

Saskatchewan Hunters' and Trappers' Guide

2015





Minister's Message

I am pleased to present the 2015 Hunters' and Trappers' Guide. This annual publication underlines our government's commitment to the long-term management of wildlife and the sustainable harvest of game and fur species in Saskatchewan. The abundant game species in our province offer a range of hunting opportunities that appeal to thousands of resident and non-resident hunters each year.



This guide details the hunting and trapping season dates, bag limits and hunting areas. It also includes licensing and land access information, as well as a summary of wildlife regulations. This publication is a valuable resource that will answer many of your hunting or trapping questions.

More than 77,000 hunters and trappers purchased licences through Saskatchewan's automated hunting, angling and trapping licence (HAL) system last season. HAL has been improved and expanded for 2015. The big game draw, including pool status, draw history and results, and the hunter harvest survey are now available through your personal HAL account. Additionally, new security enhancements were implemented for self-serve users including the requirement to use a password.

The Government of Saskatchewan's Red Tape Reduction Initiative provided an opportunity to comment on hunting rules and regulations. We heard from many of you that our wildlife resources are an important part of our heritage and must be protected. Recently our government amended *The Wildlife Act* to strengthen hunting prohibitions. The most serious conservation and safety offences now carry a minimum two-year suspension, and a lifetime ban will be in effect for those who are convicted three times. Additionally, individuals will be prohibited from buying a licence in Saskatchewan if they have unpaid fines or are prohibited in another jurisdiction.

I would like to remind all Saskatchewan residents that hunting and trapping are important to the province's wildlife management process, helping to ensure our natural heritage will be available for future generations.

Herb Cox

Minister of Environment

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How To Use This Guide

2015 Saskatchewan Hunters' and Trappers' Guide

The Hunters' and Trappers' Guide is available annually from the Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment to provide an up-to-date listing of the bag limits, season dates, wildlife management zones (WMZs), regulations, new programs and other relevant information for hunters and trappers. This synopsis is neither a legal document nor a complete summary of the current rules and regulations that pertain to hunting and trapping in Saskatchewan and is intended to act as a general reference only. Complete copies of *The Wildlife Act, 1998, The Wildlife Regulations, 1981* and all other regulations are available in print and electronic form from the Saskatchewan Queen's Printer at qp.gov.sk.ca.

Please use this guide as a valuable reference throughout the year.

Big Game Seals

Important information about Big Game Seals

- The province's hunting, angling and trapping licence (HAL) system uses a generic big game seal (tag); there are no longer different seals for different big game species.
- If you wish to purchase a big game licence online with a home computer, you must first obtain blank, unregistered seals.
- Seal packs containing blank unregistered seals, can be obtained free of charge from Saskatchewan licence issuers, ministry offices, select provincial park offices, and ordered online or by phone.
- When a big game licence is purchased via the online website, an applicant
 must enter the number from a new, unregistered seal in order to complete
 the purchase. The hunter then records the species for which the seal is
 valid, the licence number, the year and his or her signature on the seal.
 Once the seal is registered, the serial number is printed on the associated
 licence and the seal cannot be used for another licence.
- Remember, if a seal pack or a big game licence is ordered online, you must allow 10 business days for delivery.
- Big game hunters must have their licence and seal in their possession in order to hunt lawfully.
- Seals obtained in a seal pack can be used in future years.
- Hunters are reminded that they can give a blank, unregistered seal to another person to be used for an online purchase of a big game licence.

Harvest Ledgers

Important information about Harvest Ledgers (Canadian and non-resident game bird hunters only)

- The province's hunting, angling and trapping licence (HAL) system uses a generic harvest ledger for its Canadian and non-resident game bird licences; there are no longer leg seals for sharp-tailed grouse and gray (Hungarian) partridge. The harvest ledger is used by the hunter to record the harvest of these species.
- If you wish to purchase your game bird licence online with a home computer, you must first obtain a blank, unregistered harvest ledger.
- Ledger packs containing blank unregistered ledgers, can be obtained free
 of charge from Saskatchewan licence issuers, ministry offices, select
 provincial park offices, and ordered online or by phone.
- When a Canadian or non-resident game bird licence is purchased via the online website, an applicant must enter the number from a new, unregistered harvest ledger in order to complete the purchase. The hunter then records the licence number, the year and his or her signature on the ledger. The licence holder must also record the species and limit in the sections titled species A and species B. This information is printed in the special provisions section of the game bird licence. For example, species A: sharp-tailed grouse, limit four; species B: gray partridge, limit eight.
- Once the ledger is registered, the serial number is printed on the associated licence and the ledger cannot be used for another licence.
- Remember, if a ledger pack, or a Canadian or non-resident game bird licence is ordered online, you must allow 10 business days for delivery.
- Canadian resident and non-resident game bird hunters must have their licence and harvest ledger in their possession in order to hunt lawfully.
- Harvest ledgers obtained in a ledger pack can be used in future years.
- Hunters can give a blank, unregistered harvest ledger to another person to be used for an online purchase of a Canadian and non-resident game bird licence.

Hunting, Angling and Trapping Licence (HAL) System Upgrades Effective April 1, 2015, the Ministry of Environment implemented additional security enhancements to the online licence system to ensure personal data remains private and confidential. All HAL accounts accessed on self-serve will be protected by a password. Customers will be asked to create a password the first time they sign in or create a new HAL account. If you purchased any Saskatchewan hunting, angling or trapping licences in the last two years, you are already registered within the automated system and have been assigned a HAL ID. For more information regarding these changes, please visit environment gov.sk.ca/hunting.

What's New For 2015

Hunter Harvest Survey

For the 2015 season, the hunter harvest survey is included as a component of the online automated licence system (HAL). Hunters should be aware that if a survey is available for the licence they purchase, the applicable survey(s) will be added to their personal HAL account. These short online surveys provide wildlife managers with valid harvest estimates, success rates and hunter effort, which assists in the planning of next year's hunting seasons. All selected hunters with an email address will receive a message advising them of their selection for a survey. Hunters who prefer to conduct the survey in person may do so at any ministry office. As an added incentive, all hunters who complete their hunter harvest surveys will be put in a draw for one of three \$100 gift certificates to a sporting goods store of their choice or one of three \$100 gift certificates courtesy of the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation.

Pronghorn Antelope

After a number of years of closed seasons, pronghorn antelope populations in some zones are recovering and are reaching a harvestable level. A small quota will be offered for this fall, based on the results of the July population survey. This survey is timed to determine the annual fawn recruitment and estimate population levels on a wildlife management zone basis.

All unsuccessful applicants will advance to the Super A pool, and successful hunters will have licences added to their account in early August. Please note that the season structure for pronghorn has changed to ensure that hunting does not occur during the September breeding period in an effort to give the population the best chance to continue to recover. Due to the limited opportunity, the season will be a combined archery, muzzleloader and rifle hunt.

Ring-necked Pheasants

The ring-necked pheasant daily limit has been increased to three birds with a possession limit of six birds. Evidence indicates that ring-necked pheasant populations have recovered from recent severe winters. Ring-necked pheasant hunting continues to be limited to Saskatchewan residents only.

Attention Hunters

Please respect landowners and their property ... always ask permission before entering private land.

Chronic Wasting Disease

Chronic wasting disease (CWD) is a fatal disease that affects deer, elk and moose. CWD was introduced into the province from infected farmed elk, imported from the United States in the 1980s. This disease was first detected in a wild mule deer in the fall of 2000. As of 2014, CWD has spread to white-tailed deer, mule deer and elk populations, and has been detected in 20 WMZs within Saskatchewan.

The province is resuming CWD testing this fall and will provide no-cost analysis of hunter-killed deer and elk. Hunters can drop off head samples at all ministry field offices or at the Prairie Diagnostic Services laboratory on the University of Saskatchewan Campus in Saskatoon.

See page 10 for more information.

Hunting Opportunities for 2015

Wildlife Populations

Due to past severe winter weather, population levels of several wildlife species remain below long-term goals. White-tailed deer, mule deer, gray partridge and sharp-tailed grouse have seen the greatest impact. As a result, season length, bag limits and harvest quotas continue to reflect lower population levels. Deer populations typically take a number of years to rebound after significant winter mortality. In the most severe instances, high levels of mortality occur in the youngest and oldest age classes. Two or three years after these severe events, the remaining animals reach their prime reproductive age, but few fawns are produced due to the limited number of mature females. Provincial fawn production is expected to remain low for the next four years. As a result, population recovery will take some time.

Other species have not been as negatively affected by recent difficult winters, or in other cases populations are recovering quickly. Ring-necked pheasant numbers have returned to satisfactory levels. Farmland moose and elk populations continue to meet or exceed management objectives. While pronghorn antelope populations generally remain below management objectives, pronghorn antelope in some areas have shown a population increase, and a limited draw season may be held pending the results of July population surveys. Waterfowl populations in Saskatchewan remain strong, with the high water table ensuring the availability of ample wetlands across the province. Some areas in the west-central region of the province are drier than the past few years, but sufficient wetlands remain for nesting. Overall, hunters can expect good hunting opportunities for waterfowl species. No changes have been made to the bag limits or season dates in 2015.

White-tailed Deer Opportunities

White-tailed deer populations remain well below the long-term average. The season structure introduced in 2014 will remain in place for this year with an either-sex licence available across the province, and antlerless opportunities limited to Saskatoon and Prince Albert WMZs. Canadian resident and guided white-tailed deer seasons remain unchanged from 2014.

Moose Opportunities

The total farmland moose big game draw quota is unchanged from 2014, but revisions have been made in some zones to reflect changes in local population levels. Adjustments have been made to quotas in WMZs 56 and 57 to reflect lower populations. A population survey was conducted in these zones, which are adjacent to Manitoba, where reduced populations have resulted in closed seasons. Biologists will continue to monitor the moose population in east-central Saskatchewan to determine potential causes for the decline.

The 2015 season dates for draw moose and regular moose are unchanged.

Elk Opportunities

High elk populations in the Moose Mountain Provincial Park area (WMZ 33) have been a concern for the past number of years. Last year, an estimated 1,400 hunters participated in the regular season in this zone, which when combined with the harvest by draw hunters, resulted in a significant elk harvest. The current estimated elk population is near the management objective of 800 to 900 elk; therefore, the regular elk season in WMZ 33 will be suspended. For 2015, both an either-sex and antlerless draw season will be in place for this zone. The antlerless season will be a split season with successful hunters being drawn for either the October or November season. The December season will be open to all successfully drawn hunters.

Season dates for either-sex draw elk in Fort à la Corne Wildlife Management Unit (WMU) have returned to the September 1 opening date. Season dates in WMZ 7 have also been adjusted to October 20, but other farmland zones will continue with the opening date of September 15 to minimize any conflict with farming operations.

Regular season elk opportunities in the remainder of the province will be unchanged from last year.

Mule Deer Opportunities

Draw mule deer quotas are similar to 2014 with quotas offered in 57 WMZs. Antlerless mule deer quotas have been revised in response to lower population levels across the province with a slight reduction in the overall quota. A number of zones will once again offer a two antlerless mule deer licence option (see page 33 for details).

Regular mule deer archery hunting seasons will continue in 24 zones, unchanged from last year.

Proposed for 2016

- Hunters are interested in receiving big game draw results earlier in the year
 to aid in holiday planning and making travel arrangements. The ministry is
 considering a shorter big game draw application period in 2016 to be able
 to provide draw results sooner to hunters. If you have comments, please
 contact 306-787-0807.
- In partnership with conservation organizations, the ministry is developing a
 long-range plan for management of big game and game birds. This plan
 will focus in part on the adoption of consistent, science-based, decisionmaking tools that will guide a review of the province's game season
 structure. As a result of this review, there may be some changes to both
 regular and draw season dates and formats in 2016.
- Fish and wildlife staff with the ministry will continue to explore opportunities to improve the online licence and big game draw application system. There may be some website and process modifications in 2016, so log in early to familiarize yourself with any changes.

Our licence system is automated!

Purchase your hunting, angling or trapping licences:

- online anytime at environment.gov.sk.ca/licences (big game licences require a previously acquired blank seal)
- at a Saskatchewan licence issuer, Ministry of Environment or select provincial park office or
- by phone using a credit card at 1-855-848-4773 (8 a.m. to 9 p.m.) Please allow 10 business days for delivery.

