

FIVE YEAR BIG GAME SEASON STRUCTURE 2005-2009

BEAR

Archery: September 2nd through close of archery deer & elk, all licenses over the counter with a cap by DAU/GMU, no participation restriction, unfilled licenses may not be used during the regular deer and/or elk seasons.

2005: 9/2 – 9/25

2006: 9/2 – 9/24

2007: 9/2 – 9/23

2008: 9/2 – 9/28

2009: 9/2 – 9/27

Muzzleloading: 9 day season concurrent with muzzleloading deer & elk, all licenses over the counter with a cap by DAU/GMU, no participation restriction, unfilled licenses may not be used during the regular deer and/or elk seasons.

2005: 9/10 – 9/18

2006: 9/9 – 9/17

2007: 9/8 – 9/16

2008: 9/13 – 9/21

2009: 9/12 – 9/20

Limited September Rifle: 28 day season, fixed dates, licenses issued by DAU/GMU, no participation restriction, unfilled licenses may not be used during the regular deer and/or elk seasons.

2005 - 2009: September 2 - September 30, annually

Regular Rifle: seasons concurrent with the regular rifle deer and elk seasons, all licenses over the counter with a cap by DAU/GMU, provided hunter also has a rifle deer or elk license for the same unit(s) and season, unfilled licenses may not be used during the regular deer and/or elk seasons.

DEER AND ELK

Archery (west of I-25 & unit 140): (See “Late Plains Archery Deer” for archery deer seasons east of I-25) There will be a 30 day season (weekend opening), opening on Saturday of last weekend in August.

Deer: Limited either sex or limited buck, licenses issued by GMU/DAU

Elk: Unlimited either sex and antlerless, valid in most units OR limited either sex licenses, issued by GMU/DAU (totally limited units)

2005: 8/27 – 9/25

2006: 8/26 – 9/24

2007: 8/25 – 9/23

2008: 8/30 – 9/28

2009: 8/29 – 9/27

Muzzleloading (west of I-25 & unit 140): (See “Plains Muzzleloading Deer” for muzzleloading deer seasons east of I-25) There will be a 9 day season (weekend opening), opening on the second Saturday in September.

Deer: Limited either sex or limited buck, licenses issued by GMU/DAU

Elk: Limited antlered and limited antlerless in most units (licenses issued by GMU/DAU in totally limited units)

2005: 9/10 – 9/18

2006: 9/9 – 9/17

2007: 9/8 – 9/16

2008: 9/13 – 9/21

2009: 9/12 – 9/20

High Country Deer: limited 9 day antlered deer season (weekend opening), in high country or wilderness portions of selected deer units, opening on last Saturday in August or first Saturday of September depending on unit.

2005: 8/27 – 9/4	2005: 9/3 – 9/11
2006: 8/26 – 9/3	2006: 9/2 – 9/10
2007: 8/25 – 9/2	OR 2007: 9/1 – 9/9
2008: 8/30 – 9/7	2008: 9/6 – 9/14
2009: 8/29 – 9/6	2009: 9/5 – 9/13

Plains Muzzleloading Deer (east of I-25 except unit 140): There will be a 9 day season (weekend opening), opening the second weekend in October. All licenses limited. Antlered and antlerless deer or antlered deer only, issued by GMU/DAU.

2005: 10/8 – 10/16
 2006: 10/14 – 10/22
 2007: 10/13 – 10/21
 2008: 10/11 – 10/19
 2009: 10/10 – 10/18

Plains Regular Rifle Deer (east of I-25 except unit 140): There will be an 11 day season (weekend opening), opening on 4th Saturday in October. All licenses limited. Antlered and antlerless deer or antlered deer only, issued by GMU/DAU.

2005: 10/22 – 11/1
 2006: 10/28 – 11/7
 2007: 10/27 – 11/6
 2008: 10/25 – 11/4
 2009: 10/24 – 11/3

Regular Rifle Deer and Elk Seasons: four seasons

- 1st Season – 5 day season, followed by a 2 day break – Limited Elk Only – Opening on the first Saturday after October 9;
- 2nd Season – 9 day season, followed by a 5 day break – Deer and Elk Combined – Opening on a Saturday;
- 3rd Season – 7 day season, followed by a 4 day break – Deer and Elk Combined – Opening on a Saturday;
- 4th Season – 5 day season – Deer and Elk Combined – Opening on a Wednesday - Elk: this season is to be used as needed to meet DAU objectives. Antlerless harvest is emphasized. Antlered hunting is limited by draw, no over the counter bull licenses. Deer: by DAU buck and/or doe hunting consistent with DAU plans.

