because of the speed at which it spread. Witnesses estimated that it was at times charring the land at an incredible 50-60 mph. At that speed, some livestock and wildlife couldn’t get to safety.

While there isn’t an official assessment of the fire’s impact on wildlife, first-hand accounts from those who witnessed the fire’s aftermath provide insight. Reports indicate that this fire killed deer, pronghorn, coyotes, and rabbits, as well as other wildlife. Rough estimates indicate that 25 percent to 30 percent of deer inhabiting the burned area may have been killed and as much as 70 percent of the small number of pronghorn that lived in the area may have been killed. There were few reports of quail mortality, though it’s likely there will be indirect impacts due to lack of cover early in the growing season. There were reports of lesser prairie chicken mortality, but birds have since been observed on leks in burned areas.

In terms of deer management, the burned area makes up about 20 percent of Deer Management Unit 16, so the loss of deer for the unit is estimated at about 5 percent. Regulations allowing just one

whitetail antlerless-only permit in Unit 16 were initiated in 2015 and will be kept in place this season. Additionally, the January 2018 extended antlerless season will be just one day long.

The prairie and native wildlife species have evolved with fire, and though this fire was particularly severe, both will recover. Though only time, resilience, and Kansas generosity will heal this fire's scars, a silver lining is that the prairie eventually will be better than before. Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism staff extend their sympathies to those impacted by this fire and will continue to monitor the recovery.

2016

[Amendment would establish hunting, fishing right in Kansas](#) January 27, 2016

Lawrence Journal World

... Lawmakers are considering an amendment that would give Kansans a constitutional right to hunt, fish and trap wildlife...

[Depredation Tags: Are Farmers Gaming the System?](#) September 13, 2016 Kansas,

North American Whitetail Magazine

... The discovery of five dead deer on a Kansas public hunting area has reignited a simmering debate ... was perfectly legal. The deer were killed by a local farmer...

Kansas, along with virtually every other state that has whitetail deer, give farmers and other landowners what are known as depredation or kill permits...

[Kansan seeks policy change on depredation permits after finding mutilated deer on state-owned land](#) August 27, 2016 Kansas, Topeka Capital Journal

... five mutilated deer carcasses that had been left to rot on state-owned land ... several of the does had full milk sacks, meaning some fawns likely were orphaned by the wasteful killing ... depredation isn't considered recreational or "fair-chase" hunting, but rather a tool to cull deer ... the non-hunting public, along with a lot of hunters, would

have a serious fit if they knew KDWPT and farmers were shooting deer and letting them be wasted ...

[Effects of wildlife after a wildfire](#) April 25, 2016 Kansas, Hutchinson News

... Anderson Creek fire ... southern Kansas ... a few deer on the newly emerging grasses... hadn't found any dead deer, but had found some porcupines and squirrels.
...

[Kansas Raises Cost of Non-Resident Deer Tags](#) June 7, 2016 North American Whitetail Magazine

... a non-resident deer license will increase from \$315 to \$415, and the cost of a required small-game license will rise from \$70 to \$95 ...nWe were able to hold our license fees steady since 2002 ...

[Thousands of hunters received duplicate Kansas deer permits](#) June 9, 2016 KSN-TV

... a printing error sent duplicate mailings to more than 3,200 hunters in early June ...

[Elk and Either-Species Deer Permit Applications Due July 8](#) Kansas, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks

... Deer Firearm Either-species/Either-sex permit (white-tailed or mule deer buck, doe or fawn): General Resident – \$52.50; Resident Landowner/Tenant – \$32.50; Resident Youth (15 and younger): \$22.50; Nonresident Tenant – \$97.50 Preference Point – \$11.50 ... Elk Firearm Either-sex: General Resident – \$302.50; Landowner/Tenant – \$152.50; Resident Youth (15 and younger) – \$127.50; Nonresident Tenant – \$152.50... Elk (antlerless): General Resident – \$152.50; Landowner/Tenant – \$77.50; Resident Youth (15 and younger) – \$52.50; Nonresident tenant – \$77.50

[Kansas rich with deer](#) October 28, 2016 Kansas, Pratt Tribune

... Southeast Kansas has typically contained the densest deer population in the state...

[Kansas to offer fewer deer permits](#) April 1, 2016 News-Press Now

... will offer fewer hunting permits for mule deer in Kansas this fall in response to a reduction in the population... Fox estimates that there are 50,000 mule deer in the state and around 2,000 deer are harvested each fall. He said the decline in mule deer populations are also occurring not only in Kansas but in Nebraska and regions of the Great Plains...

[Kansas wildlife and parks predicts quality deer season](#) November 25, 2016 Kansas City Star

... “We had that downward trend in about 2011 and 2012, but we’ve been pretty stable since,” ... Kansas’ record deer harvest was around 110,000 in 2001. That was when higher speed limits resulted in higher numbers of deer/vehicle accidents, and legislative pressure to lower the deer population led to high numbers of permits for shooting whitetail does...

[Kansas wildlife is out, but livestock concerns remain](#) April 1, 2016 AG Week

... the Anderson Creek wildfire, he said, which is not talked about as much. “The effect of the fire has been devastating on wildlife—the number of deer, coyotes and turkeys that have been killed,” Rethorst said...

[Lush vegetation could lead to more deer-vehicle strikes-- Keep yourself protected](#)

October 13, 2016 Kansas, WIBW

... We have just experienced a summer rainfall pattern that has produced excellent growth of deer habitat ... Unlike the years of drought, we should expect more fawns this fall.” ...

[Targeting the ethics, legality and dangers of guaranteed kill that 'canned hunting' provides](#) November 14, 2016 Kansas, fox4kc.com

... there are over 1,000 canned hunting operations spanning 28 states, including Kansas and Missouri... animals in these hunts are human raised, hand-fed, then trapped in a

fence and shot a close range... Boone and Crockett ... don't recognize kills in record books. The way the animals are sometimes killed also gets Holloway fired up. "To make him suffer just to avoid making holes in the hide it's wrong it's not ethical," ...

[The Latest: Bill dealing with deer antlers divides Kansas legislators](#) April 30, 2016

KSN-TV

... The Senate voted ... against a measure addressing cases in which the state's wildlife department seizes antlers and other animal parts from poached game.... would have had to offer the parts first to the owner of the land ...