Remember: Licence purchases can be made simply by accessing your existing account using your HAL identification number or your previously registered secondary identification number. Do not create a second account. If you require assistance with your identification, call 1-855-848-4773 (8 a.m. to 9 p.m.).

Please remember your HAL ID is a one-time, permanent and personal number!

If you purchased any Saskatchewan hunting, angling or trapping licences, or applied for the Saskatchewan resident or Canadian resident big game draw in the last two years, you are already registered within the automated system and have been assigned a HAL ID. Your HAL ID allows you to efficiently purchase all your hunting, angling or trapping licences, apply for the big game draw or complete your hunter harvest survey.

Licensing Fees and Requirements

Note: Hunting licences, including any required seals or ledgers, must be carried with you at all times when hunting.

Fall licences will be available August 1.

All licences include GST (goods and services tax)

Wildlife Habitat Certificate (required for all game, fur and youth licences)
Game Birds Saskatchewan Resident Game Bird \$10.79 Canadian Resident Game Bird \$56.91 Non-resident Game Bird \$113.83 Note: A Federal Migratory Game Bird Permit, the applicable Saskatchewan game bird licence and Wildlife Habitat Certificate are all required to hunt waterfowl during the fall season. Migratory Game Bird Permit \$17.85 (only available at post offices and select licence issuers)
Youth Game Licence (includes a game bird and a first white-tailed deer licence. A fur licence is also\$8.83 available, see fur licences Note: Available only to Saskatchewan residents aged 12 to 18 years (inclusive) who have successfully completed a firearm safety/hunter education course.
White-tailed Deer First Saskatchewan Resident\$32.38 Saskatchewan Resident Antlerless\$19.62 Canadian Resident Draw\$137.38 Guided (Canadian and Non-residents)*\$274.76
ElkSaskatchewan Resident
Moose\$32.38Saskatchewan Resident Draw\$53.97Guided (Saskatchewan, Canadian and non-residents)*\$323.83
Mule Deer Saskatchewan Resident Archery\$37.29 Saskatchewan Resident Draw\$37.29 Saskatchewan Resident Antlerless Draw (1st and/or 2nd antlerless licence)\$19.62 Note: A second antlerless mule deer licence is only available in select zones.

Pronghorn Antelope Saskatchewan Resident Draw\$35.51

Barren Ground Caribou

Residents of Zone 76 only\$21.59	
Note: This licence is valid for residents of WM7.76 only	

Black Bear

Saskatchewan Resident	\$16.68
Canadian Resident (non-guided)	\$53.97
Guided (Canadian and non-residents)*	\$161.92

Fur Licences (Saskatchewan residents only):

Note: Valid only for the sale of furs taken on an Indian reserve.

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outh Saskatchewan\$	30.00
ur Conservation Area\$	10.00
or FCA member trappers only) (available at Ministry of Environment offices only)	
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ee youth fur licences are available separately with the purchase of a required Habitat Certific part of the youth licence package. This licence is valid as a south Saskatchewan or fur conse	,
ea licence.	
askatchewan Treaty Indian (available at local band offices)	Free

Replacement Seals or Ledgers (available only at Ministry of Environment offices)\$5.40 Note: harvest ledgers and big game seals that have been registered (activated) with a hunting licence and have been lost, inadvertently detached or destroyed, must be replaced in order to lawfully hunt.

Reprints of Lost/Destroyed LicencesFree

Note: Valid licences (excluding seals or ledgers) may be reprinted online on your personal computer, at a Ministry of Environment office (no charge) or from a private licence issuer.

* Guided Licences

- All non-resident big game hunters (white-tailed deer, moose and bear) and Canadian resident moose hunters must use the services of an outfitter and possess the applicable guided licence.
- Canadian resident black bear hunters may hunt with or without an outfitter; however, if an outfitter is used, a guided licence is required.
- Canadian resident hunters who hold a draw white-tailed deer licence have the option to hunt with or without an outfitter and do not require a guided

Note: In order for a hunter to purchase a guided licence his or her outfitter must first purchase a Resource Allocation Licence (RAL) and associate it to the hunter's HAL account.

Residency and Licence Information

A Saskatchewan resident is a:

- Canadian resident whose principal residence is in Saskatchewan, who has been living in the province for three months prior to applying for a licence and possesses a valid Saskatchewan Health Services Card.
- member of the regular force of the Canadian Armed Forces or RCMP who is stationed and residing in the province; or
- member of the regular force of the Canadian Armed Forces who was a Saskatchewan resident when recruited or deployed from the province.

All Saskatchewan residents must ensure their name is recorded exactly as it appears on their valid Health Services Card when creating a HAL account. Health services numbers will not be recorded.

Members of the Canadian Armed Forces and RCMP can use their regimental numbers when establishing their HAL account.

A Canadian resident is a:

 person other than a Saskatchewan resident whose principal residence is in Canada, and who is a Canadian citizen or has resided in Canada for 12 months immediately before his/her application for a licence.

A non-resident is a:

• person other than a Canadian or Saskatchewan resident.

Youth hunters (under 18 years of age)

- While hunting, youth aged 12 to 15 inclusive, must be under the direct supervision of an adult who is at least 18 years of age. Youths aged 16 to 17 may hunt unsupervised.
- Youths aged 12 to 15 must have a parent or guardian complete the consent portion of the Saskatchewan hunting licence. Youth hunters and their parent or guardian are reminded that each subsequent licence purchase or reprint will require completion of the consent section.
- A youth game licence includes both an either-sex white-tailed deer licence and a game bird licence. Youth wishing to hunt waterfowl must purchase a Federal Migratory Game Bird Permit, except during Waterfowler Heritage Days (see page 46).
- A free youth fur licence is also available with the youth game licence or as a stand-alone licence with the purchase of a Wildlife Habitat Certificate. Firsttime trappers must successfully complete a recognized humane trapper education course or pass an equivalency test available from Ministry of Environment offices.
- Federal firearm legislation requires a youth hunter to be under the supervision of someone who holds a Federal Possession Acquisition Licence (PAL).

• If a youth hunter possesses a Federal Minors' Licence, they can hunt without supervision once they reach 16 years of age.

People born after January 1, 1971, must graduate from a recognized firearm safety/hunter education course in order to hold or apply for a Saskatchewan game or fur licence. Individuals may be asked to present proof of training when purchasing or applying for a licence or upon a compliance check by conservation officers.

- You can contact the Saskatchewan Association of Firearm Education (SAFE) to check your status or to obtain documentation of successful completion (306-352-6730 or saskhuntered.ca).
- If you have received your training outside of Canada or the United States, contact the SAFE or a ministry office to confirm that the training is recognized in Saskatchewan.

Chronic Wasting Disease

Chronic wasting disease (CWD) is a fatal disease that affects the nervous system of deer, elk and moose. CWD is a protein-caused disease, similar to BSE (mad cow disease) in cattle and scrapie in sheep. CWD was introduced into Saskatchewan from infected farmed elk, imported from the United States in the 1980s. CWD was first detected in a wild mule deer in the fall of 2000. As of 2014, CWD has spread to white-tailed deer, mule deer and elk populations, and has been detected in 20 wildlife management zones within Saskatchewan.

The ministry and several stakeholder groups are renewing CWD management efforts in the province to better understand the impact of CWD on wildlife populations. A CWD working group has been established consisting of organizations representing government, conservation, agricultural and wildlife health interests to help direct the development of a long-range strategic plan to outline Saskatchewan's response to CWD.

The CWD working group asks you to report sick animals to your local conservation officer. The working group is reviewing options for research, surveillance, management of game-farmed animals and long-term options for managing wild populations that may reduce or stabilize CWD prevalence.

Although there is currently no known risk to humans, the World Health Organization continues to recommend that CWD-infected meat not be consumed. For hunters interested in CWD testing, the province will pay for testing at no cost to the hunter. Hunters can drop off head samples at any ministry field office, in person at the Prairie Diagnostic Services (University of Saskatchewan, Vet College) If heads are dropped off at a ministry office, expect up to 4-6 weeks for results. Hunters interested in obtaining results sooner can drop heads off directly at CWHC/Prairie Diagnostics Services (PDS) at 52

Campus Dr, Saskatoon. Results for heads dropped off directly at CWHC will take about 5-10 business days. Heads are being accepted at:

Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative (CWHC) / Prairie Diagnostics Services (PDS) 52 Campus Drive Saskatoon, SK S7N 5B4

A submission form to include the location where the animal was harvested must accompany heads destined for CWD testing. A submission form to include the location where the animal was harvested must accompany heads destined for CWD testing. The submission form can be found online at: http://www.cwhc-rcsf.ca/ under the heading "report and submit".

Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative at cwhc-rcsf.ca

Volunteer Opportunities

Co-operative Deer Management Survey

The ministry is looking for participants for its annual deer management survey. This survey provides valuable productivity and herd structure information that is used when making management decisions. As with any survey, more observations increase the reliability of the information and currently some zones are under-reported, so that the data cannot be used. This survey runs from September to November each year and requires volunteers to record white-tailed deer and mule deer observations. No special equipment is required but participants are asked to identify the animals as to species: male, female or young of year, and class the buck by antler size. For more information and to sign up, please call 306-229-3279.

Hunter Harvest Survey

The Ministry of Environment would like to thank all hunters who participated in the 2014 Hunter Harvest Survey for deer, moose, elk and upland game birds. This information is an important part of wildlife management in Saskatchewan, and each survey contributes to a better understanding of how game populations are responding to current management strategies. This data is analyzed by the ministry's wildlife biologists and informs the quota and season-setting decisions. The more information that is collected, the more accurate this analysis can be. The ministry appreciates all participants as partners in managing the province's game species.

For the 2015 season, the hunter harvest survey has been added as a component of HAL, the automated licence system. The decisions determining which species will be surveyed this year were not finalized at the time of publication, but the benefit to running the hunter harvest survey through HAL is that every hunter who purchases a licence for a selected species will have the opportunity to participate in the survey. Those hunters who provide an email address on

their HAL profile will be notified if a survey is available and reminded of pending surveys that have not been completed. Hunters may also conduct the survey in person at any ministry office. This process will aid in maximizing participation and incorporating the best possible information for the annual quota and season setting process. As an added incentive, all hunters who complete their hunter harvest surveys will be put in a draw for one of three \$100 gift certificates to a sporting goods store of their choice or one of three \$100 gift certificates courtesy of the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation.

For 2014 hunter harvest survey results, further information and updates on which species will be surveyed in 2015, please visit environment.gov.sk.ca/hunting and click on the Hunter Harvest Survey link.

Upland Game Bird Survey

For those interested in contributing to upland game bird management in the province, please visit environment.gov.sk.ca/gamebirdsurvey. This voluntary survey asks participants to submit observations of upland game bird species throughout the year, the results of which will be used to inform on the status of upland game birds in Saskatchewan and direct management of these species.

Wildlife Research

The ministry, in co-operation with its partners at the University of Saskatchewan, is currently researching the seasonal activities, habitat preferences and travel patterns of mule deer, moose, caribou and white-tailed deer. A number of animals have been fitted with radio collars in order to track their movements.

We ask that hunters refrain from shooting these animals when in the field and to report all sightings, colour of the collar and any visible markings on the collar to your nearest Ministry of Environment office. If a radio collared animal is shot, please contact the nearest conservation officer so the collar can be retrieved. The knowledge gained from these collared animals will greatly help us manage our wildlife resources.

Banded Waterfowl

Hunters who shoot banded waterfowl should report the band number and harvest information by one of the following methods:

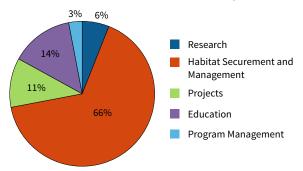
Toll free: 1-800-327-BAND (2263)
Website: reportband.gov
Email: BBO_cws@ec.gc.ca

Mail: Bird Banding Office Canadian Wildlife Service Environment Canada Ottawa, ON K1A 0H3

Fish and Wildlife Development Fund

The Fish and Wildlife Development Fund (FWDF) was initiated as the Wildlife Development Fund in 1970 with funding provided by 30 per cent of the revenue generated from the sale of hunting, angling and trapping licences. The main objectives of the terrestrial/wildlife component of the FWDF are to secure and protect quality wildlife habitat, to support research that will enhance the capacity to manage our flora and fauna and to promote public awareness of the wildlife resources.