2005

1 st	Separate Limited Elk	10/15-10/19
2 nd	Combined Deer & Elk	10/22-10/30
3 rd	Combined Deer & Elk	11/5-11/11
4 th	Combined Limited Deer & Elk	11/16-11/20

2006

1 st	Separate Limited Elk	10/14-10/18
2 nd	Combined Deer & Elk	10/21-10/29
3 rd	Combined Deer & Elk	11/4-11/10
4 th	Combined Limited Deer & Elk	11/15-11/19

2007

1 st	Separate Limited Elk	10/13-10/17
2 nd	Combined Deer & Elk	10/20-10/28
3 rd	Combined Deer & Elk	11/3-11/9
4 th	Combined Limited Deer & Elk	11/14-11/18

2008		
1 st	Separate Limited Elk	10/11-10/15
2 nd	Combined Deer & Elk	10/18-10/26
3 rd	Combined Deer & Elk	11/1-11/7
4 th	Combined Limited Deer & Elk	11/12-11/16
2009		
1 st	Separate Limited Elk	10/10-10/14
2 nd	Combined Deer & Elk	10/17-10/25
3 rd	Combined Deer & Elk	10/31-11/6
4 th	Combined Limited Deer & Elk	11/11-11/15

Late Plains Archery Deer (east of I-25 except unit 140): There will be 2 or 3 splits within the season (3 in units with late plains rifle deer season - no archery from December 1 through 14 to avoid archery/rifle season overlap). All licenses limited, either-sex deer or antlered deer only, issued by GMU/DAU.

2005		
10/1-10/21		
11/2-11/30	OR	10/1-10/21
12/15-12/31		11/2-12/31
2006		
10/1-10/27		
11/8-11/30	OR	10/1-10/27
12/15-12/31		11/8-12/31
2007		
10/1-10/26		
11/7-11/30	OR	10/1-10/26
12/15-12/31		11/7-12/31
2008		
10/1-10/24		
11/5-11/30	OR	10/1-10/24
12/15-12/31		11/5-12/31
2009		
10/1-10/23		
11/4-11/30	OR	10/1-10/23
12/15-12/31		11/4-12/31

Late Plains Rifle Deer (east of I-25 except unit 140): There will be a single 14 day season, fixed dates annually. All licenses limited. Antlered and antlerless deer or antlered deer only by GMU/DAU

2005 - 2009: December 1 - December 14, annually

Late Rifle Elk: There will be the option for limited antlerless seasons, with licenses issued by GMU/DAU, as needed to achieve population objectives. Season lengths are variable within the time frame by GMU/DAU and set annually.

2005: 11/21 – 1/31
 2006: 11/20 – 1/31
 2007: 11/19 – 1/31
 2008: 11/17 – 1/31
 2009: 11/16 – 1/31

Private Land Only Deer and Elk Seasons

Private Land Only (PLO) There will be the option for limited antlerless or either-sex deer and limited antlerless or either-sex elk, licenses issued by GMU/DAU as needed to achieve population objectives,

AND

Private Land Only (PLO) There will be the option for private land only buck licenses and private land either sex elk licenses, where necessary to distribute antlered hunting opportunity between private and public lands, with PLO licenses issued by GMU/DAU, during the regular rifle seasons, including plains regular rifle seasons.

2005 - 2009: September 1 - January 31 (season lengths variable and set annually)

Antlerless/either sex deer and elk, issued by GMU/DAU.

AND

2005 - 2009: Concurrent with the regular rifle seasons, including plains regular rifle seasons (units variable and set annually) Antlered deer and either-sex elk, issued by GMU/DAU

PRONGHORN

Archery: 37 day season, unlimited licenses (some units limited, licenses issued by GMU/DAU), with fixed dates annually beginning August 15. Bucks will be hunted only in August, bucks and does (either-sex) hunting in September.

2005-2009: August 15 - August 31, annually bucks only and September 1 - September 20, annually either sex.

Muzzleloading: There will be a 9 day season, limited buck and limited doe, statewide licenses (some units closed), with fixed dates annually in October and a small fixed number of licenses.

Note: there is a potential need for unit specific limited licenses in those units which have low overall numbers of antelope licenses for all methods of take.

2005-2009 October 21 - October 29, annually

Rifle: There will be a 7 day seasons, opening on the first Saturday in October, limited buck and limited doe issued by GMU/DAU.

2005: 10/1 – 10/7

2006: 10/7 – 10/13

2007: 10/6 – 10/12

2008: 10/4 – 10/10

2009: 10/3 – 10/9

MOOSE

Archery: 1st Saturday after Labor Day in September through close of archery deer & elk

2005: 9/10 – 9/25

2006: 9/9 – 9/24

2007: 9/8 – 9/23

2008: 9/6 – 9/28

2009: 9/12 – 9/27

Muzzleloading: 9 day season concurrent with muzzleloading deer & elk

2005: 9/10 – 9/18

2006: 9/9 – 9/17

2007: 9/8 – 9/16

2008: 9/13 – 9/21

2009: 9/12 – 9/20

Rifle: 9 day season, first 9 days of October

2005 - 2009: October 1 - October 9, annually