

115-25-6. Turkey; spring season, bag limit, permits, and game tags. (a) The open season for the taking of turkey by archery equipment only shall begin on the first day of April and shall continue through the day before the opening day of the open season specified in subsection (b) in all turkey management units. All turkey permits and second turkey game tags issued for the open season shall be valid during this season for use with archery equipment only.

(b) The open season for the taking of turkey by use of firearms or archery equipment shall begin on the second Wednesday in April and shall continue through the last day in May.

(c)(1) The season for designated persons for the taking of turkey shall begin on the first day of April and shall continue through the day before the opening day of the open season specified in subsection (b) in all turkey management units. All turkey permits and second turkey game tags issued for the open season shall be valid during this season.

(2) The following persons may hunt during the season for designated persons:

(A) Any person having a valid turkey permit or second turkey game tag who is 16 years of age or younger, while under the immediate supervision of an adult who is 18 years of age or older;

(B) any person with a permit to hunt from a vehicle issued according to K.A.R. 115-18-4; and

(C) any person with a disability assistance permit issued according to K.A.R. 115-18-15.

(d) The legal limit shall be one bearded turkey per turkey permit and one bearded turkey per second turkey game tag where game tags are authorized.

(e) The units and the number of permits authorized for the taking of turkey during the established season shall be as follows:

(1) Unit 1. Unit 1 shall consist of that area bounded by Colorado on the west and Nebraska on the north and a line from the Nebraska-Kansas border south on federal highway US-183 to its junction with interstate highway I-70, and then west on interstate highway I-70 to the Colorado-Kansas border, except federal and state sanctuaries. An unlimited number of permits shall be authorized for unit 1.

(2) Unit 2. Unit 2 shall consist of that area bounded by Nebraska on the north, Missouri on the east, and Oklahoma on the south, and a line from the Nebraska-Kansas border south on federal highway US-81 to its junction with interstate highway I-70, then west on interstate highway I-70 to its junction with state highway K-14, then south on state highway K-14 to its junction with state highway K-2, then south on state highway K-2 to its junction with state highway K-179, and then south on state highway K-179 to its junction with the Oklahoma border, except federal and state sanctuaries. An unlimited number of permits and an unlimited number of second turkey game tags shall be authorized for unit 2.

(3) Unit 3. Unit 3 shall consist of that area bounded by Oklahoma on the south and a line from the Oklahoma-Kansas border northeast on federal highway US-54 to its junction with federal highway US-183, then north on federal highway US-183 to its junction with the Nebraska-Kansas border, then east along the Nebraska-Kansas border to its junction with federal highway US-81, then south on federal highway US-81 to its junction with interstate highway I-70, then west on interstate highway I-70 to its junction with state highway K-14, then south on state highway K-14 to its junction with state highway K-2, then south on state highway K-2 to its junction with state highway K-179, and then south on state highway K-179 to its junction with the Oklahoma border, except federal and state sanctuaries. An unlimited number of permits and an unlimited number of second turkey game tags shall be authorized

for unit 3.

(4) Unit 4. Unit 4 shall consist of that portion of the state bounded by Oklahoma on the south and Colorado on the west, and a line from the Kansas-Colorado border east on interstate highway I-70 to its junction with federal highway US-183, then south on federal highway US-183 to its junction with federal highway US-54, and then southwest on federal highway US-54 to the Oklahoma border, except federal and state sanctuaries. A total of 325 permits shall be authorized for unit 4, and all youth permits shall also be valid in unit 4.

(f) Turkey permits and second turkey game tags shall be valid only for the unit or units designated on the turkey permit or second turkey game tag, except that youth turkey permits shall be valid in all units.

(g) Only those individuals who have purchased a turkey permit shall be eligible to purchase a second turkey game tag.

(h) Applications for turkey permits in unit 4 shall be accepted by the department from the earliest date that applications are available until midnight on the third Friday of February. Applications with a postmark date of not later than the third Friday of February shall also be accepted. If there are turkey permits left over after all timely applications have been considered, the application period may be reopened by the secretary. Leftover turkey permits shall be issued on a daily competitive basis until the next to the last day of the turkey season or until all turkey permits are issued.

(i) Applications for turkey permits in unit 1, unit 2, and unit 3, youth turkey permits for unit 4, and second turkey game tags in unit 2 and unit 3 shall be accepted at designated locations from the earliest date that applications are available until midnight on the day before the closing date for the

season.

(j) Each turkey permit and each second turkey game tag purchased during the open season shall be valid on the calendar day after the date of purchase.

(k) This regulation shall be effective on and after January 1, 2010. (Authorized by K.S.A. 32-807 and K.S.A. 2008 Supp. 32-969; implementing K.S.A. 32-807, K.S.A. 2008 Supp. 32-969, and K.S.A. 2008 Supp. 32-1002.)