Projected 2015-16 FWDF Wildlife Component Budget



Habitat Acquisition

There are currently 90,798 hectares (224,359 acres) of land held by the FWDF. Many of these land parcels are held jointly with partnering agencies, which include Ducks Unlimited Canada, Nature Conservancy of Canada and the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation. Through partnership funding with the above agencies, there were 1,100 hectares (2,717 acres) of land purchased in 2014-15 fiscal year. An additional 548 hectares (1,353 acres) were protected through conservation easements bringing the total land under easement protection to 97,965 hectares (242,069 acres).

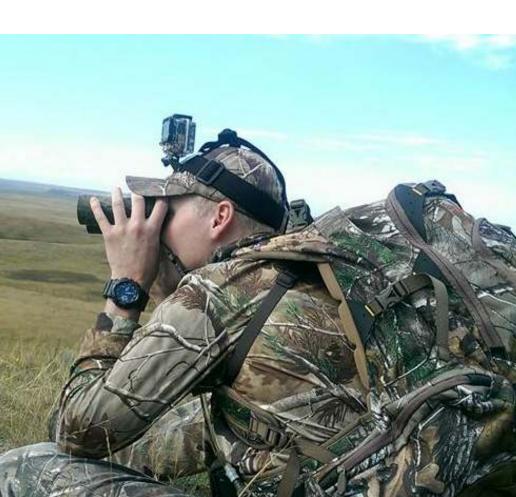
A listing of lands held by the FWDF is available on the Ministry of Environment website and is updated annually. These lands are open for hunting during the appropriate seasons and can be accessed anytime for a variety of low impact activities including nature watching and berry picking.

Did you know?

Thirty per cent of your big game draw application fee goes to the FWDF.

Support for Management Research and Conservation Education

The FWDF annually supports a range of research, management and education initiatives that increase the knowledge and awareness of Saskatchewan's natural ecosystems. Agreements with hunting, trapping and conservation organizations support a wide variety of conservation and education programs. Grants are also awarded annually for projects selected from funding application proposals. In addition, awards of \$5,000 each are made to a selection of university students in support of their post-graduate research studies. The FWDF invites funding proposals for submission by January 31 of each year. Funding proposal application forms are available at environment.gov.sk.ca/fwdf.



Definitions

All-terrain vehicle (ATV): any motorized vehicle designed for off-highway travel, on or over natural terrain, water, snow, ice, marsh or swamp land and includes:

- amphibious, ground effect or aircushion low-pressure tire vehicles;
- motorcycles and related two-wheel, three-wheel and four-wheel vehicles;
- snow or track vehicles;
- any toboggan, trailer or other attachment to an all-terrain vehicle; or
- any other means of motorized transportation; not including motor boats or four-wheel drive passenger, highway vehicles unless the front bumper is more than 75 centimetres (30 inches) off the road.

Big game: includes:

- pronghorn antelope;
- · black bear:
- any member of the deer family, whether known as caribou, deer, elk, moose or otherwise; and
- · wolf.

Certified restraining trap: a foot-hold trap that is included on the list of restraining traps certified as meeting the requirements of the Agreement on International Humane Trapping Standards (AIHTS) as published and updated from time to time by the Fur Institute of Canada.

Certified trap: a body-gripping trap that is included on the list of quick-kill traps certified as meeting the requirements of the AIHTS, as published and updated from time to time by the Fur Institute of Canada.

Encased: in relation to a firearm, means a firearm that is completely enclosed in a fastened gun case or wrapped in fabric, plastic or similar material in a manner that makes the firearm not readily available for use.

Firearm: any device from which any shot, bullet or other missile can be discharged and, includes but is not limited to a rifle, shotgun, pellet gun, air gun, pistol, revolver, spring gun, longbow, compound bow or crossbow.

Game: big game or game bird and includes any part of any big game or game bird.

Game bird: migratory game bird and upland game bird.

Game preserve: any area designated as such in regulation in which hunting or trapping of any kind is not allowed.

Harvest ledger: a document that is associated with a licence on which a person records information related to the taking or killing of an animal (date and species) as required by regulation.

Hide: the skin or pelt of an animal, but does not include the other attached parts of the animal, such as the horns, antlers, claws or skull.

Hunting: includes taking, wounding, killing, chasing, pursuing, worrying, capturing, following after or on the trail of, searching for, shooting at, trapping, setting snares for, stalking or lying in wait for any wildlife, whether or not the wildlife is subsequently captured, wounded or killed.

Immediate family member: an individual's father, mother, grandfather, grandmother, brother, sister, child, spouse or common-law spouse.

Migratory game bird: includes any game bird protected by the *Migratory Birds Convention Act* (Canada), as amended from time to time, or the regulations made under that Act.

Muzzleloading rifle: a rifle that is loaded from the muzzle (forward, open end) of the barrel.

Normal trapping operations: the taking of fur animals by means of traps, where the trapper has several traps operating at one time and checks them in a planned and regular manner.

Power neck snare: a mechanically activated neck snare that is immediately drawn closed by the force of a spring no less than 30 centimetres in length that is used for the taking of fur animals.

Seal: a document (tag) that is associated with a licence which must be cancelled immediately after wildlife is killed.

Stand: any stand, blind, platform, tree seat or other similar structure used for the purpose of assisting a person while hunting or viewing wildlife, and includes any structure commonly known as a tree stand.

Upland game bird: includes the following birds:

- ruffed grouse, spruce grouse, sharptailed grouse, willow and rock ptarmigans; and
- ring-necked pheasants, and gray (Hungarian) partridges.

Vehicle: includes a motorized conveyance, trailer, tractor, snowmobile, aircraft or any other conveyance, other than a boat, that is drawn, propelled or driven by any mechanical means and includes any accessory attached to the vehicle.

Wildlife: a vertebrate animal of any species, excluding fish, that is wild by nature in Saskatchewan or any part thereof.

Wildlife management unit (WMU): any area designated as such in regulation in which special regulations apply.

*Regulations that apply to hunting and trapping in Saskatchewan

The Wildlife Act, 1998
The Wildlife Regulations, 1981
The Open Seasons Game Regulations, 2009

The Wildlife Management Zones and Special Areas Boundaries Regulations, 1990

The Fur Animals Open Seasons Regulations

The Firearm Safety/Hunter Education Regulations, 2009

The Dog Training Regulations, 1982
The Outfitter and Guide Regulations, 2004

The Migratory Birds Convention Act, 1994

The Migratory Birds Regulations

Summary of Saskatchewan Hunting REGULATIONS

The following is a summary and as such, the original statutes should be consulted for all purposes of interpretation and application of the law. Complete information is contained in *The Wildlife Act, 1998* and *The Wildlife Regulations, 1981* and may be obtained by writing: Queen's Printer, B19, 3085 Albert Street, Regina, SK S4S 0B1, 306-787-6894 or by accessing the website at qp. gov. sk. ca.

General

It is a violation to:

- discharge a firearm at night from highways, roads, road allowances and ditches.
- shoot across or along a provincial highway, provincial road or municipal road.
- use any artificial light, night vision scopes or night vision goggles for the purpose of hunting.
- carry a loaded firearm in or on a vehicle or while on horseback.
 - a rifle or shotgun is deemed loaded when shells are in the magazine or when a loaded clip is attached to a hinge plate or in contact with the firearm.
 - a muzzleloader is deemed loaded when the firearm is charged and the ignition system is in place on the firearm.
- hunt within 500 metres of a building, stockade or corral occupied by people or livestock without the consent of the owner or occupant in charge.
- hunt on posted land (i.e. no hunting or no trespassing) without the consent of the owner or occupant.
 - regardless of how land is posted, persons may hunt on that land provided they have permission from the landowner or lessee.
 - if a hunter wounds an animal and it runs onto posted land, it

- is the hunter's responsibility to contact the landowner and obtain permission to hunt before entering the posted land.
- hunt wildlife from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise.
- retrieve a wounded animal after legal hunting hours without consent from a conservation officer.
- shoot an animal of the incorrect species or sex.
 - if a hunter shoots any wildlife of the incorrect species or sex, the hunter shall immediately field dress the animal, then call the local conservation officer to report it.
- transport any game, including pheasants, not accompanied by evidence of its sex and age except when all ages and both sexes of game may be legally hunted.
- injure or kill a game bird or animal without making every reasonable attempt to retrieve it.
- waste, destroy, allow to spoil or abandon the edible flesh of a game bird or big game animal, except black bear.
 - if a hunter harvests a big game animal that appears unhealthy or has been previously injured, the hunter should contact the local conservation officer. Should the carcass be deemed unfit for

human consumption, a replacement licence may be issued upon relinquishment of the animal.

- use any vehicle or power boat to chase wildlife.
- use aircraft including unmanned aircraft for any purpose connected with searching for, hunting or killing wildlife.
- use spears, night vision devices or arrows with explosive heads for hunting or killing wildlife.

Licences

It is a violation to:

- use more than one HAL ID number for the purpose of obtaining or applying for a licence.
- hold a regular and a draw big game licence for the same species.
- hold two licences of the same licence type in any one year (i.e. either-sex mule deer).
- hold or apply for a licence or the big game draw while suspended.
- use or carry another person's big game licence, seal or certificate while hunting.

Big Game

It is a violation to:

- hunt big game with a rifle, hunt in a designated rifle-only season, or accompany a rifle hunter without wearing:
 - a vest (an outer garment that covers the torso) of scarlet, bright yellow, blaze orange or white or any combination of these colours. The vest may include a small label or crest not exceeding 100 centimetres² or 15 inches². (3 inches by 5 inches)
 - a high-visibility garment carrying a Canadian Standards
 Association (CSA) label stating CAN/CSA Z96 -02, Z96-09 or Z96-15. Both class 2 (vest) or class 3 (coveralls) garments are lawful hunting apparel.
 - ~ headwear must be scarlet, bright

- yellow or blaze orange (white is not allowed). The headwear may include a small label or crest not exceeding 50 centimetres² or 7.8 inches². (1.5 inches by 5 inches)
- hunt big game with a firearm or metal projectile of .23 calibre or less.
- hunt big game with full metaljacketed, hardpoint, non-expanding bullets.
- hunt big game with a bow with a draw weight of less than 18.2 kilograms (40 pounds) and arrowheads of less than 2.2 centimetres (7/8 inch) in diameter.
- hunt big game with a crossbow with a draw weight of less than 68 kilograms (150 pounds) and arrowheads of less than 2.2 centimetres (7/8 inch) in diameter.
- hunt big game with a crossbow other than in an open muzzleloader or rifle season:
 - in the Regina/Moose Jaw,
 Saskatoon and Prince Albert
 WMZs, crossbows are permitted
 during all open seasons.
- hunt wildlife with a rifle other than a muzzleloader during a big game season in Regina/Moose Jaw and Saskatoon WMZs.
 - licensed trappers may carry and use a .22 (or less) caliber rimfire rifle in these areas during a big game season, provided they are performing "normal trapping operations".
- fail to clearly and permanently mark, in a visible location on a tree stand or blind, the person's name and address or the outfitter's licence number and the date the tree stand or blind was erected.
- leave a tree stand, blind or any other structure on provincial forest land, unoccupied Crown land or land within a provincial park or recreation site after July 7, if placed between April 7 and June 30 of the

- same year, or after December 31, if placed between August 15 and December 19 of the same year.
- accompany, hunt with, aid or assist a person hunting big game while hunting coyotes or foxes.
- carry or transport a firearm through a game preserve, wildlife refuge, wildlife management unit, regional park, provincial park, protected area or recreation site that is closed to hunting unless the firearm is encased and in a vehicle.
- kill female black bears with young of the year cubs at heel.
- aid or assist people who are exercising their Aboriginal hunting rights unless you possess Aboriginal rights or carry a permit to assist.

