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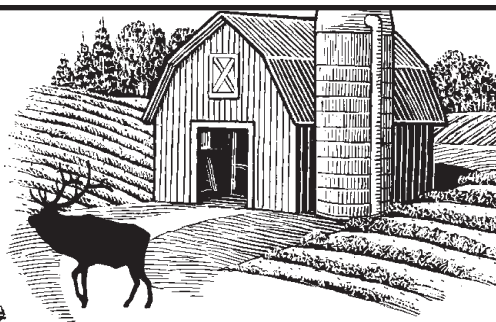
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# Hunting season changes made

The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks has made some changes in hunting seasons and regulations, but the biggest change in the pheasant season won't take effect until next year.

The commission approved moving the opening of pheasant season back to the second Saturday of November, effective in 2009. This year's opening date will be the first Saturday in November, as it has been since 2006, because many hunters already had made lodging and vacation plans for this fall.

Upland bird seasons are:

- Pheasant — Nov. 1-Jan. 31.
- Quail — Nov. 8-Jan. 31
- Prairie chicken — Sept. 15-Oct. 15 (early season east of U.S. 281); Nov. 15-Jan. 31 (northwest and east units); and Nov. 15-Dec. 31 (southwest unit).

The commission also has changed regulations for dove season. There is no bag and possession limits for Eurasian collared doves and ringed turtle doves during the dove season. However, if the take of exotic doves causes a hunter's daily bag to exceed 15, the exotic doves must be transported with a fully feathered wing attached.

Dove season opened Sept. 1 and ran through Oct. 14, then reopens Nov. 1-16. A separate exotic dove season will open Nov. 20 and run through Feb. 28. During this season, only Eur-

asian collared doves and ringed turtle doves may be taken. There is no daily bag or possession limit, and doves must be transported with a fully-feathered wing attached.

In Deer Management Unit 3, which includes the east half of Norton County, a hunter may obtain an antlerless-only either-species deer permit valid in Unit 3. A limited number of the permits will be sold, first-come, first-served.

Other regulation changes are:

- Annual hunting and fishing licenses are available at no cost to honorably discharged resident veterans with certified service-related disabilities of 30 percent or more, effective Jan. 1.
- Resident any-season whitetail permits will be valid statewide during any season with equipment legal for that season.
- Resident either-species/either-sex archery permits will be available statewide.
- No big game permit may be transferred to another person.
- Big game or turkey permits for residents younger than 16 are half price.
- Special hunt-own-land deer permits may be issued to a landowner's or tenant's siblings and lineal family members and spouses, regardless of residency.
- Nonresident deer hunters are restricted to two adjacent deer management units.

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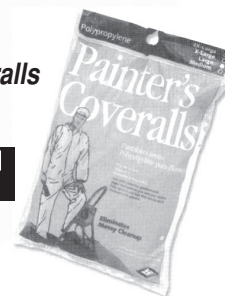
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