

115-25-1. Prairie chickens; open seasons, bag limits, and possession limits; permit. (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.

(b) Southwest unit. There shall be no open season for the taking of prairie chickens in that part of Kansas bounded by a line from the Colorado-Kansas state line east on state highway K-96 to its junction with federal highway US-56, then east on federal highway US-56 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 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 bounded by a line from the Colorado-Kansas state line east on state highway K-96 to its junction with federal highway US-56, then east on federal highway US-56 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.

(d) Daily bag limit. The daily bag limit shall be two prairie chickens in units with an open season for the taking of prairie chickens.

(e) Possession limit. The possession limit shall be eight prairie chickens.

(f) Permit required. Before taking any prairie chickens, the individual shall have obtained and shall possess, while hunting, a current prairie chicken hunting permit from the department. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 2013 Supp. 32-807.)