Game Bird

It is a violation to:

- hunt upland game birds with a centrefire rifle.
- hunt game birds with a shotgun unless the magazine is plugged in such a way that it cannot hold more than two shells.
- for Canadian and non-resident game bird hunters
 - exceed the season limit for sharp-tailed grouse or gray (Hungarian) partridge.
 - fail to record the date of kill on a harvest ledger upon taking a sharp-tailed grouse or gray (Hungarian) partridge.
 - hunt game birds without possessing the harvest ledger that is registered with game bird licence.
 - hold more than one game bird licence.
- hunt migratory game birds with a rifle or more than one shotgun.
- hunt game birds within 500 metres of a wildlife feeding station or enter any lands posted with lure crop signs contrary to posted instructions.
- dig a pit or excavation or leave it open without the consent of the

owner or occupant of the land.

 use recorded electronic calls other than snow goose vocalization while hunting waterfowl.

Baiting Regulations

- Bait means any food including salt and salt products intended to attract big game but does not include fields of crop or forage, whether standing or harvested crops, forage or hay stacked in the field where it is grown, or grain that is scattered or piled as a result of farming operations.
- On private land or occupied Crown land, no person shall, without the permission of the owner or occupant, place bait, including salt and salt products, for hunting big game or feeding or attracting other wildlife. It is recommended that salt or salt products used for hunting purposes be placed in a leak-proof container.
- In the provincial forest, in provincial parks or recreation sites and on unoccupied Crown land, no person shall:
 - store any bait at or near any bait location.
 - hunt at a bait site placed by another person without that person's consent.
 - other than the owner, tear down, remove, damage, deface or cover up any bait or sign.
 - use salt or salt products for bait unless placed in a leak-proof container that is secured in such a way to prevent the contents from being spilled.
 - use as bait: any noxious weed or noxious weed seed as described in *The Weed Control Act*, any exotic plant as described in *The Forest Resources Management Regulations* or any carcass or part of a domestic animal other than domestic animal trimmings received from a licensed butcher shop or abattoir.

- feed wild ungulates between January 1 and July 31.
- In the provincial forest, in provincial parks or recreation sites and on unoccupied Crown land, no person shall place bait including salt and salt products for hunting big game:
 - without erecting at the site a sign of durable material no less than 600 square centimetres (8 x 12 inches) on which is clearly marked the person's full name and address or clearly marking his/her full name and address on any container used for holding the bait.
 - within 500 metres of any campground, dwelling or other place used by people.
 - within 200 metres of any numbered provincial highway, provincial road or municipal road.
 - within 200 metres of any maintained forest access road, snowmobile trail or cross-country ski trail prior to April 1.
 - prior to August 1, except for hunting black bear during the spring black bear season when bait may be placed on or after March 1.
- For the purpose of hunting black bear, no person shall:
 - use bait that is not placed in a container.
 - use a container with a volume exceeding 210 litres (45 gallon drum).
 - use a container unless it is constructed in such a way that prevents a bear from becoming trapped.
 - use a container that can be removed from the bait site by a bear.
- For the purpose of hunting big game other than black bear, no person shall:
 - use bait, other than bales, that exceeds 40 litres in volume (9 gallons).

- in the case of bales, use more than two bales with a combined total weight exceeding 90 kilograms (198 pounds).
- A person who has placed bait for the purpose of hunting big game shall remove, at the end of the hunting season for which it was placed, any remaining bait, the container and the sign marking the bait.
- In provincial parks and recreation sites, no person shall place bait for hunting big game without the authorization of the park manager.
- No person shall place bait on any Fish and Wildlife Development Fund land or National Wildlife Area.

Vehicle Controls

Roads and Trails Only

- A road means a prepared surface designed for vehicular traffic. A trail means a route regularly traveled by vehicles.
- During an open big game season in WMZs 15 to 18 and 30 to 34, no person hunting big game is allowed to drive off roads or road allowances with trails without written permission from the landowner, except to retrieve legally killed big game animals using the most direct route.
- In Regina/Moose Jaw and Saskatoon WMZs, no person hunting big game is allowed to drive off roads or road allowances with trails except to retrieve legally killed big game animals using the most direct route.
- In Moose Mountain Provincial Park, the use of vehicles is restricted to park roads except to retrieve legally killed big game animals using the most direct route.
- Vehicles are restricted to designated roads within Saskatchewan Landing Provincial Park and vehicles may not leave the road for any purpose.

Designated Trails - Cypress Hills Provincial Park (West Block)

- No person shall drive a vehicle off a designated trail or provincial highway except to retrieve legally killed big game animals using the most direct route.
- Firearms must be encased in vehicles when driven off designated trails to retrieve game.
- No person shall park more than 10 metres from a designated trail or provincial highway. Trails are marked at the start and end with designated trail signs.

All-terrain Vehicles (ATVs)

- In WMZs 1 to 47, 52, 54, Duck Mountain and Moose Mountain provincial parks, Regina/Moose Jaw, Saskatoon and Prince Albert WMZs and Fort à la Corne WMU, no person shall carry a firearm, including a bow, on an ATV during an open big game season.
- encased firearms may be carried on ATVs in Duck Mountain Provincial Park and Fort à la Corne WMU during the spring black bear season only.
- ATVs may be used on private land with landowner permission to retrieve legally killed big game animals by the most direct route provided no firearms are carried on the vehicle.
- In WMZs 48 to 50 (not including Fort à la Corne WMU), 53 and 55 to 76 and in the West Block of Cypress Hills Provincial Park, no person shall carry a firearm on an ATV during an open season for big game unless it is encased.
- In Greenwater Lake Provincial Park, a permit is required for all ATV use. This permit is available from the park administrative office. The only exception is that an ATV may be used to retrieve legally killed big game animals without a permit.

 ATVs may not be used in Saskatchewan Landing and Douglas provincial parks, or any national wildlife area.

Forest Road Closures

- Road closures using gates and/or earth berms are put in place on some forest roads to protect forest resources and the road itself from damage caused by passenger vehicles; road closures may be identified with earth berm, gates and/or signs.
- No passenger vehicles are allowed behind/beyond forest road closures; ATVs, snowmobiles, horses and bicycles may be used at your own risk.
- Breaking or cutting trees, or mowing/damaging other vegetation where a road closure is in place is not allowed.
- It is a violation to drive unauthorized vehicles where a road closure is in place, or to open, damage or interfere with a road closure.

Transporting Big Game or Game Birds within the Province

- Hunters transporting big game animals during an antlerless or bull only season are required to keep evidence of species and sex. During the seasons where only bull elk or bull moose may be taken, the antlers must accompany the animal.
- Big game carcasses transported separately from hides must have either the tail or the lower hind leg from the hock joint down, attached with the hide still in place as proof of species.
- Big game carcasses must be properly tagged when delivered to a butcher for cooling, cutting and packaging.
 Provided hides are properly tagged and the species identification parts

- are attached to the carcass, the hides can be kept, sold to hide dealers or left at a Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation hide depot.
- Hunters may share an unprocessed big game carcass with their hunting partners. A permit is not required to transport an untagged portion of the carcass if a hunter has documentation consisting of the successful hunter's name, signature, licence number, species of game and date of harvest. The individual possessing the unprocessed meat must have this information readily available to provide to a conservation officer.
- When transporting pheasants, evidence of sex must accompany the bird. If the bird is plucked and dressed in the field, leave the head attached to the carcass.
- No person can possess or transport a migratory game bird unless at least one fully feathered wing remains attached to the bird.

Exporting Big Game or Game Birds

- Legally tagged big game may be taken out of the province without an export permit as long as the licence holder travels with the game.
- Hunters may take the cape of a big game animal out of the province without a hide seal being attached, if both the cape and the antlers (attached to the skull plate with attached seal) travel with the licence holder.
- Legally tagged raw big game hides may be exported if a big game hide seal is attached to the hide.
- Any wildlife or wildlife parts not accompanying the licensed hunter, or wildlife not taken under authority of a hunting licence, including antlers, claws or skulls, require an export permit to be taken out of the province. Permits are

- available at all ministry offices.
- Packages for shipping wildlife within or outside the province must be marked with the sender's name, address, hunting licence or permit number and contents.
- No person, other than a
 Saskatchewan resident, shall import
 wildlife into Saskatchewan from
 another province or country, under
 the authority of a game licence,
 without first obtaining an import
 permit from a Ministry of
 Environment office.
- A Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) Permit is required to export black bears out of Canada. Hunters from the United States accompanying their properly tagged black bears are exempt.
- Sandhill crane hunters: a CITES
 permit is not required if you are a
 U.S. resident returning home at the
 conclusion of your hunt provided
 the cranes are part of your
 accompanying personal baggage
 and are in a fresh, frozen or salted
 condition. Your Saskatchewan
 game bird licence, Habitat
 Certificate and Federal Migratory
 Game Bird Permit must be
 presented at the border, as required.
- Your game bird licence and associated ledger is also a permit to export legal limits of game birds providing you accompany them in transit.
- No person shall transport or ship migratory birds belonging to another person into the United States.
- No person can possess or transport a migratory game bird unless at least one fully feathered wing remains attached to the bird.
- If the legal limit of migratory birds you have taken accompanies you in a private vehicle, labelling is not required.
- Packages containing upland game

birds do not require labels if they accompany you in transit. If you ship them, upland game bird containers must be marked with your name and address, your Saskatchewan game bird licence number and a statement of the contents.

All game birds must be packaged in

 a manner that will permit the
 number and species to be readily
 determined; no bulk packaging or
 bulk freezing.

Private Lands Considerations

- Approximately 85 per cent of the land in southern Saskatchewan is privately owned or controlled.
- Continued access to this land depends on the actions of hunters.
- Signs which control vehicle use on private or leased lands must be respected.
- Signs which read 'Hunt on Foot Only' or 'Vehicles Restricted to Roads and Trails Only' are available free of charge to landowners from ministry offices.
- To further assist landowners, signs notifying hunters to "Please Close this Gate", "Seeded Field", "Hunt on Foot Only" and "Occupied Building within 500 Metres" are also available at ministry offices.
- Hunter failing to observe posted instructions could face charges under *The Wildlife Act*.

Special Lands Provisions

<u>Fish and Wildlife Development Fund</u> <u>Lands (Wildlife Lands)</u>

- are open to hunting on foot only.
- no person can operate or be a passenger in any vehicle for the purpose of hunting.
- vehicles can be used to retrieve legally killed big game animals; firearms must be encased.
- no baiting is allowed.
 The Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation,
 Ducks Unlimited Canada and the
 Nature Conservancy of Canada
- Hunting may be permitted on lands

- as per posted instructions.
- Hunters are required to follow posted instructions (e.g. hunt on foot only).
- Contact the responsible agency for further information (see contact information on page 59).

National Wildlife Areas

- are open to hunting unless posted as "No Hunting".
- Last Mountain Lake, Stalwart, Webb, Prairie, Bradwell and Tway are open to all hunting with exceptions listed on the season dates tables.
- hunt on foot only, vehicles may not be driven off or beyond roads and designated trails. Vehicles may not leave the road for any purpose.
- for information on these areas and restrictions applying to them, contact the Canadian Wildlife Service at 306-975-4087.

Dundurn Range and Training Area

- may be closed to all public access and hunting at any time.
- registration and safety briefings are required before entry.
- phone 306-492-2135 for access details and safety briefing information.

National Parks, Wildlife Refuges, Migratory Bird Sanctuaries, Cold Lake Air Weapons Range and Game Preserves

- are closed to all hunting. <u>Provincial Parks, Regional Parks and</u> <u>Recreation Sites</u>
- are closed to all hunting unless otherwise specified in the season dates tables.
- specific vehicle regulations may apply. See ATV regulations on page 21.
- contact the nearest Ministry of Environment office or provincial parks office.

Wildlife Management Units (WMU)

- Fort à La Corne WMU is closed to hunting unless otherwise specified.
- All remaining WMUs are included

- in the WMZ that surrounds them and are open for hunting during the times specified in regulation.
- Many of these areas are community pastures and are also subject to the conditions outlined in the community pasture section in this guide.

Road Corridor Game Preserves

- All hunting is prohibited within 400 metres of select roads in the provincial forest.
- While traveling through road corridor game preserves, firearms must be encased and kept inside vehicles.
- Licensed hunters in road corridor game preserves may carry unloaded
 firearms from a vehicle to the edge
 of the game preserve by the most direct route and return in the same manner.

