

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 2009-2010 firearm, muzzleloader and archery deer seasons. There are few changes from 2008-2009 seasons. First, season dates are adjusted to coincide with the calendar. Second, the extended season for antlerless white-tailed deer is expanded to include two additional units from the previous season.

FEDERAL MANDATES: None

ECONOMIC IMPACT: If the economic impact to the department, the general public, small business and other agencies from the 2009-10 seasons were to be similar to the estimate for the 2008-2009 seasons, total revenue to the department from the sale of all resident, nonresident, and landowner/tenant deer permits is estimated to be approximately \$8,000,000.

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 2009 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.