

## **ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT**

**K.A.R. 115-25-9.** Deer; open season, bag limit, and permits.

**DESCRIPTION:** The proposed exempt regulation establishes hunting bag limits, application periods and season dates for the 2010-2011 firearm, muzzleloader and archery deer seasons. There are few changes from 2009-2010 seasons. First, season dates are adjusted to coincide with the calendar. Second, the extended season for antlerless white-tailed deer is expanded to include five additional units from the previous season so the antlerless season in January will now be statewide.

**FEDERAL MANDATES:** None

**ECONOMIC IMPACT:** If the economic impact to the department, the general public, small business and other agencies from the 2010-11 seasons were to be similar to the estimate for the 2009-2010 seasons, total revenue to the department from the sale of all resident, nonresident, and landowner/tenant deer permits is estimated to be approximately \$8,000,000.

Approximately 575,000 days of hunting activity by 115,000 hunters are anticipated. A 2006 survey conducted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service estimated that big game hunters spent approximately \$1100 per year on trip and equipment expenditures, thus the 2009 deer seasons in Kansas are anticipated to generate approximately \$126.5 million worth economic benefit to businesses providing big game goods and services. No other economic impact to state agencies, small businesses, or other individuals is anticipated.

**ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:** None.