Northern Communities

• excluding any privately-owned land, only residents of the following communities may hunt big game within a 16 kilometre (10 mile) radius of their community:

Beauval, Black Lake, Buffalo
Narrows, Camsell Portage, Cree
Lake, Deschambault, Dillon, Fond du Lac, Ile-á-la-Crosse, Kinoosao,
La Loche, La Ronge, Patuanak,
Pelican Narrows, Pinehouse,
Primeau Lake, Sandy Bay,
Southend, Stanley Mission, Stony
Rapids, Turnor Lake and Wollaston.

Indian Reserves

 are closed to licensed hunting unless permission is granted by the Chief or Band Council.

Community Pastures

- Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC, formerly PFRA) and Saskatchewan Provincial Pastures (SPP) and Patron Operated Pastures
- AAFC pastures are open to hunting as follows:
 - ~ WMZs 1 to 47 November 1:
 - ~ WMZs 54 November 10; and

- ~ WMZs 48 to 50, 52, 53, 55 and 68N November 15
- Portions of some pastures may remain closed beyond these dates if livestock are still at large or field operations are occurring.
- Some pastures may open to hunting prior to these dates but hunters must contact the pasture manager to confirm this prior to entering the pasture.
- Vehicles are restricted to roads and trails; however, special access conditions may be in place for select pastures.
- Contact the pasture manager for access and trail information.
- No fires are allowed.
- Visit <u>agr.gc.ca/cpp</u> for further information regarding hunting on AAFC pastures.
- A number of AAFC pastures have been transitioned to a patroncontrolled operation model.
- Visit
 <u>agriculture.gov.sk.ca/saskatchewan-pastures-program</u> for further
 information regarding hunting on
 SPP and patron-operated pastures.

Regulations in a number of jurisdictions prohibit bringing a cervid (deer, moose or elk) into their respective provinces that has been killed in another province or state without first removing the head, hide, hooves, mammary glands, entrails, internal organs and spinal column. These parts must remain at the place of origin. This restriction applies to all hunters including First Nations and Mètis people. Please check the

regulations in your home jurisdiction.

Game Bird Closure Times

The following areas are closed to hunting:

The islands in the North Saskatchewan River between the Paynton Ferry and the Alberta
border Witchekan Lake (north of Spiritwood)

The following water areas are closed to game bird hunting in, on, or within 500 metres of the water's edge from June 1 to November 9 inclusive:

Antelope Lake, 12.8 km north of Gull Lake	Ibsen Lake, 6.4 km west of Yellow Grass
Avonlea Reservoir, 4.8 km southeast of Avonlea	Junction Dam, 3.2 km north of Maple Creek
Barber Lake, 4.8 km north of Wiseton	Kiyiu Lake, 9.6 km north of Netherhill
Bigstick Lake, 16 km east of Golden Prairie	Lac La Course, 9.6 km southeast of Pelly
Birch Lake, 16 km northeast of Glaslyn	Leech Lake, 12.8 km south of Yorkton
Boulder Lake, 16 km southeast of Watrous	Lomond Lake, 4.8 km northeast of Preeceville
Buffalo Coulee Lake, 12.8 km northwest of	Luck Lake, 6.4 km west of Birsay
Coleville	
Cabri Lake, 16 km south of Mantario	Mallard Bay, 12.9 km north of Mortlach
Cactus Lake, 19.3 km southeast of Macklin	Mud Lake, 16.1 km north of Wynyard
Castlewood Lake, 4.8 km north of Biggar	Muddy Lake, 11.2 km south of Unity
Cutbank Lake, 4.8 km northeast of Glidden	Opuntia Lake, 6.4 km east of Plenty
Deep Lake, 8 km south of Indian Head	Paysen (Horfield) Lake, 30.5 km north of
	Chaplin
Dewar Lake, near the town of Dewar Lake	Saline Lake, 3.2 km southwest of Invermay
Ear Lake, 9.6 km east of Reward	Silver Lake, 11.3 km north of Sheho
Eyre Lake, 11.2 km west of Mantario	Snipe Lake, 11.2 km northwest of Eston
Flat Lake, 4.8 km southeast of Wilkie	Stonewall Lake, 3.2 km south of Invermay
Goose Lake, 11.3 km east of Harris	Teo Lake, 12.8 km west of Kindersley
Gooseberry Lake, 20.9 km northeast of Fillmore	Thackeray Lake, 3.2 km east of Thackeray
Grassy Lake, 11.3 km northeast of Luseland	Thomson Lake, 4.8 km northwest of Lafleche
Highfield Reservoir, 28.9 km east of Swift	Waterhen Marsh, 6.4 km south of Kinistino
Current	

That portion of the Waterhen River, 4.8 km west and 3.2 km east from the Highway 4 crossing (8 km north of Dorintosh, zone 69)

That portion of the South Saskatchewan River lying between Gardiner Dam and the north boundary of Township 30, Range 8, west of the Third Meridian

That portion of the South Saskatchewan River and Lake Diefenbaker lying between the Alberta border and Saskatchewan Landing Bridge

That portion of the North Saskatchewan River lying between the Paynton Ferry and the Borden Bridge

Areas Closed to Hunting

Fort à la Corne Wildlife Management Unit and all provincial parks, regional parks and recreation sites are closed to hunting unless otherwise specified. Firearms must be encased unless you have a hunting licence valid for that area.

Saskatchewan Resident Draw Seasons

Hunting in wildlife management units (WMUs) and national wildlife areas is allowed when they fall within a wildlife management zone (WMZ) listed in the following pages as being open for big game with the exception of Fort à La Corne WMU and the St. Denis national wildlife research area. See Special Lands Provisions for more information. New season dates are indicated in bold and red.

Draw Moose - Saskatchewan Residents Only		
Wildlife Management Zones Open	Season Dates	Bag Limit
WMZs 1, 2E, 4 and 5 Combined WMZs 6 and WMZ 7E (Designate WMZ 6) Combined WMZs 8 and 11 (Designate WMZ 8) WMZs 10 and 12 WMZ 13, including that portion of Saskatchewan Landing Provincial Park south of the South Saskatchewan River WMZ 14E, including that portion of Saskatchewan Landing Provincial Park north of the South Saskatchewan River WMZs 14W, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21 and 22 WMZ 23, including that portion of Douglas Provincial Park located west of Diefenbaker Lake (Gordon McKenzie Arm) WMZs 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 and 32 WMZ 33, including Moose Mountain Provincial Park WMZs 34, 35 and 36 WMZ 37 (that portion west of Highway 8 from Pelly to Kamsack and south of Highway 5 from Kamsack to the Manitoba border) WMZs 38, 39, 40, 41, 42E and 42W Combined WMZs 43, 50 and Fort à la Corne WMU (Designate WMZ FLC) WMZs 44, 45E, 45W, 46, 47, 48, 49, 52, 53 and 54 WMZ 56, including Round Lake Recreation Site WMZ 58 WMZ 59, including Wildcat Hill Provincial Park WMZs 60, 61 and 62 WMZ 63, including the southern portion of Narrow Hills Provincial Park WMZ 64, including Great Blue Heron and the southern portion of Clarence-Steepbank Lakes provincial parks WMZ 66, 67 and 68S Duck Mountain Provincial Park and that portion of WMZ 37 east of Highway 8 from Pelly to Kamsack and north of Highway 5 from Kamsack to the Manitoba border (Designate WMZ DM) Greenwater Lake Provincial Park (Designate WMZ GP)	archery, muzzleloader, crossbow, shotgun and rifle Oct. 1 - Oct. 14 Nov. 1 - Nov. 14	one moose, either-sex

Draw Moose - Saskatchewan Residents Only	y (cont'd)	
Wildlife Management Zones Open	Season Dates	Bag Limit
Saskatoon WMZ (Designate SMZ) Regina/Moose Jaw WMZ (Designate RMZ)	archery, muzzleloader, crossbow and shotgun Oct. 1 - Oct. 14 Nov. 1 - Nov. 14	one moose, either-sex
Prince Albert WMZ (Designate PMZ)	archery and crossbow Oct. 1 - Oct. 14 Nov. 1 - Nov. 14	one moose, either-sex
WMZ 1 (Designate WMZ 1A), WMZ 2E (Designate WMZ 2EA) WMZ 4 (Designate WMZ 4A), WMZ 5 (Designate WMZ 5A) WMZ 13, including that portion of Saskatchewan Landing Provincial Park south of the South Saskatchewan River (Designate WMZ 13A) WMZ 14E (Designate WMZ 14EA) WMZ 16 (Designate WMZ 16A) WMZ 17 (Designate WMZ 17A) WMZ 18 (Designate WMZ 18A) WMZ 19 (Designate WMZ 19A) WMZ 21 (Designate WMZ 21A) WMZ 22 (Designate WMZ 22A) WMZ 23, including that portion of Douglas Provincial Park located west of Diefenbaker Lake (Gordon McKenzie Arm) (Designate WMZ 23A) WMZ 24 (Designate WMZ 24A) WMZ 25 (Designate WMZ 25A) WMZ 26 (Designate WMZ 26A) WMZ 27 (Designate WMZ 27A) WMZ 28 (Designate WMZ 28A) WMZ 29 (Designate WMZ 29A) WMZ 30 (Designate WMZ 30A) WMZ 31 (Designate WMZ 31A) WMZ 32 (Designate WMZ 32A) WMZ 33, including Moose Mountain Provincial Park (Designate WMZ 33A) WMZ 34 (Designate WMZ 36A) WMZ 37 (that portion west of Highway 8 from Pelly to Kamsack and south of Highway 5 from Kamsack to the Manitoba border) (Designate WMZ 37A) WMZ 38 (Designate WMZ 37A) WMZ 39 (Designate WMZ 37A) WMZ 40 (Designate WMZ 37A) WMZ 41 (Designate WMZ 37A) WMZ 42 (Designate WMZ 40A) WMZ 41 (Designate WMZ 42WA) WMZ 44 (Designate WMZ 44A) WMZ 45E (Designate WMZ 42WA) WMZ 45W (Designate WMZ 44A) WMZ 45E (Designate WMZ 45EA) WMZ 47 (Designate WMZ 45WA) WMZ 46 (Designate WMZ 46A) WMZ 47 (Designate WMZ 47A)	archery, muzzleloader, crossbow, shotgun and rifle Oct. 15 - Nov. 14	one antlerless moose
Saskatoon WMZ (Designate SMZ) Regina/Moose Jaw WMZ (Designate RMZ)	archery, muzzleloader, crossbow and shotgun Oct. 15 - Nov. 14	one antlerless moose

Additional Information (Draw Moose)

Quotas Subject to Change

- Tentative 2015 hunter quotas for either-sex moose:
 - 1(20), 2E(15), 4(10), 5(10), 6(75), 8(10), 10(15), 12(15), 13(15), 14E(15), 14W(10), 15(10), 16(40), 17(50), 18(25), 19(40), 21(80), 22(75), 23(75), 24(50), 25(35), 26(35), 27(35), 28(35), 29(40), 30(40), 31(10), 32(15), 33(125), 34(130), 35(25), 36(25), 37(45), 38(35), 39(60), 40(50), 41(60), 42E(90), 42W(60), 44(40), 45E(45), 45W(60), 46(90), 47(60), 48(200), 49(180), 52(25), 53(75), 54(75), 56(135), 57(50), 58(25), 59(125), 60(60), 61(75), 62(50), 63(50), 64(50), 65(50), 66(50), 67(100), 68S(50), DM(40), GP(25), FLC(200), RMZ(80), SMZ(25), PMZ(10).
- Tentative 2015 hunter quotas for antlerless moose:
 1A(30), 2EA(10), 4A(10), 5A(10), 13A(15), 14EA(20), 16A(25), 17A(50), 18A(30), 19A(40), 21A(60),
 22A(50), 23A(50), 24A(35), 25A(25), 26A(25), 27A(25), 28A(25), 29A(40), 30A(40), 31A(10),
 32A(30), 33A(260), 34A(220), 35A(60), 36A(25), 37A(100), 38A(40), 39A(100), 40A(75), 41A(40),
 42EA(140), 42WA(90), 44A(40), 45EA(90), 45WA(90), 46A(50), 47A(80), RMZA(30), SMZA(30).
- WMZ selections with an "A" are for antlerless moose licences (eg. 1A).
- No rifle hunting in Saskatoon WMZ and Regina/Moose Jaw WMZ.
 - Archery and crossbow hunting only in Prince Albert WMZ.

