

## **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 2006-2007 firearm, muzzleloader and archery deer seasons. There are three main changes from the 2005-06 seasons. First, the extended firearm season for antlerless white-tailed deer in January is shortened to seven days. In 2005-06, the season was a total of eight days. Second, antlerless permits or game tags may be purchased after December 30 without a requiring an antlered permit. Finally, no checkstations will be required this fall. Otherwise, the proposal merely changes dates to fit the 2006-2007 calendar.

**FEDERAL MANDATES:** None

**ECONOMIC IMPACT:** If the economic impact to the department, the general public, and other agencies from the 2006-07 seasons were to be similar to the estimate for the 2005-2006 seasons, total revenue to the department from the sale of all resident, nonresident, and landowner/tenant deer permits and game tags is estimated to be approximately \$5,000,000.

Approximately 415,000 days of hunting activity by 83,000 hunters are anticipated. A 2001 survey conducted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service estimated that big game hunters spent approximately \$512 per year on trip and equipment expenditures, thus the 2006 deer seasons in Kansas are anticipated to generate approximately \$42.5 million worth economic benefit to businesses providing big game goods and services. No other economic impact to state agencies is anticipated.

**ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:** None