[Whitetail Deer in Kansas Struggle to Escape Flooding Near Highway 400](#) January 1,

2016 Wide Open Spaces

... The [Cherokee County Sheriff's Office](#) posted this video of several deer struggling to get free of the horrible current and find their way out of the raging flood waters...

2015

[2015 Trophy Deer Forecast: Great Plains](#) October 21, 2015 Kansas, Game & Fish

... Kansas' deer numbers are below the carrying capacity of the land ... The western third of Kansas has an abundance of CRP land, better habitat for mule deer and larger mule deer...

[Bills under consideration would affect KDWPT](#) February 17, 2015 Kansas, Hays Post

... SB46 ... would require domesticated deer that enter a premises alive or leave a premises alive or dead for any purpose, other than for direct movement to a licensed or registered slaughter facility in Kansas, have official identification ...

[Bountiful deer harvest not likely in firearms season](#) December 2, 2015 Kansas, The

Marysville Advocate

... “The deer population is still feeling the effects of the EHD (epizootic hemorrhagic disease) outbreak a few years ago,” Brown said. “The numbers are coming back, but they are taking their sweet time. They are not breaking any speed records.” ...

[Cost increases approved for Kansas fishing and hunting licenses](#) November 1, 2015
hays Post

...Basic hunting and fishing license fees haven’t increased since 2002, and the price of resident deer and turkey permits haven’t increased since 1984... Resident deer permits will go from \$30 to \$40; nonresidents will pay \$415 for the combination ...

[Decades-long tradition worthy of preservation](#) November 27, 2015 Kansas,
gctelegram.com

During the first regulated season in 1965 — with limited firearm and archery opportunities — hunters took 1,153 deer. In 2014, hunters killed 93,939 deer, with a much higher success rate than decades before.

[Deer concerns in Kansas](#) January 8, 2015 KansasCity.com

The Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism is looking into establishing more restrictive deer-hunting regulations. At a commission meeting Thursday in Bonner Springs, Lloyd Fox, the big-game program coordinator for the agency, discussed the possibility of reducing the length of the season and the number of permits for shooting antlerless deer and limiting nonresident permits in some units....

[Device helps find deer that have been shot](#) October 18, 2015 Kansas, The Kansas City
Star

... When big whitetails are shot with an arrow, they seldom fall dead in their tracks. They run a ways, then fall over. For many, that’s when the real hunt begins. They try to follow blood trails until they can locate the deer they have shot... The Game Vector system

relies on a miniature transmitter housed in an aerodynamic module that attaches to the arrow ...

[Extended Antlerless Deer Season ...](#) December 28, 2015 Kansas, Hays Post

... there is an extended deer firearms season across the state for antlerless whitetail deer only, where any unfilled deer permit from a regular season is valid. An antlerless deer is defined in the regulations as “a deer without a visible antler plainly protruding from the skull.” ...

[House wrong on wildlife management](#) June 9, 2015 Kansas, Leavenworth Times

... the legislature is trying to make the deer the private property of whoever the landowner is rather than the property of the state. To his credit, the secretary of the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism has stood his ground for state's rights on wildlife ownership. He argues that legally-taken game is the property of the person taking the game, but a landowner cannot claim ownership over illegally-taken game ...

[Hunters more successful in-state](#) December 31, 2015 Kansas, McPherson Sentinel

... The Kansas deer population has remained stable for the past decade with roughly 630,000 deer in the state. That's a vast improvement from virtual extinction in the 1950s. Fox predicts that this year's hunting season will reach between 95,000 to 100,000 deer...

[Kansas White-Tailed Deer Population Estimates](#) DeerBusters.com

... Based on 2015 deer populations estimates from North American Whitetail Magazine.
Estimate: 650,000

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[Kansas celebrates 50 years of deer hunting](#) December 4, 2015 Topeka Capital Journal

... Aldo Leopold ... in the Journal of Wildlife Management in 1947 titled, "A Survey of Overpopulated Deer Range in the United States." ... "There is only one deerless state: Kansas." ... Kansas' first deer hunting season was in 1965... 12 deer management units ... nearly 4,000 permits issued for the inaugural season. Total harvest that first season was 1,504 animals... In 2014, there were 211,443 deer permits issued ...

[Kansas deer season by the numbers](#) November 29, 2015 The Wichita Eagle Kansas

... deer numbers are rebounding across most of Kansas, but are not up to par in many areas. He said fewer hunters will be allowed to shoot mule deer this season, especially antlerless mule deer. Antlerless whitetails are seeing increased protection in southwest Kansas and several other management units as they try to recover from several years of drought or related disease outbreaks...

[Kansas' deer-hunting architect](#) December 12, 2015 The Wichita Eagle Kansas

... "They hired me in 1963 and said they had a target date of 1965 for Kansas' first deer season," [Lee Queal] ... It was also so hard to get a doe harvest going if a state had been buck only for years... "

[KDWPT seeks fee hike for hunters, anglers](#) August 9, 2015 Kansas, Topeka Capital Journal

... “We haven’t made any significant license fee increases since 2002 and we haven’t raised deer and turkey permit fees since 1984,” ... The resident either-sex deer permit proposed price is \$40, an increase of \$10. The antlerless deer permits would increase from \$15 to \$20... The nonresident combination either-sex/antlerless deer permit could go from \$315 to \$415...

[Kansas ponders raising hunting, fishing permit fees for next year](#) August 27, 2015 The Kansas City Star

... Nonresident deer hunters would be the hardest hit by the fee increases. A permit for antlered deer would increase from \$300 to \$400. The combination two-deer permit (for one antlered whitetail and one antlerless) would rise from \$315 to \$415...

[New data show efforts to restore habitat for sage grouse benefits songbirds, too](#)

September 14, 2015 Kansas, High Plains Journal

... Restoring sagebrush ecosystems not only benefits ranching and sage grouse, but other wildlife ... In a companion study on mule deer, scientists in Wyoming found conservation measures implemented to benefit sage grouse also doubled the protection of mule deer migratory corridors and winter range...

[New laws mean changes in Kansans' lives](#) June 30, 2015 Kansas, Wichita Eagle

... This year’s law says that if you transfer a cervid on or off a ranch, you have to identify the animal to the state. Cervids that go straight to the slaughterhouse are exempted from the requirement ...

[Photo 'indisputable proof' that mountain lions live in Kansas](#) September 25, 2015

Kansas, Wichita Eagle

... it would be about the 13th verified mountain lion in Kansas since 2007. Prior to that, mountain lions had not been documented in the state for more than 100 years...

