

2022-2023 Hunting and Trapping Seasons

BIG GAME

Antelope	Dates	Deer	Dates
Archery	Aug. 20 - Dec. 31	Archery	Sept. 1 - Dec. 31
Muzzleloader	Sept. 17 - Oct. 2	Special Landowner	Nov. 5 - 7
Firearm	Oct. 8 - 23	Firearm	Nov. 12 - 20
Late Doe/Fawn	Nov. 1 - Jan. 31	Muzzleloader	Dec. 1 - 31
Elk		October River Antlerless	Oct. 1 - 15
Bull Archery	Sept. 1 - Oct. 31	River Antlerless Late Firearm	Jan. 1 - 31
Bull Firearm	Sept. 21 - Oct. 31	Ant. Only Season Choice	Sept. 1 - Jan. 15
Antlerless	Aug. 1 - Jan. 31	Youth	Sept. 1 - Jan. 15
Early Antlerless	Aug. 1 - Oct. 31	Limited Landowner	Sept. 1 - Jan. 15
Late Antlerless	Nov. 1 - Jan. 31	Late Antlerless Only Firearm	Jan. 1 - 15
		Bighorn Sheep	Nov. 29 - Dec. 22
		Fall Turkey	Sept. 15 - Jan. 31

SMALL GAME

Species	Dates	Unit
Squirrel	Aug. 1 - Jan. 31	Statewide
Cottontail	Sept. 1 - Feb. 28	Statewide
Jackrabbit	Sept. 1 - Feb. 28	West of U.S. 81
Dove	Sept. 1 - Oct. 30	Statewide
Eurasian Collared-Dove *	Year-round	Statewide
Snipe	Sept. 1 - Dec. 16	Statewide
Virginia, Sora Rail	Sept. 1 - Nov. 9	Statewide
Prairie Grouse *	Sept. 1 - Jan. 31	East and West Zones
Woodcock	Oct. 8 - Nov. 21	Statewide
Youth Pheasant, Quail, Partridge *	Oct. 22 - 23	Statewide
Pheasant, Quail, Partridge	Oct. 29 - Jan. 31	Statewide

* Additional regulations may apply. See 2022-2023 Small Game and Waterfowl Guide

FURBEARER

Species	Dates	Method
Raccoon, Virginia Opossum	Sept. 1 - Oct. 31	Hunt Only
Muskrat, Beaver	Nov. 1 - March 31	Trap Only
River Otter **	Nov. 1 - Feb. 28	Trap Only
Bobcat	Dec. 1 - Feb. 28	Hunt and Trap
Raccoon, Virginia Opossum,	Nov. 1 - Feb. 28	Hunt and Trap
Long-tailed Weasel, Mink, Red Fox, Gray Fox, Badger		
Striped Skunk	Year-round	Hunt and Trap

** Season may end earlier if 125 otters are harvested

WATERFOWL

Dark Goose		Duck and Coot	
North Central	Oct. 1 - Jan. 13	Zone 1	Oct. 15 - Dec. 27
Platte River	Oct. 28 - Feb. 9	Zone 2	
Niobrara	Oct. 28 - Feb. 9	Low Plains:	Oct. 1 - Dec. 13
		High Plains:	Oct. 1 - Dec. 13, Jan. 4 - 25
Light Goose		Zone 3	
Statewide	Oct. 1 - Dec. 28, Jan. 25 - Feb. 9	High Plains:	Oct. 22 - Jan. 3, Jan. 4 - 25
Light Goose Conservation Order *		Zone 4	Oct. 22 - Jan. 3
East Zone	Feb. 10 - April 15	Youth	
Rainwater Basin Zone	Feb. 10 - April 5	Zone 1	Oct. 8 - 9
West Zone	Feb. 10 - April 5	Zone 2	Sept. 24 - 25
		Zone 3	Oct. 15 - 16
White-fronted Goose		Zone 4	Oct. 15 - 16
Statewide	Oct. 1 - Dec. 11, Jan. 25 - Feb. 9	Crow	
		Statewide	Oct. 15 - Dec. 15, Jan. 13 - March 14
Early Teal			
Low Plains	Sept. 3 - 18		
High Plains	Sept. 3 - 11		

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