

115-25-1. Prairie chickens; open seasons, bag limits, and possession limits. (a) East unit. The open season for the taking of prairie chickens shall be September 15 through October 15 and shall reopen on the third Saturday of November through January 31 of the following year, in that part of Kansas east of federal highway US-281 and bounded by Nebraska on the north, Missouri on the east, and Oklahoma on the south. Effective on and after August 1, 2009, the open season for the east unit shall be September 15 through October 15 and shall reopen on the first Saturday of November through January 31 of the following year.

(b) Southwest unit. The open season for the taking of prairie chickens shall be the third Saturday in November through December 31, in that part of Kansas bounded by a line from the Colorado-Kansas state line east on interstate highway I-70 to its junction with federal highway US-281, then south on federal highway US-281 to its junction with the Oklahoma-Kansas state line, then west along the Oklahoma-Kansas state line to its junction with the Colorado-Kansas state line, and then north along the Colorado-Kansas state line to its junction with interstate highway I-70.

(c) Northwest unit. The open season for the taking of prairie chickens shall be the third Saturday in November through January 31 of the following year, in that part of Kansas bounded by a line from the Colorado-Kansas state line east on interstate highway I-70 to its junction with federal highway US-281, then north on federal highway US-281 to its junction with the Nebraska-Kansas state line, then west along the Nebraska-Kansas state line to its junction with the Colorado-Kansas state line, and then south along the Colorado-Kansas state line to its junction with interstate highway I-70. Effective on and after August 1, 2009, the open season for the northwest unit shall be the first Saturday of November through January 31 of the following year.

(d) The daily bag limit shall be two prairie chickens, except that in the part of Kansas described in subsection (b) the daily bag limit shall be one prairie chicken.

(e) The possession limit shall be eight prairie chickens, except that in the part of Kansas described in subsection (b) the possession limit shall be four prairie chickens.

(f) This regulation shall be effective on and after August 1, 2008. (Authorized by K.S.A. 32-807; implementing K.S.A. 32-807 and K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 32-1002.)