[Proposal calls for constitutional right to hunt, fish, trap in Kansas](#) February 6, 2015

Kansas, Joplin Globe

... a proposal by Rep. Adam Lusker, D-Frontenac, to amend the Kansas constitution to guarantee the right to hunt, fish and trap... Eighteen states guarantee the right to hunt and fish through constitutional amendments...

[Senate defeats antlers bill after short debate](#) June 4, 2015 Kansas, Capital-Journal

Online

... bill would require the state wildlife department to offer animal parts to landowners when the animal was unlawfully taken from their land... result of an ongoing quest by Tim Nedeau to take ownership of antlers from a 14-point deer that he says was illegally shot on his land ...

[Some Kansas deer hunters to see reduced opportunities this year](#) March 18, 2015

Kansas.com

... Residents and non-residents will see tighter restrictions on how many antlerless whitetails they can kill ... Kansas' eastern mule deer zone, which includes management units 3,4,5,7 and 16 will see sizable permit reductions ... lesser reduction of resident permits for mule deer bucks and does in Kansas' western mule deer zone ...

[Wildlife and Parks to formalize 2015 deer seasons](#) March 20, 2015 Kansas,

Kansas.com

... Wildlife and Parks wants to reduce hunting opportunities for whitetails in units 8 and 16... the department wants to eliminate firearms permits that allow the taking of mule deer does in the eastern mule deer zone ...

[Wildlife commission to vote on increased hunting/fishing fees](#) October 15, 2015 Kansas,

Wichita Eagle

... some fees, like those on resident deer permits, haven't increased in about 30 years... Resident deer permits would increase from \$30 to \$40. Non-resident deer hunters could get hardest of all with the combination of a deer permit and non-resident hunting license rising from about \$385 to about \$510...

[Wildlife official nixes mountain lion report](#) July 31, 2015 Kansas, Wichita Eagle

... after an absence of more than 100 years, the state's first modern wild mountain lion was documented in 2007. Since, less than 10 have been documented. Most have shown up on remote trail cameras ...

2014

[A look at outdoors-related bills in Legislature](#) February 15, 2014 Kansas, Wichita Eagle

... House Bill 2538 would give landowners the right of first refusal on the antlers from deer illegally killed on their property. Law enforcement officials fear the bill would change the ownership of wildlife from the citizens of Kansas to private landowners. In turn, that could mean landowners would be liable for damages deer on their property may cause to others ...

[Deer hunting means big bucks for Ohio's economy](#) December 8, 2014 Kansas, Kansas City Post

... Deer hunting means big business for Ohio. The total economic impact of hunting statewide is estimated at more than \$853 million annually, according to a report from the National Shooting Sports Foundation...

[Deer-archery season underway in Kansas](#) September 20, 2014 Kansas First News

... he credits popular films like “The Hunger Games” and “The Avengers,” which both feature archers as main characters, for really bringing archery into the forefront of popular culture ...

[Electronic registration system to help Kansas Wildlife and Parks biologists and hunters](#)

September 18, 2014 Kansas, Kansas.com

... For years the agency has required hunters to fill out cards ... “In a nutshell, all this is is an electronic version of that paper system,” ...

[Firearms season shaping up as more of the same for Kansas hunters](#) November 28, 2014 Kansas, Kansas.com

... “We’re not seeing any significant change in deer densities,” said Lloyd Fox, Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism big-game program coordinator. “We should be a little bit better as far as older deer go, though.” ...

[Giving property owner poached animals a bad idea](#) March 16, 2014 Kansas, The Wichita Eagle Kansas

... America’s wildlife belongs to the public is a cornerstone for sound, widespread wildlife management. But now in the Kansas senate, House Bill 2538 could be the first step toward making wild animals the possessions of landowners by making illegally-hunted animals the property of the owner of the land where they were poached...

[Hunter Survey Participation Vital For Deer Management](#) February 7, 2014 Kansas, AmmoLand.com

... Forty thousand of the approximately 120,000 hunters who hunted deer in Kansas this past season will be contacted by the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism (KDWPT) via an online survey. The survey, which is conducted every year, asks deer hunters to provide information regarding harvest success ...

[Kansas wardens crack down on violations to open deer season](#) December 3, 2014

KWCH 12

... "Probably trespassing is one of our most common violations and then followed by not having the proper permits." ... only about 2 percent of Kansas land is public, compared to neighboring states, like Colorado, that have around 60 percent of public land...

[Kansas game wardens take on expanded responsibilities](#) December 8, 2014 KSN-TV

... "The fact that we're down five officers does have an impact on the area, ... Kansas Wildlife and Parks is in the process of interviewing several applicants ...

[KDWPT commission looks at smaller deer-hunting seasons](#) March 16, 2014 Kansas,

The Wichita Eagle Kansas

... "Our deer numbers have dropped the last couple of years, so we're backing off on some of the antlerless-only opportunities where we've seen the decline," ... Lloyd Fox ... big-game program coordinator ...

[KDWPT meeting, dogs for deer tracking](#) June 14, 2014 Kansas, Kansas.com

... the use of dogs to locate wounded or dead deer will draw discussion, and possibly spirited debate, at Thursday's Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism commission meeting in Pittsburg... sessions at 1 and 6:30 p.m., will be held at the Lamplighter Inn, 4020 Parkview Drive in Pittsburg. For more information, or to view the meeting online, go to www.kdwpt.state.ks.us...

[KDWPT poorly managing deer, herds in decline](#) November 3, 2014 Kansas,

Capital-Journal Online

... While other states are reducing harvest objectives, Kansas continues to encourage herd reduction. For example, maintaining 55 days of antlerless firearms and four months of bowhunting season in Unit 19 on the heels of staggering EHD losses and other natural mortality ...

[Landowner seeks law after state keeps poached antlers](#) February 15, 2014 Kansas, Topeka Capital-Journal

... Tim Nedeau's years-long quest to obtain the record-setting antlers of a deer a Topeka man poached on his land ... led him to seek a state law making poached antlers the property of landowners if they want them...

[Mountain Lion confirmed in Kansas](#) October 22, 2014 Hays Post

... A deer hunter from Labette County got a surprise recently when he checked his trail camera ... This is the tenth mountain lion verified by KDWPT since 2007 ...

