

# 2023/2024 Small Game & Pheasant Proposals



## Pheasant

- (a) The open season for pheasant shall be October 1 through December 31, however the pheasant season shall be closed until noon each Thursday and Friday as specified in Table 300.02 below:

Table 300.02 Days Pheasant Season Closed Till Noon

<u>Season Opening Day</u>	<u>Days Season Closed Till Noon</u>
Sunday October 1	Thursday and Friday, October 5 & 6, 12 & 13, 19 & 20
Monday October 1	Thursday and Friday, October 4 & 5, 11 & 12, 18 & 19
Tuesday October 1	Thursday and Friday, October 3 & 4, 10 & 11, 17 & 18
Wednesday October 1	Thursday and Friday, October 2 & 3, 9 & 10, 16 & 17
Thursday October 1	Thursday and Friday, October 8 & 9, 15 & 16, 22 & 23
Friday October 1	Thursday and Friday, October 7 & 8, 14 & 15, 21 & 22
Saturday October 1	Thursday and Friday, October 6 & 7, 13 & 14, 20 & 21

- (b) The daily bag limit shall be 2 pheasants and the season limit shall be 10 pheasants.

Year	Number of Pheasants	Cost per Bird	License Fee	Licenses Sold	Revenue	Total Expenditure	Change
2013	12,260	\$11.01	\$25.00	5,123	\$128,075	\$134,993.61	(6,918.61)
2014	12,260	\$11.01	\$25.00	5,159	\$128,975	\$134,993.61	(6,018.61)
2015	12,162	\$11.10	\$25.00	5,123	\$128,075	\$134,998.20	(6,923.20)
2016	11,936	\$11.31	\$30.00	4,601	\$138,030	\$134,996.16	3,033.84
2017	11,780	\$11.46	\$30.00	4,336	\$130,080	\$134,998.80	(4,918.80)
2018	11,535	\$11.70	\$30.00	4,133	\$123,990	\$134,959.50	(10,969.50)
2019	11,500	\$11.72	\$30.00	4,230	\$126,900	\$134,780.00	(7,880.00)
2020	11,495	\$11.74	\$30.00	5,781	\$173,430	\$134,998.26	38,431.74
2021	11,479	\$11.76	\$30.00	4,857	\$145,710	\$134,993.04	10,716.96
2022	10,000	\$13.50	\$30.00	4,934	\$148,020	\$135,000	13,020.00
2023	10,000	\$13.70	\$30.00	4,696 (7 yr avg)	\$140,880	\$137,000	3,880
2024	10,000	\$13.90	\$30.00	4,696 (7yr avg)	\$140,880	\$139,000	1,880
2024	10,500	\$13.90	\$35.00	4,227 (est)	\$147,945	\$145,950	1,995
2024	11,000	\$13.90	\$40.00	4,227 (est)	\$169,080	\$152,900	16,180

License increase to \$30.00 in 2016

The amounts that we know

Estimates

Estimates to purchase 10,500 pheasants with a \$5.00 increase or to purchase 11,000 pheasants with a \$10.00 increase; both with an estimated 10% decline in license sales due to license increase (as observed in 2016)

**\$5.00 increase at \$13.90 will allow an additional purchase of 500 pheasants**  
**\$10.00 increase at \$13.90 will allow an additional purchase of 1,000 pheasants**

## 2023-2024 Small Game Hunting Season Proposals

Species	Dates	Wildlife Management Units	Daily Bag Limit	Season Limit
Ruffed Grouse	Oct 1- Dec 31	All	4	No
Gray Squirrel	Sept 1-Jan 31	All	5	No
Snowshoe Hare	Oct 1--Mar 31	A, B, C1, C2, D1, D2, E, F, G, J1	3	No
		H1, H2, I1, I2, J2, K, L, M	2	
Pheasant *	Oct 1- Dec 31	All	2	10
Quail, Chukar, Hungarian/European Partridge	Oct 1 –Dec 31	All	4	No
Cottontail Rabbit	<u>Oct 1-Jan 31</u>	H2 K, L, M	2	No
	Falconry	(except for closed areas, see		
	Season: Oct 1-Mar 15	map)		

\* Stock Approximately 10,000 pheasants in 2023