

ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

K.A.R. 115-25-6. Turkey; spring season, bag limit, permits and game tags.

DESCRIPTION: This proposed exempt regulation establishes hunting unit boundaries, bag limits and season dates for the spring turkey hunting season. The proposed changes would change management units from 4 units to 6 units to coincide with changes previously made in the fall turkey season, would increase the bag limit in Unit 1 and would allow the use of Unit 4 permits in adjoining units.

FEDERAL MANDATE: None.

ECONOMIC IMPACT: It is anticipated that approximately 41,875 permits and 22,052 turkey game tags will be issued in 2012, based on 2011 permit allocation data. The estimated 41,875 permits include 23,125 regular resident permits (of which 4,525 are resident youth permits), 5,476 landowner-tenant permits, and 13,174 non-resident permits. The estimated 22,052 turkey game tags include 13,027 resident game tags and 9,025 nonresident game tags. Estimated revenue if the above number of permits and tags are issued would be \$1,131,675.00. Administrative costs associated with the season are borne by the department.

Approximately 320,000 recreational days of hunting could occur, thus providing economic benefit to businesses providing goods and services. No other economic impact on the department, general public, small businesses, or on other state agencies is anticipated.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED: None.