[Opening weekend busy for Kansas game wardens](#) November 11, 2014 Salina Journal

... Overall, 13 were ticketed for hunting without a license; six for trespassing and hunting without permission; two for taking deer or turkey by illegal means; four for hunting from a vehicle, eight for hunting without a license and three for big-game permit violations...

[Planning for 2014 Kansas Deer Season](#) January 11, 2014 Kansas.com

...Lloyd Fox, Wildlife and Parks big-game program coordinator, began discussions on the upcoming Kansas deer seasons, predicting no changes from the current season frameworks. Concerns about the whitetail population in extreme southwest Kansas could lead to more conservative seasons and limits on antlerless whitetails in that region...

[Poaching on valued land](#) October 25, 2014 Kansas, The Wichita Eagle Kansas

... Many times he has found bodies of bucks, with heads and antlers removed, on the land he owns and leases in Pawnee County... a poached buck was found on one of his pastures. The meat, head and antlers were intact. That's at least four deer he's found poached within the past year on property ...

[Quivira National Wildlife Refuge to allow deer and turkey hunting, eventually](#) May 22, 2014 Kansas, The Wichita Eagle

... After about three years of discussions, research and gathering public input, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service recently announced limited deer and turkey hunting will be allowed ... [link to Quivira Refuge web site](#) ... the hunts, which could start with less than 10 hunters at a time, could include the September's youth season and the January season that's held to hunt only antlerless whitetails...

[Reducing deer permits to be discussed at commission meeting](#) December 31, 2014 Kansas, Kansas.com

... Lloyd Fox, Wildlife and Parks big-game program coordinator, said reductions are receiving consideration because of low deer numbers found in some areas on fall surveys ...

[Shortage of game wardens critical in Kansas](#) November 2, 2014 Kansas, Kansas.com

... 62 game wardens will try to protect the game animals that support Kansas' \$400 million hunting industry ... Oklahoma has 120 game wardens. Missouri regularly fields about 160 full-time game wardens...

[The hunt is on in Missouri and Kansas: Here's what to expect](#) October 4, 2015 Kansas City Star

... The Kansas deer population also is declining ... but not as rapidly as Missouri's... Kansas still had a respectable harvest last season — 89,664 deer. That was the second-highest total in the past six years. And more impressive, the interest in Kansas deer hunting is booming. Wildlife, Parks and Tourism sold 207,419 permits last year, the highest in history.

[The hunt is on in Missouri and Kansas: here's what to expect](#) October 10, 2014 Kansas, The Kansas City Star

... [Kansas]: After three years of drought, large amounts of Conservation Reserve Program land being put back into production (the CRP compensates farmers for idling marginal crop land and providing wildlife cover) and some effects from hemorrhagic disease, there's little question that whitetail numbers are down...

[Top outdoors stories of 2013, declining deer populations](#) January 4, 2014 Kansas, Topeka Capital Journal

... avid deer hunters who are normally successful saw far fewer deer than years past. As mentioned, drought conditions can affect fawn survival and deer diseases are more detrimental during drought years, and deer numbers locally can be drastically reduced in some areas...

[Wildlife and Parks shortens deer season and number of permits](#) March 23, 2014 Kansas, The Wichita Eagle Kansas

... commission approved reductions in permits for antlerless whitetails and fewer days for the state's January season for antlerless whitetails in some parts of Kansas. Lloyd Fox, Wildlife and Parks big-game program coordinator, said the reductions are in response to drought-related declines in deer populations...

2013

[Crossbows, all centerfires legalized for deer hunting in Kansas](#) March 21, 2013 Kansas, Kansas.com

Crossbows will now be legal for all hunters during archery deer seasons in Kansas... Any centerfire rifle or handgun cartridge can now be used for big game hunting during the appropriate firearm season. Previously, rifle cartridges had to be at least .22 caliber and handgun cartridges had to be at least 1.28-inches long...

[Deer season off and running](#) December 7, 2013 Kansas, Topeka Capital Journal

... Last year, Kansas issued 193,167 total deer permits... Drought and disease have caused some localized problems for deer numbers in certain parts of Kansas. Some hunters have reported seeing fewer deer than in years' past ...

[Deer value key in Kansas hunting camp sentencing](#) October 27, 2013 Beaumont Enterprise

... what is believed to be one of the largest criminal investigations involving the illegal taking of deer ... The 10th Circuit Court of Appeals, in its decision last year, said the district court made a mistake in 2011 in calculating sentences based on the full price of a guided hunt, rather than the actual retail value of the animals...

[Discovering deer habits: A new type of learning](#). December 21, 2013 Kansas, Winfield Daily Courier

... the Environmental Science and Natural Resources class at Oxford Jr./Sr. ... "We found that deer have very specific schedules in that they will come every night at the exact same time to the same feeder. We have also found that the deer prefer normal corn rather than a corn that has been modified by humans to improve flavor." ...

[Federal game warden hopes poaching case results deter other deer poachers](#)

November 4, 2013 Kansas, Kansas.com

... possibly the biggest trophy deer poaching case in U.S. history... "Jail time is not often assigned in wildlife crimes," said Brooks, lead agent in what was dubbed Operation Cimarron, "and these guys are going to jail." ...

[G&F Forecast: Best Bets for Great Plains Deer Hunting in 2013](#) October, 2013 Kansas

... a high deer population ... Last year there were 120,838 people who purchased 192,850 deer permits... harvested an estimated 94,070 deer ... Kansas has endured two years of severe drought and a lack of moisture, but the Kansas deer herd has not

suffered like Nebraska's... CWD has been present in Kansas for more than eight years now and seems to be spreading. First detected in Cheyenne County in 2005 ... deer hunters took about 4 percent fewer deer in Kansas from 2011 to 2012...

[Hunter who unlawfully killed a deer in Kansas is sentenced to prison](#) July 31, 2013

Kansas, Kansas City Star

... Spann, who appears on a cable hunting show, must spend 30 days in federal custody during nights and on weekends...

[Kansas and Missouri Deer in 2013](#) October 19, 2013 Kansas City Star

Kansas:

Missouri: The population is down after a severe outbreak of hemorrhagic disease in 2012, the long-term effects of liberal hunting regulations and the drought... deer populations are declining in northern Missouri and steadily climbing in the Ozarks ... Fox calls the Kansas deer population "stable," although pockets of strong deer populations are increasingly fragmented across the state.

