2025-2026 Kentucky fishing and hunting licenses available now

March 1 starts the new license year for outdoor recreation in Kentucky

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Ky. - Licenses and permits are available now to fish, hunt and trap in Kentucky in the coming license year, beginning March 1. With some of the finest outdoor opportunities available anywhere, Kentucky's fields, woods and waterways provide adventure for avid outdoors enthusiasts and newcomers alike.

The 2025-2026 license year starts Saturday, March 1, and runs through Feb. 28 of next year. License and permit fees for Kentucky residents are unchanged from the 2024-2025 license year, which lasts until Friday, and most nonresident fees will remain the same.

In Kentucky, a license covers basic hunting or fishing for many species, whereas additional state permits are required when

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pursuing specific other species, such as fishing for trout or hunting for migratory birds, deer, wild turkey or black bear. Sportsmen's-type licenses include multiple permits as well as basic hunting and fishing privileges.

For the 2025-2026 license year, prices for four non-resident options reflect a moderate fee increase, including:

Annual Hunting License (nonresident) -\$160

Spring Turkey Permit (non-resident) - \$110 Fall Turkey Permit (non-resident) - \$110 Deer Permit (nonresident) - \$235 Introduced last year, the resident Senior Lifetime Sportsman's License remains priced at \$180. It includes hunting and fishing licenses plus permits for trout, deer, spring and

fall turkey, migratory

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game birds and waterfowl. It is available to Kentucky residents aged 65 and older, who can purchase it once and then simply carry an electronic copy or reprint each year to display the current license year.

Seniors in Kentucky still have the option to purchase an annual Senior Sportsman's License that provides the same licenses and permits for the license year for just \$12. Resident anglers have the option to purchase an annual Fishing License for \$23 or a 3-year Fishing License for added convenience and value at just \$55.

Licenses and permits are sold online through Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's website License Sales portal, searchable off the homepage at fw.ky.gov.

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26th Illinois Product Expo returns this weekend

SPRINGFIELD, IL -The Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) is excited to announce the return of the Illinois Product Expo, taking place on March 1st and 2nd in the Orr Building at the Illinois State Fairgrounds. For 26 years, the Illinois Product Expo has brought together local food companies and consumers, celebrating the best of Illinois' culinary and agricultural favorites.

Attendees can explore Illinois through their taste buds by sampling a variety of products, enjoying a relaxing experience in the Illinois Wine Garden, and stocking up on their alltime favorites.

"This family-friendly event gets bigger and better every year," said **IDOA Director Jerry** Costello II. "We are excited to have a wide variety of vendors - from longstanding crowd favorites to firsttime exhibitors. It's a convenient way to shop local and discover new Illinois products.'

Featured vendors include The Homestead Bakery, ReMARKable Caramels, Rolling

Lawns Farm, Ropp Jersey Cheese, Glaciers End, Phoenix Bean, Turasky Meats, **Engrained Brewing** Company, and **Creekstone Kettle** Works, among many others. The Illinois Wine Experience will showcase 14 wineries from across the state, offering guests the chance to sample and purchase their favorite local wines.

"This year's Illinois Product Expo welcomes new vendors such as Siddity Pig Pork Snacks, The Infused Olive, and Luka Popcorn," said Jackie Sambursky, IDOA Bureau Chief of Marketing. "We're also excited to feature Copi cooking demonstrations in conjunction with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources."

Attendees can also take advantage of the popular \$5 for 5 promotion: purchase five products and receive \$5 Expo Cash as a token of appreciation for supporting Illinois agriculture.

The Illinois Product Expo is proudly sponsored by the Illinois Department of Agriculture, Illinois

Farm Bureau, Hy-Vee, Illinois Wine, Harvest Market, FFA, Prairie Farms, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, and Turasky Meats.

Event Details: Dates: Saturday, March 1 (10 a.m. - 5 p.m.) and Sunday, March 2 (10 a.m. – 3 p.m.)

Location: Orr Building, Illinois State Fairgrounds, Springfield, IL

Admission: \$5 per person (children 10 and under are free)

For more information and updates, visit www. illinoisproductexpo.com. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to support Illinois agriculture and discover the delicious products our state has to offer.

If an Illinois food company would like to learn about participating in the Illinois Product Expo or other programs offered by the Illinois Department of Agriculture, contact the Illinois Department of Agriculture Bureau of Marketing, Promotion and Grants at 217-782-2581 or agr. illinoisproduct@illinois. gov



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