

Kentucky's 2025-26 deer harvest was fifth highest on record

Doe totals
fall well
short of goals

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Hunters harvested 145,433 deer in Kentucky during the 2025-26 season, the fifth-highest reported total in history and 3,000 above the 10-year average.

The recently completed 136-day season was noteworthy for a newly expanded October youth-only season, impressive

success of hunters on public land, and a high percentage of harvested bucks estimated to be 2½ years old or older.

But doe harvest goals, aimed at maintaining a healthy and quality herd, were not met.

"In many ways, it was a great deer season – almost 105,000 hunters were successful in taking at least one deer, walking away with meat in the freezer, some with a rack for the wall and all stories to tell friends and family," said Joe McDermott, deer program coordinator for the Kentucky Department of Fish and

Wildlife Resources.

"We are looking to substantially increase the female harvest over time," he said.

Overall harvest: The 145,433 total is less than last season's 149,868 deer, which was the second only to the 155,730 taken in 2015. But this season's total is well above the 10-year average of 142,412.

Method of take: The season began 30 minutes before sunrise Sept. 6, 2025, and came to a close 30 minutes after sundown on Jan. 19, 2026. The vast majority of deer were harvested during the 16-day modern gun season, Nov. 8-

23, 2025. In all, 72% of deer were killed with modern guns, 11% with bows, 10% with crossbows and 6% with muzzleloaders.

In-state hunters: Kentucky residents accounted for 80% of successful hunters, while non-residents accounted for 15%. That breakdown has been consistent over the last decade. The other 5% were either

unknown or youth.

Public lands: Nearly 7,400 deer – about 5% of the reported harvest – were taken on public lands, second only to the previous season's 7,767 deer. The state-maintained Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) with the highest figures were Peabody (574), Taylorsville Lake (239), Green River Lake (234), Clay (210) and Barren

River Lake (192).

Buck ages: Of male deer harvested, 69.5% were estimated to be 2½ years old or older, 21% were yearlings and 9.5% were male fawns.

By region: The Bluegrass Region accounted for 28% of the harvest, followed by the

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ORDINANCE KOC 26-920-003

An ordinance amending the Oldham County Comprehensive Zoning Map.

The second reading/public hearing and adoption of the above proposed ordinance is scheduled to be held in the Fiscal Court Room located on the second floor of the Fiscal Court Building, 100 West Jefferson Street, La Grange, Kentucky on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 2:00 pm.

KOC-26-920-003 is a proposed ordinance for a Zoning Map Amendment on approximately 0.36 acres located at 3604 & 3608 W. Highway 146, La Grange. The proposed change is from R-2, Residential District & C-1, Local Business District, to R-4, Residential District for Key Homes, LLC.

All interested parties are hereby notified that a copy of the proposed ordinance is available in its entirety for public inspection in the County Judge-Executive's office during regular business hours and online at <https://www.oldhamcountky.gov/public-notices>.

David Voegle
Oldham County Judge-Executive

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**ORDINANCE NO.1, SERIES 2026 -
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF
THE OFFICE OF THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.**

All interested parties are hereby notified that a copy of the proposed ordinance is available in their entirety for public inspection at La Grange City Hall, 307 West Jefferson Street, LaGrange, Kentucky, and may be examined during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.). All those interested are invited to be present and participate in the discussion.

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