Draw Elk - Sackatchewan Posidents Only

- Antlerless moose is a cow or a 2015 calf.
- The head or proof of sex of an antlerless moose must accompany the carcass if taken under an antlerless licence.

Wildlife Management Zones Open	Season Dates	Bag Limit
WMZ 1 Combined WMZs 2E and 2W (Designate WMZ 2) Combined WMZs 6 and 7E (Designate WMZ 6) Combined WMZs 9 and 10 (Designate WMZ 9) Combined WMZs 14E and 24, including that portion of Saskatchewan Landing Provincial Park north of the South Saskatchewan River (Designate WMZ 14) WMZ 33, including Moose Mountain Provincial Park (Designate WMZ 33) WMZs 34 and 35 WMZs 37, including Duck Mountain Provincial Park (Designate WMZ 37) WMZs 39, 41, 42E, 42W, 43, 46 and 54 Note: In Moose Mountain, Duck Mountain and Saskatchewan Landing provincial parks only, elk hunting is permitted beginning September 10	archery, muzzleloader, crossbow, shotgun and rifle Sept. 15 - Sept. 30 and Dec. 10 - Dec. 19	one elk, either-sex
Zone 7W including Cypress Hills Provincial Park (West Block)	archery, muzzleloader, crossbow, shotgun and rifle Oct. 20 - Oct. 31 and Dec. 10 - Dec. 19	one elk, either-sex
Greenwater Lake Provincial Park (Designate WMZ GP)	archery, muzzleloader, crossbow, shotgun and rifle Sept. 10 -Sept. 30 and Dec. 10 - Dec. 19	one elk, either-sex

Draw Elk - Saskatchewan Residents Only (cont'd)			
Wildlife Management Zones Open	Season Dates	Bag Limit	
Fort à la Corne WMU (Designate WMZ FLC)	archery, muzzleloader, crossbow, shotgun and rifle Sept. 1 - Sept. 30 and Dec. 10 - Dec. 19	one elk, either-sex	
WMZ 1 (Designate WMZ 1A) Combined WMZs 2E and 2W (Designate WMZ 2A) WMZ 5A (Designate WMZ 5A) Combined WMZs 6 and 7E (Designate WMZ 6A) Combined WMZs 13, 19 and 23, including that portion of Saskatchewan Landing Provincial Park south of the South Saskatchewan River and that portion of Douglas Provincial Park located west of Diefenbaker Lake (Gordon McKenzie Arm) (Designate WMZ 13A) Combined WMZs 14E and 24, including that portion of Saskatchewan Landing Provincial Park north of the South Saskatchewan River (Designate WMZ 14A) WMZ 21 (Designate WMZ 21A) Combined WMZs 22, 29 and 30 (Designate WMZ 22A) Combined WMZs 28 and 45E (Designate WMZ 31A) WMZ 34 (Designate WMZ 31A) WMZ 35 (Designate WMZ 35A) WMZ 37, including Duck Mountain Provincial Park (Designate WMZ 37A) WMZ 39 (Designate WMZ 39A) WMZ 41 (Designate WMZ 41A) WMZ 42E (Designate WMZ 42EA) WMZ 42W (Designate WMZ 42WA) WMZ 43 (Designate WMZ 43A) WMZ 46 (Designate WMZ 46A) Combined WMZs 40, 48, 56 and 57, including Round Lake and Woody River recreation sites (Designate WMZ 48A) Combined WMZs 49, 58 and 59, including Wildcat Hill Provincial Park (Designate WMZ 49A) WMZ 50 (Designate WMZ 50A) WMZ 55 (Designate WMZ 52A) WMZ 54 (Designate WMZ 50A) WMZ 55 (Designate WMZ 55A) Greenwater Lake Provincial Park (Designate WMZ 55A)	archery, muzzleloader, crossbow, shotgun and rifle Oct. 15 - Oct. 31 and Dec. 10 - Dec. 19	one antlerless elk	
WMZ 33, including Moose Mountain Provincial Park (Designate WMZ 33A1) Note: 1st split season – licence is specific to stated season dates	archery, muzzleloader, crossbow, shotgun and rifle Oct. 15 - Oct. 31 and Dec. 10 - Dec. 19	one antlerless elk	

Draw Elk - Saskatchewan Residents Only (cont'd)		
Wildlife Management Zones Open	Season Dates	Bag Limit
WMZ 33, including Moose Mountain Provincial Park (Designate WMZ 33A2) Note: 2nd split season – licence is specific to stated season dates	archery, muzzleloader, crossbow, shotgun and rifle Nov. 15 - Nov. 30 and Dec. 10 - Dec. 19	one antlerless elk
WMZ 7W, including Cypress Hills Provincial Park (West Block) (Designate WMZ 7WA)	archery, muzzleloader, crossbow, shotgun and rifle Oct. 20 - Nov. 9, Nov. 20 - Nov. 29 and Dec. 10 - Dec. 19	one antlerless elk

Additional Information (Draw Elk)

Quotas Subject to Change

- Tentative 2015 hunter quotas for either-sex elk:
 1 (10), 2 (15), 6(50), 7W(15), 9(30), 14(10) 33(100), 34(25), 35(10), 37(60), 39(50), 41 (10), 42E(50), 42W(25), 43(50), 46(25), 54(100), FLC (75), GP(50).
- Tentative 2015 hunter quotas for antlerless elk: 1A(30), 2A(20), 5A(15), 6A(50), 7WA(25), 13A(15), 14A(25), 21A(20), 22A(25), 28A(35), 31A(10), 33A (350), 34A(100), 35A(40), 37A(100), 39A(125), 41A(35), 42EA (50), 42WA(25), 43A(75), 46A(60), 47A(50), 48A(250), 49A(120), 50A(50), 52A(40), 54A(200), 55A(100), GPA(25).
- WMZ selections with an "A" are for antlerless elk licences (eg. 6A).
- In WMZs 43 and 50, the elk seasons do not include Fort à la Corne WMU.
- · Antlerless elk is a cow or a 2015 calf.
- The head or proof of sex of an antlerless elk must accompany the carcass if taken under an antlerless licence.
- Antlerless elk in WMZ 33
 - ~ the antierless elk season for WMZ 33 will be a split season.
 - ~ the first split will have a quota of 175 licences and the season will be Oct. 15 Oct 31.
 - \sim the second split will have a quota of 175 licences and the season will be Nov. 15 Nov. 30.
 - ~ hunters must hunt in the specific October or November season as stated on the licence.
 - ~ hunters from both splits will be able to hunt in the Dec. 10 Dec. 19 season.

Landowner Permission

Please ask permission to access private land even if it is not posted!

The ministry and many conservation agencies support initiatives that foster improved hunter and landowner relationships. Southern Saskatchewan is comprised of 85 per cent privately-owned or controlled lands.

Draw Pronghorn Antelope - Saskatchewan Residents Only			
Wildlife Management Zones Open	Season Dates	Bag Limit	
Combined WMZs 8 and 11 (Designate WMZ 8) Combined WMZs 9 and 10 (Designate WMZ 9)	archery, muzzleloader, crossbow, shotgun and rifle Oct. 1 - Nov. 9	one pronghorn antelope, either-sex	

Additional Information

Quotas Subject to Change• Tentative 2015 licence quotas for pronghorn antelope: 8(50), 9(100)

Draw Mule Deer - Saskatchewan Residents Only Wildlife Management Zones Open	Season Dates	Bag Limit
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WMZs 1, 2E, 2W, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7E WMZ 7W, including Cypress Hills Provincial Park (West Block) WMZs 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 WMZ 13, including that portion of Saskatchewan Landing Provincial Park south of the South Saskatchewan River WMZ 14E, including that portion of Saskatchewan River WMZ 14E, including that portion of Saskatchewan River WMZs 14W, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21 and 22 WMZ 23, including that portion of Douglas Provincial Park located west of Diefenbaker Lake (Gordon McKenzie Arm) WMZs 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28 WMZ 29E (east of the South Saskatchewan River including islands) WMZ 29W (west of the South Saskatchewan River) WMZs 30 and 31 WMZ 33, including Moose Mountain Provincial Park WMZs 34, 36, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42E, 42W, 43, 44, 45E, 45W, 46, 47 and 49 WMZ 50, including Fort à La Corne WMU WMZs 52, 53, 54 and 55	archery Sept. 1 - Oct. 31 muzzleloader and crossbow Oct. 1 - Oct. 31 rifle Nov. 1 - Nov. 14	one mule deer, either sex
Saskatoon WMZ (Designate SMZ) Regina/Moose Jaw WMZ (Designate RMZ)	archery and crossbow Sept. 1 - Dec. 7 muzzleloader Oct. 1 - Dec. 7 shotgun Nov. 1 - Dec. 7	one mule deer, either sex

Additional Information (Mule Deer)

Quotas Subject to Change

- Tentative 2015 hunter quotas for either-sex mule deer:
 - $1(250), 2E(150), 2W(50), 3(50), 4(100), 5(100), 6(100), 7E(25), 7W(25), 8(25), 9(75), 10(200), \\ 11(25), 12(50), 13(60), 14E(40), 14W(40), 15(30), 16(15), 17(15), 18(30), 19(100), 21(75), 22(75), \\ 23(75), 24(200), 25(75), 26(100), 27(75), 28(50), 29E(50), 29W(50), 30(40), 31(10), 33(15), 34(15), \\ 36(25), 38(20), 39(20), 40(50), 41(75), 42E(50), 42W(50), 43(25), 44(100), 45E(125), 45W(100), \\ 46(200), 47(150), 49(25), 50(10), 52(50), 53(40), 54(100), 55(50), RMZ(50), SMZ(100).$
- Hunters who hold a draw either-sex mule deer licence cannot purchase or hold an archery mule deer licence.
- In provincial parks open for hunting, mule deer hunting is prohibited until September 10.
- No rifle hunting in Saskatoon WMZ and Regina/Moose Jaw WMZ.

Draw Antlerless Mule Deer - Saskatchewan Residents Only, two licence option			
Wildlife Management Zones Open	Season Dates	Bag Limit	
WMZs 1, 2E, 4, 5, 9, 10, 24, 27, 28, 41, 44, 45E, 45W, 46 and 47 Note: Applicants successfully drawn for these WMZs can purchase both a 1st antlerless mule deer licence and a 2nd antlerless mule deer licence.	archery Sept. 1 - Oct. 31 muzzleloader and crossbow Oct. 1 - Oct. 31 rifle Nov. 10 - Dec. 7	two antlerless mule deer	
Saskatoon WMZ (Designate SMZ) Note: Applicants successfully drawn for this WMZ can purchase both a 1st antierless mule deer licence and a 2nd antierless mule deer licence.	archery and crossbow Sept. 1 - Dec. 7 muzzleloader Oct. 1 - Dec. 7 shotgun Nov. 1 - Dec. 7	two antlerless mule deer	

Additional Information

Quotas Subject to Change

- Tentative 2015 hunter quotas for antlerless mule deer:
 1(175), 2E (75), 4(75), 5(100), 9(75), 10(150), 24(75), 27(60), 28(75), 41(75), 44(125), 45E (150), 45W (125), 46(175), 47(200), SMZ (100).
- · Antlerless mule deer is a doe or a 2015 fawn.
- The head or proof of sex of an antlerless mule deer must accompany the carcass.
- Hunters holding both a draw either-sex and a draw antlerless mule deer licence may hunt antlerless mule deer during the either-sex season dates but only in the WMZ in which their antlerless licence is valid.
- · No rifle hunting in Saskatoon WMZ.

Big Game Draw Licences

Big Game Draw licences will not be mailed to successful applicants; licences are available through the automated licence system, either from a private issuer, Ministry of Environment or select provincial park office, online or by phone.