[Kansas deer hunting is nationally known, but maintaining status is a challenge](#) October

19, 2013 Kansas City Star

... It wasn't until 1965 that the first modern deer season was opened. And that was after a 50-year closure of hunting in the state.... "We've seen a lot of changes over the years," said Lloyd Fox, deer biologist for the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism. "We went through a period where people were saying, 'Don't shoot the does. We have to let our deer numbers grow.' Then we got to the point where people were saying, 'We have to shoot does. We have to thin the numbers.' ...

[Kansas lakes, wildlife not out of the woods on drought](#) April 27, 2013 Kansas City Star

...Conditions are also affecting the deer population, especially in the eastern Kansas whitetail herds. Lloyd Fox, coordinator of the state's big game program, said there were

about 1,200 reports in 2012 of deer either becoming sick or dying of a hemorrhagic disease spread by the biting midges. Deer are forced during droughts to congregate at scarce water supplies. Fox said the cracked, muddy flats were breeding grounds for the midges. There are more than 600,000 whitetail deer in Kansas ...

[Kansas tweaks deer-hunting regulations](#) November 8, 2013 News-Press Now

... While the statewide Kansas deer population is decreasing due to three years of severe drought in the western portion of the state, the number of permits purchased by hunters is on the rise. ... Chronic wasting disease (CWD) surveillance ... No deer herds have been confirmed to have the disease in the eastern part of the state, but data indicates it may be moving eastward...

[Another firearms deer season approaches](#) November 30, 2013 Kansas, Wichita Eagle

... deer numbers are still down in some parts of Kansas. Out west it's because several years of drought hurt fawn production. In eastern Kansas it could be because of two years of disease ... Some parts of eastern Kansas also had drought-related epizootic hemorrhagic disease in 2011 and 2012, which lead to some localized die-offs...

[KDWPT changes add more hunting opportunities](#) April 20, 2013 Kansas, Pratt Tribune

... Previously, nonresidents had to purchase a \$300 permit for antlerless deer and a separate \$50 permit for antlered deer so the new permit will save the hunter \$35... For the crossbow enthusiast, crossbows are now legal equipment during archery seasons for anyone with a valid archery permit... Restrictions to electronic devices attached to bows were amended to allow cameras and range finders plus allowing radio frequency devices attached to arrows to make finding hit deer more efficient...

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[Looking back on 40 years of Kansas deer hunting](#) September 16, 2013 Kansas, Kansas.com (blog)

... Many of us took up bowhunting because we couldn't draw a rifle permit every year, or often every-other year. Archery permits were unlimited, and got us into the woods year after year... Nor did we think people would someday pay \$8,000 or more to hunt for a Kansas deer...nor did we think a time would come when it would be tough for kids from even small towns to find places to hunt...

[Opinions vary on Quivira refuge regulations](#) May 5, 2013 Kansas, Kansas.com

... the beginning of deer and wild turkey hunts on the refuge... Zach Simon, a Quivira hunter who also guides clients on area private lands... an accomplished amateur photographer ... supports the creation of more public hunting opportunities across Kansas, Klataske said he feared too much of at it Quivira could impact wildlife viewing.... "What Yellowstone is to Wyoming, Quivira is to Kansas," [Ron Klataske, Audubon of Kansas director] said. "There should be at least one place in Kansas where a wildlife refuge is a wildlife refuge." ...

[Regulation changes await hunters](#) August 11, 2013 Kansas, Kansas.com

... Crossbows will be legal for hunters of all ages ... Deer can now be legally hunted with any centerfire cartridge or shotgun slug... Many kinds of electronic devices will now be legal for archery hunting, including rangefinders and cameras attached to bows. Transmission devices that aid in recovering arrowed deer and other big game will also be legal for the first time. Most attach to an arrow, then to the deer when it's shot...

[Special deer season this weekend in Kansas](#) October 10, 2013 Kansas, Kansas City Star

... The firearms hunt was mandated by the Kansas Legislature last year as a way to thin deer numbers. Some hunters objected, though, saying deer populations in some parts of the state already were on the decline and additional harvest of does would add to that drop...

[Tracking dogs can sometimes help recover deer, but not in Kansas](#) December 14, 2013 Wichita Eagle

... "I think if you shoot a deer, and need help recovering that deer, you should be able to (use a dog) and recover that deer," said Tim Donges, an El Dorado hunter and Quality Deer Management Association member. "Anytime we can help a hunter recover a deer, we should do what we can." ... "a culture" existing in parts of southern Missouri where some use packs of free-running hounds to illegally chase deer, hurt the cause...

[Types of coyote hunting again up for discussion with KDWPT commissioners](#) June 23, 2013 Kansas, Kansas.com

... Robin Jennison, Wildlife and Parks secretary, said game wardens have been encountering growing numbers of people hunting from vehicles ... It's a legal method for hunting coyotes, but illegal for hunting deer. "There are folks out there using the excuse that they're hunting coyotes, when they get caught, and they're really doing a variety of things like herding deer, shooting from within a vehicle ...

[Wildlife and Parks commission considers season changes, price reduction](#) October 12, 2013 Kansas, Kansas.com

... the agency hopes reducing prices could get more young hunters afield. At past meetings he's showed how Nebraska and Missouri reduced the price of resident and non-resident deer permits and saw sales and participation climb significantly. Wildlife and Parks' proposal would change resident youth deer permits from \$15 to \$10

...Non-resident youth deer permits would decrease from \$315 to \$90, which would allow the killing of a buck and an antlerless whitetail...

[Wildlife and Parks commissions studies more firearm options for deer hunting](#) March 16, 2013 Kansas, Kansas.com

... the agency will ask the commission to approve the following: Allow the use of any centerfire rifle or handgun ammunition for hunting big game... some hunters spoke against such a change, fearing it could lead to wounded deer shot with smaller bullets ... Approve the use of crossbows by all hunters ... Many bowhunters disagree, saying the ease of crossbows will lead to more deer killed...

2012

[2012 marks 75th anniversary of landmark legislation that brought wildlife back](#) January 6, 2012, Kansas, Salina.com

In 1900, numbers of white-tailed deer, wild turkey, and pronghorn, once abundant, had dwindled dramatically in North America, and all three species were extirpated from Kansas ... In the 1930s, hunters and the hunting and shooting industry urged Congress to act before it was too late for many wildlife species. Congress acted by extending the life of a 10 percent tax on ammunition and firearms used for sport hunting and earmarked the funds to be distributed to the states for wildlife restoration.

