

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 2016-2017 firearm, muzzleloader and archery deer seasons. There are some changes from 2015-2016 seasons. Season dates are adjusted to coincide with the calendar.

FEDERAL MANDATES: None

ECONOMIC IMPACT: If the economic impact to the department, the general public, small business and other agencies from the 2016-17 seasons were to be similar to the estimate for the 2015-2016 seasons, total revenue to the department from the sale of all resident, nonresident, and landowner/tenant deer permits is estimated to be approximately \$10,045,760.

Approximately 575,000 days of hunting activity by 115,000 hunters are anticipated. A 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 2014-15 deer seasons in Kansas are anticipated to generate approximately \$126.5 million worth of direct 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.