Draw Antlerless Mule Deer - Saskatchewan Residents Only, one licence only		
Wildlife Management Zones Open	Season Dates	Bag Limit
WMZs 2W, 3, 6 and 7E WMZ 7W, including Cypress Hills Provincial Park (West Block) WMZs 8, 11 and 12 WMZ 13, including that portion of Saskatchewan Landing Provincial Park south of the South Saskatchewan River WMZ 14E, including that portion of Saskatchewan Landing Provincial Park north of the South Saskatchewan River WMZs 14W, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21 and 22 WMZ 23, including that portion of Douglas Provincial Park located west of Diefenbaker Lake (Gordon McKenzie Arm) WMZs 25 and 26 WMZ 29E (east of the South Saskatchewan River including islands) WMZ 29W (west of the South Saskatchewan River) WMZs 30, 36, 40, 42E, 42W, 49 and 54 Note: Applicants successfully drawn for these WMZs will be able to purchase a 1st antlerless mule deer licence only.	archery Sept. 1 - Oct. 31 muzzleloader and crossbow Oct. 1 - Oct. 31 rifle Nov. 10 - Dec. 7	one antlerless mule deer
Regina/Moose Jaw WMZ (Designate RMZ) Note: Applicants successfully drawn for this WMZ will only be able to purchase a 1st antlerless mule deer licence only.	archery and crossbow Sept. 1 - Dec. 7 muzzleloader Oct. 1 - Dec. 7 shotgun Nov. 1 - Dec. 7	one antlerless mule deer

Quotas Subject to Change

- Tentative 2015 hunter quotas for antlerless mule deer:
 2W(100), 3(50), 6(100), 7E(30), 7W(30), 8(75), 11(100), 12(50), 13(80), 14E(75), 14W(50), 15(100), 16(40), 17(30), 18(40),19(100), 21(70), 22(50), 23(50), 25(100), 26(80), 29E(60), 29W(60), 30(100), 36(50), 40(100), 42E(20), 42W(20), 49(100), 54(100), RMZ(80).
- Antlerless mule deer is a doe or a 2015 fawn.
- The head or proof of sex of an antlerless mule deer must accompany the carcass.
- Hunters holding both a draw either-sex and a draw antlerless mule deer licence may hunt antlerless mule deer during the either-sex season dates but only in the WMZ in which their antlerless licence is valid.
- In provincial parks, antlerless mule deer hunting is prohibited until September 10.
- No rifle hunting in Regina/Moose Jaw WMZ.

Licence Issuers

A list of licence issuers by community can be found on the ministry's website at environment.gov.sk.ca/licences.

Canadian Resident Draw Seasons

Hunting in wildlife management units (WMUs) and national wildlife areas are allowed when they fall within a wildlife management zone (WMZ) listed in the following pages as being open for big game with the exception of Fort à La Corne WMU and the St. Denis National Wildlife Research Area. See Special Lands Provisions for more information.

Draw White-tailed Deer - Canadian Residents Only		
Wildlife Management Zones Open	Season Dates	Bag Limit
WMZs 1, 2E, 2W, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7E WMZ TW, including Cypress Hills Provincial Park (West Block) WMZs 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 WMZ 13, including that portion of Saskatchewan Landing Provincial Park south of the South Saskatchewan River WMZ 14E, including that portion of Saskatchewan Landing Provincial Park north of the South Saskatchewan River WMZs 14W, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21 and 22 WMZ 23, including that portion of Douglas Provincial Park located west of Diefenbaker Lake (Gordon McKenzie Arm) WMZs 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 and 32 WMZ 33, including Moose Mountain Provincial Park WMZs 34, 35 and 36 WMZ 37, including Duck Mountain Provincial Park WMZs 38, 39, 40, 41, 42E, 42W, 43, 44, 45E, 45W, 46, 47, 52 and 54	rifle Nov. 25 - Dec. 2	one white- tailed deer, either-sex
Saskatoon WMZ (Designate SMZ) Regina/Moose Jaw WMZ (Designate RMZ)	archery and crossbow Sept. 15 - Dec. 2 muzzleloader Oct. 15 - Dec. 2 shotgun Nov. 25 - Dec. 2	one white- tailed deer, either-sex
Prince Albert WMZ (Designate PMZ)	archery and crossbow Sept. 15 - Dec. 2	one white- tailed deer, either-sex
WMZs 48 and 49 WMZ 50, including Fort à La Corne WMU WMZs 53 and 55 Note: Hunting in Fort à la Corne WMU from Nov. 25 - Dec. 2 only	archery Sept. 1 - Oct. 31 muzzleloader and crossbow Oct. 1 - Oct. 31 rifle Nov. 25 - Dec. 2	one white- tailed deer, either-sex

Reminder to Hunters

Please check with authorities prior to importing wildlife to your home state or province. Other jurisdictions may have additional requirements or restrictions for importing game animals taken in Saskatchewan.

Draw White-tailed Deer - Canadian Resident	s Only	
Wildlife Management Zones Open	Season Dates	Bag Limit
WMZ 56, including Greenwater Lake Provincial Park and Round Lake Recreation Site, WMZ 57, including Woody River Recreation Site WMZ 58 WMZ 59, including Wildcat Hill Provincial Park WMZs 60, 61 and 62 WMZ 63, including the southern portion of Narrow Hills Provincial Park WMZ 64, including Great Blue and the southern portion of Clarence-Steepbank Lakes provincial parks WMZ 65, including the northern portion of both Clarence- Steepbank Lakes and Narrow Hills provincial parks WMZs 66 and 67 WMZ 68S, including Bronson Forest Recreation Site WMZ 68N WMZ 69, including Meadow Lake Provincial Park	archery, muzzleloader and crossbow Sept. 1 - Oct. 31 rifle Nov. 1 - Dec. 2	one white- tailed deer, either-sex

Quotas Subject to Change

- Tentative 2015 licence quotas for Canadian resident white-tailed deer (Draw closed June, 2015):
 - 1(15), 2E(10), 2W(10), 3(5), 4(10), 5(20), 6(30), 7E(5), 7W(5), 8(10), 9(25), 10(5), 11(5), 12(5), 13(20), 14E(10), 14W(20), 15(10), 16(5), 17(5), 18(10), 19(15), 21(30), 22(15), 23(15), 24(10), 25(5), 26(5), 27(5), 28(20), 29(15), 30(10), 31(5), 32(5), 33(10), 34(25), 35(5), 36(15), 37(45), 38(15), 39(30), 40(10), 41(20), 42E(10), 42W(15), 43(5), 44(15), 45E(20), 45W(25), 46(25), 47(60), 48(15), 49(30), 50(45), 52(15), 53(30), 54(50), 55 (95), 56(20), 57(5), 58(5), 59(15), 60(5), 61(5), 62(5), 63(5), 64(5), 65(5), 66(5), 67(40), 68S(15), 68N(5), 69(20), SMZ(20), RMZ (10), PMZ(5).
- Rifle hunting is not permitted in Regina/Moose Jaw and Saskatoon WMZ. Shotguns may not be used during the muzzleloader season.
- Archery and crossbow hunting only in Prince Albert WMZ.
- In provincial parks and recreation sites open to hunting, white-tailed hunting is prohibited until September 10.



Regular Seasons

Hunting in wildlife management units (WMUs) and national wildlife areas is allowed when they fall within a wildlife management zone (WMZ) is listed in the following pages as being open for big game with the exception of Fort à La Corne WMU and the St. Denis National Wildlife Research Area. See Special Lands Provisions for more information.

When a series of WMZs are listed, it includes all zones within the series (eg. WMZ 1 to 10 includes zones 1, 2E, 2W, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7E, 7W, 8, 9 and 10).

White-tailed Deer - Saskatchewan Residents Only		
Wildlife Management Zones Open	Season Dates	Bag Limit
WMZs 1 to 47, 52 and 54, including Cypress Hills Provincial Park (West Block), Saskatchewan Landing, Duck Mountain and Moose Mountain provincial parks, and in that portion of Douglas Provincial Park lying west of Diefenbaker Lake (Gordon McKenzie Arm)	archery Sept. 15 - Oct. 14 muzzleloader and crossbow Oct. 1 - Oct. 14 rifle Nov. 20 - Dec. 2	one white- tailed deer, either-sex
Regina/Moose Jaw and Saskatoon WMZs	archery and crossbow Sept. 15 - Dec. 2 muzzleloader Oct. 15 - Dec. 2 shotgun Nov. 15 - Dec. 2	one white- tailed deer, either-sex
Prince Albert WMZ	archery and crossbow Sept. 15 - Dec. 2	one white- tailed deer, either-sex
WMZs 48 to 50, 53 and 55, and Fort à la Corne WMU	archery Sept. 1 - Oct. 31 muzzleloader and crossbow Oct. 1 - Oct. 31 rifle Nov. 1 - Dec. 7	one white- tailed deer, either-sex
WMZs 56 to 69, including Greenwater Lake, Great Blue Heron, Meadow Lake, Narrow Hills, Wildcat Hill and Clarence- Steepbank Lakes provincial parks and in Bronson Forest, Woody River and Round Lake recreation sites	archery, muzzleloader and crossbow Sept. 1 - Oct. 31 rifle Oct. 1 - Dec. 7	one white- tailed deer, either-sex
WMZs 70 to 73, in Lac La Ronge Provincial Park and that portion of Clearwater River Provincial Park located south of 57 degrees north latitude	rifle Sept. 1 - Dec. 7	one white- tailed deer, either-sex

- No rifle hunting in Saskatoon WMZ and Regina/Moose Jaw WMZ. Shotguns may not be used during the muzzleloader season.
- Archery and crossbow hunting only in Prince Albert WMZ.
- In provincial parks and recreation sites which are open to hunting within WMZs 56 to 73, white-tailed deer hunting is prohibited until September 10.

Antlerless White-tailed Deer - Saskatchewan Residents Only		
Wildlife Management Zones Open	Season Dates	Bag Limit
Saskatoon WMZ	archery and crossbow Sept. 15 - Dec. 2 muzzleloader Oct. 15 - Dec. 2 shotgun Nov. 15 - Dec. 2	one antlerless white-tailed deer
Prince Albert WMZ	archery and crossbow Sept. 15 - Dec. 2	one antlerless white-tailed deer

- Antlerless white-tailed deer season open in Saskatoon and Prince Albert WMZs only.
- No rifle hunting in Saskatoon WMZ. Shotguns may not be used during the muzzleloader season.
- Archery and crossbow hunting only in Prince Albert WMZ.
- Antlerless white-tailed deer is a doe or 2015 fawn.
- The head or proof of sex of an antlerless white-tailed deer must accompany the hide and carcass.

Moose - Saskatchewan Residents Only		
Wildlife Management Zones Open	Season Dates	Bag Limit
WMZs 55 to 59, 63 to 69, including Great Blue Heron, Narrow Hills, Meadow Lake, Wildcat Hill and Clarence-Steepbank Lakes provincial parks, and Bronson Forest, Woody River and Round Lake recreation sites	archery, Sept. 15 - Sept. 30 archery, muzzleloader, crossbow, shotgun and rifle Oct. 15 - Oct. 31 Nov. 20 - Nov. 30	one bull moose
WMZs 70 to 76, including Lac La Ronge, Athabasca Sand Dunes and Clearwater River provincial parks	archery, muzzleloader, crossbow, shotgun and rifle Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	one bull moose

- Bull moose is a male moose that is at least one year old.
- The antlers of bull moose must accompany the carcass.
- In provincial parks and recreation sites which are open to hunting within WMZs 70 to 76, moose hunting is prohibited until September 10.

Elk - Saskatchewan Residents Only		
Wildlife Management Zones Open	Season Dates	Bag Limit
WMZs 48 to 50, 53, 55 to 67, 68S and 69, including Great Blue Heron, Narrow Hills, Meadow Lake, Wildcat Hill and Clarence-Steepbank Lakes provincial arks, and Bronson Forest, Woody River and Round Lake recreation sites and that portion of WMZ 47 located north of Highway 3 and north of Highway 26	archery Aug. 20 - Sept. 4 and Oct. 1 - Oct. 4	one elk, either-sex
WMZs 48, 49, 56 to 59, including Wildcat Hill Provincial Park, and Woody River and Round Lake Recreation Site	archery, muzzleloader, crossbow, shotgun and rifle Sept. 15 - Sept. 30	one elk, either-sex
WMZs 50, 53, 55, 60 to 67, 68S and 69, including Great Blue Heron, Narrow Hills, Meadow Lake and Clarence-Steepbank Lakes Provincial Parks and Bronson Forest Recreations Site and that portion of WMZ 47 located north of Highway 3 and north of Highway 26	archery, muzzleloader, crossbow, shotgun and rifle Sept. 15 - Sept. 30	one bull elk

- Bull elk is a male elk having an antler at least 15 centimetres in length as measured on the outside of the curve from the antler from the skull to the tip.
- An antlerless elk is a cow or a 2015 calf.
- The antlers of bull elk must accompany the carcass in the bull elk season.
- In provincial parks and recreation sites open to hunting, elk hunting is prohibited until September 10.
- No regular elk hunting in Fort à la Corne WMU.