[Are deer headed to extinction in Kansas?](#) February 10, 2012 Examiner.com

The deer population after legal hunting would be estimated at 511,000, but ... poaching and private deer management ... after all the hunting is over will be 379,800 ... But ... [Epizootic hemorrhagic disease](#) that will kill 25-30% of the remaining herds that means 113,940 will die ... leaving 265,860 deerdeer killed in traffic, that die of old age, birthing mortalities rates, and predator kills, this number varies but putting this number

at 10% is a low estimate, so 26,586 leaving the deer population at 239,274 in the state of Kansas.

[Kansas wildlife and parks predicts quality deer season](#) November 25, 2016 Kansas City Star

... “We had that downward trend in about 2011 and 2012, but we’ve been pretty stable since,” ... Kansas’ record deer harvest was around 110,000 in 2001. That was when higher speed limits resulted in higher numbers of deer/vehicle accidents, and legislative pressure to lower the deer population led to high numbers of permits for shooting whitetail does...

[Charges filed in shooting of decoy deer](#) March 10, 2012 Kansas, Lawrence Journal World

Douglas County prosecutors have filed four misdemeanor charges against a 70-year-old Baldwin City accused of illegally shooting a decoy deer during a December 2011 sting operation... The officers used a life-size, taxidermied deer to entice would-be poachers.

[Deer numbers debated](#) December 26, 2012 Kansas, Graphic Online

... Lloyd Fox, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks’ big game program coordinator, said ... from about 1911 to 1965 hunting deer was illegal because of the decrease in population. Until the late 1940s or 1950s, it was unusual to see a deer a lot of misinformation has been floating around about the transmission of EHD.

“Some of the misinformation out there is that it is caused by stagnant water or because there are too many deer in one area; it’s not really a density-dependent disease,” he said. Fox said that the midges that transmit the disease breed in low-water areas ..

[Drought-ridden Kansas causes changes in deer scene](#) November 25, 2012 Wichita Eagle

... Two years of severe drought ... the drought has hurt populations in some areas ... some eastern Kansas counties that had EHD outbreaks ... CWD is most prevalent in the eastern one-third of Kansas, and very rare in western Kansas. In many places, particularly southwest Kansas, Fox said the drought has been very tough on fawns. ...

[Elk rare in county, in spite of recent sightings](#) November 10, 2012 Kansas, AugustaGazette.com

... Elk are very rare in Pratt County. Since 2005, a sighting as occurred about every other year. At least one of those was an escaped captive, said Matt Peek, a research biologist and the Elk Program coordinator for Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism. Elk have been seen sporadically in the western half of the state. There are several places where they are known to reproduce, mostly in western Kansas but there is a very small herd, also called a gang, in Ford County and one in Reno County as well ...

[Elk sightings on the rise in Kansas](#) December 9, 2012 Kansas City Star

... Ed Markel was almost as shocked to see another member of the deer family in Reno County last Sunday.... Elk on the Kansas prairie haven't always been unusual. James R. Mead, an early day buffalo hunter, trader and one of the founding fathers of Wichita, described big herds of Kansas elk between 1859 and 1875...

[Heat, drought tough on wildlife](#) August 4, 2012 Kansas, Topeka Capital Journal

... "The first problem is reduced milk production by the does," said Dr. Lloyd Fox, big game program coordinator for the KDWPT. "And you've got less vegetation providing less escape cover for the fawns so they're more vulnerable to predation." Coyotes are the most notable predator of fawns ... if the fawn is hungry it's more likely to be up and moving trying to find the doe and thus increasing its chances for predation ... Male fawns are a little heavier with more energy demand and more active so coyotes are taking more of the male fawns ...

[Hunting enthusiasts think it's time for heavier poaching fines](#) February 14, 2012 Kansas, Kansas.com

"We need a system that's more fair to the value (a deer) has to the state," said Tim Donges, president of the Bluestem Branch of the Quality Deer Management Association.... promoting a penalty system similar to what's been used in Ohio for several years. His formula for restitution value is a buck's gross score, minus 100. That number is squared and then multiplied by \$2. That would place a trophy deer penalty of around \$20,000 for the buck Kent is accused of poaching.[currently maximum of \$7,000] ...

[Kansas Crossbow Survey ID Numbers Online](#) August 16, 2012 Kansas City infoZine
Governor Sam Brownback signed into law a bill that included provisions for a crossbow pilot project in as many as four deer management units during an archery big game season ... The two-year pilot project will sunset on Jan. 31, 2014, at which time the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism (KDWPT) Secretary must report to the Kansas Legislature about the project...

[Kansas deer quantity, quality won't get better](#) December 15, 2012 Kansas.com
... For three specific reasons, I'm thinking we'll see serious declines ...Drought. Never since our first modern deer season in 1965 have we dealt with this kind of drought... Poaching. Kansas is about as close as you can get to ground zero for trophy deer poaching... Pressure. Every year more hunters hit the fields, hoping for a buck with memorable antlers. By legislative mandate, the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism must meet the demand for out-of-state deer hunters ...

[Kansas Department of Wildlife: Deer season is 'box of chocolates', deer population,](#)
December 1, 2012 Topeka Capital Journal

... "We've had two years of exceptional drought in parts of the state ... an effect on fawn recruitment and it's been reduced ... two years of more-severe-than-normal problems

with hemorrhagic disease.... There are areas of the state where deer numbers are going to be down compared to historical levels ...It appears to be worse in the northeast part of the state ... ” Lloyd Fox, big game program coordinator for the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism

[Kansas Electronic Registration of Deer Available](#) November 9, 2012 Kansas City infoZine

... Nearly 100,000 hunters will pursue deer in Kansas this fall ... the agency does offer a voluntary option for transporting harvested deer that allows hunters to register their deer through the Internet, using photos taken at the harvest site. Once registered, the hunter may then transport the carcass without the head attached...

[Kansas man accused of poaching deer that would have broken state record](#) February 10, 2012 Kansas.com

A Topeka man has been charged with poaching a deer that could have broken a state record that's stood for more than 35 years ... a 14-point whitetail buck ...

[Kansas, Sumner County deer poaching fines increase](#) November 14, 2012 Dodge City Daily Globe

... huge economic impact hunting is for the local communities, especially deer hunting. Some non-resident deer hunters pay in excess of \$3,000 to hunt deer in Kansas for a few days ... those caught spotlighting, hunting without permits, hunting with illegal landowner/tenant permits, shooting at deer from a motor vehicle (road hunting), hunting during closed season or trespassing while hunting deer could face fines in excess of \$15,000... K.S.A. 32-1032

[Life anew in the deer world, every month of the year](#) November 5, 2012 Kansas, Kansas.com

... A camera near El Dorado got this pic of a spotted fawn on Nov. 1. It's the first I've seen with such visible spots, so late in the year. Most Kansas fawns are born in late May, June or early July. Yet biologists tell us births have been documented all 12 months of the year...

[Mountain Lion confirmed in Stafford County](#) November 17, 2012 Kansas, Kansas.com (blog)

Despite rural legend, the state has not been releasing mountain lions to control the deer population for several years, nor has a reproducing population been documented in the midwest, except for the Black Hills of South Dakota and northern Nebraska... After an absence of about 100 years, one was shot by a rancher in Barber County in 2007 ...

[More Information About the Lion Confirmed in Kansas](#) from Department of Wildlife

[Notes from last week's commission meeting](#) January 11, 2012 Kansas, Kansas.com (blog)

... Commissioner Don Budd suggested guides be charged \$2,000 for using public lands ... The debate on the legalization of crossbows for youth and those 55 and over during the archery deer season was polite but impassioned ... the department would like to offer five permits for antlerless-only whitetails

[Operation Wildlife serves unique role in the state](#) April 28, 2012 Kansas, Leavenworth Times

Diane Johnson ... is the executive director of a wildlife rehabilitation organization called [Operation Wildlife](#)... anyone who wants a license to rehabilitate wild animals must go through about 100 hours of training, among other requirements ... Operation Wildlife has a release rate of about 69 percent, compared to the national average of 49 percent.

[Poaching fines get super-sized next year](#) September 15, 2012 Kansas, Kansas.com

... get busted with an illegal whitetail deer that flirts with the magical 200 inches of antler and it could cost \$20,000. An illegal bull elk that scores 350 inches could run you \$45,000... Donges, of El Dorado, was a main proponent of the bill that was backed by

Wildlife and Parks and several agriculture groups. He said poaching has become such a problem that it's hurting the quality of the deer in many areas.

[Poaching. Hunting's dark side](#) October 13, 2012 Kansas, Kansas City Star

... In what has been called one of the worst trophy-deer poaching cases in U.S. history, an operation in Comanche County from 2005 to 2008 resulted in more than 100 deer ... being taken illegally ... Almost 100,000 deer are taken legally in Kansas each hunting season. Law enforcement officers don't have any idea of how many are taken illegally... "I talked to the neighbors, and they said that was common," said Donges, who lives outside of El Dorado, Kan. "They said poachers would regularly drive in and spotlight deer." ...

[Senate crossbow bill may be dead](#) March 15, 2012 Kansas, Topeka Capital Journal

The crossbow bill was presented as a way to help curb the state's deer population... But opponents noted that the wildlife agency already has the authority to write regulations to manage the deer herd and said crossbow hunters would be more interested in taking trophy bucks than does, which has little impact on overall numbers.

[Sightings of mountain lions increasing in Kansas](#) November 20, 2012 KWCH

It's the third photographed by a deer hunter's trail camera. Biologist say mountain lions roaming into Kansas can be linked to their population increase in western states...

[Tensions rise in crossbow debate](#) March 8, 2012 Kansas, Topeka Capital Journal

[Ray Huff, a hunter, farmer and school administrator] said he also loses crops to deer, but told Abrams the crossbow bill would do nothing to curb the deer population because managing the herd relies on taking does. Crossbow hunters, Huff said, would mainly be after trophy bucks.

[Texting whereabouts of deer illegal in Kansas](#) December 11, 2012 San Francisco

Chronicle

Kansas wildlife officials are reminding hunters that it's against the law to exchange text messages on the whereabouts of deer and other game that might be headed their way ... prohibits the use of a radio or other mechanical device, includes cellphones.

2011

[10 deer hunters issued citations](#) December 12, 2011 Kansas, Salina.com

... for using pickup trucks and radios to illegally take four deer said they did it out of concern for public safety. "The guys were making the argument that 'We gotta get these deer off the road,' " said Mark Noah, Mitchell County attorney. ... Collisions with deer are a problem in north-central Kansas, he said, but male deer aren't the primary culprits... "If you look at the statistics, it's not the bucks. It's the does,"

[Crossbows – the next great Kansas deer debate](#) August 18, 2011 Kansas.com (blog)

Steve Wood rated getting crossbows legalized during the archery season as “number-one on my bucket list.” ...Early in his talk Wood volunteered that he has a son working for Ten Point Crossbow Technologies, an Ohio crossbow manufacturer. Randy Wood is Ten Point's vice president of sales. Steve Wood rated getting crossbows legalized during the archery season ...

[Feds charge 12 hunters in Kansas hunting camp probe](#) August 11, 2011 Houston Chronicle

Federal prosecutors charged 12 people on Thursday in the ongoing investigation of a Kansas camp where hunters paid thousands of dollars to kill deer illegally. Court records show the US attorney's office filed a misdemeanor charge against out-of-state ...out-of-state hunters, alleging they violated the Lacey Act, a federal law that prohibits interstate transport of any wildlife taken in violation of state regulations... as many as 60 hunters who illegally killed more than 119 deer between the 2005 and 2008 hunting seasons at Camp Lone Star, near Coldwater.

[Five Antlered Does in Missouri](#) November 30, 2011 Kansas City infoZine

... MDC Resource Scientist Emily Flinn specializes in deer biology. She says she has received five reports this year from hunters who shot antlered deer that appear, at least externally, to be female.... "Female deer can grow antlers if they have higher-than-normal testosterone levels," said Flinn

[Kansas deer herd looks in good shape](#) December 3, 2011 Topeka Capital Journal

... stable population for the last 10 years or so... The one-buck-per-hunter quota allows some bucks to reach maturity ... despite the overall strength of the deer herd in the Sunflower State, Kansas has one of the lowest incidences of deer-vehicle collisions.... "About 97 percent of our state is in private ownership so what those landowners do and what they desire has a major influence on what occurs with the deer population. In most cases, landowners are more restrictive on deer harvest than we are with state regulations."

[Kansas hunting camp owner, guide face sentencing](#) June 18, 2011 Kansas Management
Houston Chronicle

Two Texas brothers face sentencing next week on conspiracy and wildlife trafficking charges for offering guided hunts at a Kansas hunting club to hunters who paid thousands of dollars to illegally kill deer. James Butler Jr., the owner and operator of ...

[Texas man led illegal deer hunts in Kansas](#) June 22, 2011 Kansas Wichita Eagle

Standing before the mounted heads and antlers of about 100 deer illegally killed in Kansas, game warden John Brooks described the poaching case involving James Butler Jr. as "by far the most egregious thing I've encountered or heard of.

[Illegal deer hunting operation leads to stiff prison terms](#) August 8, 2011 Kansas, Kansas City
Star

The Texas man, James Bobby Butler Jr., 42, and his brother, Marlin Jackson Butler, 32, are now looking at 41 months and 27 months, respectively, in federal prison for conspiracy and illegal hunting convictions and violating the Lacey Act.... "Stiffest sentences I've ever seen in this kind of case," said Special Agent John Brooks, who headed Operation Cimarron, the biggest white-tailed deer investigation ever conducted in Kansas.

[Outdoors: KDWP ponders changes in deer policies](#) April 30, 2011 Kansas Topeka Capital Journal
By Marc Murrell

The first Kansas deer season was held in 1965. A limited number of permits were allocated for an abbreviated season. Since that time, the deer hunting tradition and population has grown to allow multiple hunting opportunities today. ...Meeting times and locations will be announced in local newspapers as well as on the KDWP home page (www.kdwp.state.ks.us).

Leavenworth [Commissioners advance coyote hunting ordinance](#) November 10, 2011 Kansas, Leavenworth Times

... Leavenworth city commissioners advanced a proposed ordinance that would add the bow hunting of coyotes to the city's urban deer management program. The measure will come back to commissioners for a vote Nov. 22. ... The urban deer management program already allows licensed bow hunters to hunt deer in approved areas. ..[Mayor] Dedekes said he doesn't believe many bow hunters will give up the opportunity to kill a deer in order to shoot a coyote ...

[Meetings designed to glean public input on suggested new deer regulations](#) August 19, 2011 Kansas, Salina.com

If you are a deer hunter, a farmer with crops in the field, a motorist, or a person who enjoys watching nature, the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism (KDWP) invites you to share your opinions on deer management with agency representatives...For more information about the Deer Information Nights contact Lloyd Fox, Big Game Program Coordinator, PO Box 1525, Emporia, KS 66801, 620-342-0658.

[Deer Management Meeting In Beloit](#) August 28, 2011 Kansas, NewsCenter

... put on by the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism... conducted by KDWP Big Game Coordinator Lloyd Fox...the purpose of the meeting, to collect public input to help create the deer management rules that will come out down the line. He also said it will likely take about 2-years before a new set of regulations is put into effect...

[Officials spotlight deer for survey](#) December 1, 2011 Kansas, Marion County Record

... the official term for deer survey activity done at this time of year was distance sampling....
"We can determine the relative density of the deer population by counting bucks, does, and fawns in different transector units," said ... Kansas Fish and Game Commission district biologist ...Jeff Rue ... "There were two main factors affecting deer populations this year," he said.

“Drought conditions were very hard on them, and EHP (epizootic hemorrhagic disease) loss was heavy in a large part of the state.”

[Seasons change according to shining lights](#) November 17, 2011 Kansas, Pratt Tribune

... With ever increasing deer populations, Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism is conducting deer counts to gather population data to present at meetings with hunters and property owners, said Lloyd Fox, KDWPT big game program coordinator... Using Distance Sampling, ... , traveled through Pratt, Barber and Comanche Counties at night, shining lights to determine deer populations, Fox said. ... By counting the eye shine from the deer, the team was able to determine a population density of bucks, does and fawns...

[Texas man sentenced to 31/2 years in Kansas deer poaching case](#) June 21, 2011 Kansas Kansas.com

James B. Butler Jr., of Martinsville, **Texas**, owned and operated Camp Lone Star in Comanche County. The business catered to out-of-state **deer** hunters hoping to shoot a trophy buck in Kansas. The case against Butler and his brother, Marlin Butler, ...Charges may still be coming against the clients involved in illegally killing deer with the Butlers.

[Twelve men enter pleas on charges of poaching](#) September 9, 2011 Kansas, Kansas.com

... men from Texas and Louisiana made pleas to deer poaching-related charges in US District Court on Thursday. Five entered guilty pleas and received penalties of up to \$15000 in fines and restitution and three years suspension from hunting ...Investigations found Camp Lone Star staff and clients illegally shot deer out of season, shot them with rifles during archery season and shot them after dark with the use of spotlights and night-vision optics. Clients also put illegal permits on deer and shot over the state-mandated limit of one buck per year.

[Wildlife and Parks commission considers job cuts, tougher enforcement](#) October 15, 2011

Kansas, Pratt Tribune

...Tim Donges of the Quality Deer Management Association asked the Board to consider enacting tougher regulations and stiffer fines for hunting violations... the area around Cassoday

was experiencing an unusual number of incidents of poaching, trespassing and shooting from the road. He said he had received death treats, two doe deer had been shot in his yard, a neighbor had seven bullet holes in his buildings, another neighbor suffered the loss of a cow after it was shot in a barn....Ohio has enacted bigger fines for violators, he said. Kansas should do the same to help reduce the number of violations.

[Deer, can I count on you? Counting Deer in Kansas](#) December 9, 2010 Winfield Daily Courier Online

...The instant a deer is spotted, the driver stops the truck and enters the location on a hand-held GPS unit. A work table top up on the platform in the back, is laid out in a 360-degree circle like a big compass. An arrow on the table is moved to point toward the deer's location. One spotlight has a laser range finder fixed to it allowing the worker to read the distance from the truck to the deer. That data, plus the number of the deer in the group, whether they're Whitetails or Mule Deer, their sex if possible, the type of habitat they are in and whether they were feeding, bedded or moving is all hand written onto a form. Scott and Greg then enter the data onto a computer form and send it on to Lloyd Fox, Big Game Program Coordinator for the state of Kansas.

Kansas Mule and Blacktail and Deer Estimates from Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies. Click on Year to see document.

Year	Kansas
Link to Source	Estimate
2015	51,000
2016	51,000
2017	40,616
2018	47,935
2019	53,600
2020	44,893
2021	53,400