Archery Mule Deer - Saskatchewan Residents Only		
Wildlife Management Zones Open	Season Dates	Bag Limit
WMZs 1, 2E, 4 to 6, 9, 10, 13, 19, 21 to 27, 41, 44 to 47 and 54, including that portion of Saskatchewan Landing Provincial Park south of the South Saskatchewan River and that portion of Douglas Provincial Park located west of Diefenbaker Lake (Gordon McKenzie Arm)	archery Sept. 15 - Oct. 14	one mule deer, either- sex
Saskatoon WMZ	archery and crossbow Sept. 15 - Dec. 2	one mule deer either- sex

- Hunters who are successful in the either-sex mule deer draw cannot purchase an archery mule deer licence.
- Hunters are reminded to confirm that their hunting area has an open archery mule deer season.

Barren-ground Caribou - Saskatchewan Residents of Zone 76 Only		
Wildlife Management Zones Open	Season Dates	Bag Limit
WMZs 76 Note: Only residents of WMZ 76 can purchase this licence.	archery, muzzleloader, crossbow, shotgun and rifle	one either- sex barren- ground caribou,
	Oct. 15, 2015 - April 14, 2016	per licence

- "Resident of WMZ 76" means a Saskatchewan resident who has lived in WMZ 76 for three months immediately preceding the date of licence purchase.
- Saskatchewan 1st and 2nd barren-ground caribou licences are only available from the Ministry of Environment office in Stoney Rapids.

Guided Moose - All Hunters		
Wildlife Management Zones Open	Season Dates	Bag Limit
WMZs 60 to 62	archery, muzzleloader, crossbow, shotgun and rifle Oct. 1 - Oct. 14 and Nov. 1 - Nov. 14	one bull moose
WMZ 69	archery Sept. 15 - Sept. 30 archery, muzzleloader, crossbow, shotgun and rifle Oct. 15 - Oct. 31 and Nov. 20 - Nov. 30	one bull moose
WMZs 70 to 76, including Lac La Ronge, Athabasca Sand Dunes and Clearwater River provincial parks	archery, muzzleloader, crossbow, shotgun and rifle Sept. 1 - Nov. 30	one bull moose

- Bull moose is a male moose that is at least one year old.
- In provincial parks and recreation sites which are open to hunting, moose hunting is prohibited until September 10.
- All Canadian and non-resident moose hunters must use the services of a licensed outfitter and possess a guided moose licence.
- Saskatchewan resident hunters wishing to hunt in the guided moose season must also use an outfitter and possess a guided moose licence.
- The antlers of bull moose must accompany the carcass.

Black Bear - All Hunters (Regular and Guided Seasons)		
Wildlife Management Zones Open	Season Dates	Bag Limit
WMZs 30, 34 to 40 and 42 to 50 and 52 to 76	archery, muzzleloader, crossbow, shotgun and rifle Apr. 15 - June 30 and Aug. 25 - Oct. 14	one black bear, either- sex
Duck Mountain, Greenwater Lake, Great Blue Heron, Lac La Ronge, Clarence-Steepbank Lakes, Narrow Hills and Meadow Lake provincial parks, and Bronson Forest, Woody River and Round Lake recreation sites	archery, muzzleloader, crossbow, shotgun and rifle Apr. 15 - May 31 and Sept. 10 - Oct. 14	one black bear, either- sex
Wildcat Hill, Clearwater River and Athabasca Sand Dunes provincial parks and Fort à la Corne WMU	archery, muzzleloader, crossbow, shotgun and rifle Apr. 15 - June 30 and Sept. 10 - Oct. 14	one black bear, either- sex
Prince Albert WMZ	archery and crossbow Apr. 15 - May 31 and Sept. 10 - Oct. 14	one black bear, either- sex

- All non-resident hunters must use the services of a licensed outfitter and possess a guided black bear licence.
- Canadian residents have the option of using the services of an outfitter by purchasing a guided bear licence.
- No colour dress requirements for archery, crossbow, muzzleloader and shotgun hunters.
- No hunting of female bears with young of the year cubs at heel.
- Archery and crossbow hunting only in Prince Albert WMZ.

Notice of Hunter Inspections

Conservation officers will be checking for compliance with hunting regulations in hunting areas throughout the province and at border crossings during hunting seasons. A hunting or trapping violation may result in a fine and/or the loss of hunting privileges.

Guided White-tailed Deer - (Canadian and Non-resident Hunters)		
Wildlife Management Zones Open	Season Dates	Bag Limit
WMZs 56 to 66 and 69, including Greenwater Lake, Great Blue Heron, Meadow Lake, Narrow Hills, Wildcat Hill and Clarence- Steepbank Lakes provincial parks and Woody River and Round Lake recreation sites	archery, muzzleloader and crossbow Sept. 1 - Oct. 31 rifle Oct. 1 - Dec. 7	one white- tailed deer, either-sex
WMZs 67, 68S and 68N including Bronson Forest Recreation Site	archery, muzzleloader and crossbow Sept. 1 - Oct. 31 rifle Nov. 1 - Dec. 7	one white- tailed deer, either-sex
WMZs 70 to 73, including Lac La Ronge Provincial Park and that portion of Clearwater River Provincial Park located south of 57 degrees north latitude	rifle Sept. 1 - Dec. 7	one white- tailed deer, either-sex

- In provincial parks and recreation sites which are open to hunting, white-tailed deer hunting is prohibited until September 10.
- Non-residents of Canada must use the services of a licensed outfitter while hunting white-tailed deer.
- Canadian residents who were not successful in the white-tailed deer draw can hunt
 white-tailed deer by using the services of an outfitter and possessing a guided white-tailed
 deer licence.
- Guided white-tailed deer archery, muzzleloader, crossbow, shotgun and rifle seasons are in place in portions of some forest fringe WMZs. For additional information contact a Ministry of Environment office.

Guided Hunts

For a list of outfitters offering guided hunts, contact: Saskatchewan Outfitters Association Box 572 Station Main Saskatoon, SK S7K 3L6 phone: 306-668-1388; fax: 306-668-1353; email: soa@sasktel.net

Upland Game Birds (Saskatchewan Residents Only)

Ring-necked Pheasants		
Open Game Bird Districts	Season Dates	Bag Limit
*South Game Bird District	Oct. 1 - Dec. 31	Daily limit: 3 (Cocks only) Possession limit: 6
Sharp-tailed Grouse		
North Game Bird District	Sept. 15 - Dec. 7	Daily limit: 2 Possession limit: 4
*South Game Bird District	Sept. 15 - Nov. 14	
Gray (Hungarian) Partridge		
North and *South Game Bird Districts	Sept. 15 - Dec. 31	Daily limit: 4 Possession limit: 8
Ruffed Grouse		
North and *South Game Bird Districts	Sept. 15 - Dec. 31	Daily limit: 10 Possession limit: 20
Spruce Grouse		
North Game Bird District	Sept. 15 - Dec. 31	Daily limit: 10 Possession limit: 20
Ptarmigan (Willow and Rock)		
North Game Bird District	Nov. 1 - Mar. 31	Daily limit: 10 Possession limit: 20

Additional Information

North Game Bird District includes:

WMZs 43, 47 to 76, Fort à la Corne WMU, Clearwater River, Clarence-Steepbank Lakes, Athabasca Sand Dunes, Greenwater Lake, Great Blue Heron, Lac La Ronge, Meadow Lake, Narrow Hills and Wildcat Hill provincial parks, and Bronson Forest, Woody River and Round Lake recreation sites and Prairie National Wildlife Area Units 1, 4, 6 and 7.

Prince Albert WMZ is closed to all game bird hunting.

South Game Bird District includes:

WMZs 1 to 42, 44 to 46, Saskatoon and Regina/Moose Jaw WMZs, Duck Mountain, Moose Mountain and Saskatchewan Landing provincial parks, Cypress Hills Provincial Park (West Block), that portion of Douglas Provincial Park located west of Diefenbaker Lake (Gordon McKenzie Arm) and Bradwell, Tway and Webb National Wildlife Areas and Prairie National Wildlife Units 2, 3, 5 and 8 to 28.

*including Last Mountain Lake and Stalwart national wildlife areas.

Upland Game Bird Survey

This voluntary survey asks participants to submit observations of upland game bird species throughout the year. For those interested in contributing to upland game bird management in the province, see page 12 for more information. Thank you.

Upland Game Birds (Canadian and Non-residents)

Sharp-tailed Grouse		
Open Game Bird Districts	Season Dates	Bag Limit
North Game Bird District	Sept. 15 - Dec. 7	Daily limit: 2 Season limit: 4 Use of harvest ledger to track
*South Game Bird District	Sept. 15 - Nov. 14	season limit is required
Gray (Hungarian) Partridge		
North Game Bird District	Sept. 15 - Dec. 7	Daily limit 4: Season limit: 8 Use of harvest ledger to track
*South Game Bird District	Sept. 15 - Nov. 14	season limit is required
Ruffed Grouse		
North Game Bird District	Sept. 15 - Dec. 7	Daily limit: 10 Possession limit: 20
*South Game Bird District	Sept. 15 - Nov. 14	
Spruce Grouse		
North Game Bird District	Sept. 15 - Dec. 7	Daily limit: 10 Possession limit: 20

Additional Information

North Game Bird District includes:

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Canadian and Non-resident Game Bird Hunters

Upon taking a sharp-tailed grouse or gray partridge, hunters must immediately record in ink the year, month and day of the kill on their harvest ledger.

^{*}including Last Mountain Lake and Stalwart national wildlife areas.

Migratory Game Birds (Saskatchewan and Canadian Residents)

Dark Geese (Canada, cackling and white-fronted geese)				
Open Game Bird Districts	Season Dates	Bag Limit		
North and South Game Bird Districts	Sept. 1 - Dec. 16	Daily limit: 8 (only 5 may be white- fronted) Possession limit: three times daily limit		
White Geese (white and blue p	hase snow gees	se and Ross' geese)		
North and South Game Bird Districts	Sept. 1 - Dec. 16	Daily limit: 20 Possession limit: No possession limit		
Sandhill Cranes				
North and South Game Bird Districts Note: Sandhill Crane hunting is prohibited in Last Mountain Lake National Wildlife Area.	Sept. 1 - Dec. 16	Daily limit: 5 Possession limit: 15		
Ducks				
North and South Game Bird Districts	Sept. 1 - Dec. 16	Daily limit: 8 (only 4 may be pintails) Possession limit: three times daily limit		
Coots and Snipe				
North and South Game Bird Districts	Sept. 1 - Dec. 16	Daily limit: 10 (each species) Possession limit: three times daily		

- See the Upland Game Bird section for the definition of the North and South Game Bird District.
- Before October 15, hunting for dark geese is restricted to morning only (one-half hour before sunrise to 12:00 noon) in the South Game Bird District and WMZs 43, 47 to 50, 52 to 59 and 67 to 69.
- White geese may be hunted all day (one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset) in both the South and North Game Bird District.
- Electronic calls using white goose vocalization (snow and/or Ross' goose) may be used to hunt white geese with no restrictions on the type or colour of the decoys used.
- In Last Mountain Lake and Stalwart national wildlife areas all waterfowl hunting is prohibited until September 20.
- · Prince Albert WMZ is closed to all game bird hunting.

Migratory Game Birds (Non-residents)

Dark Geese (Canada, cackling and white-fronted geese)				
Open Game Bird Districts	Season Dates	Bag Limit		
North Game Bird District	Sept. 1 - Dec. 16	Daily limit: 8 (only 5 may be white- fronted)		
South Game Bird District	Sept. 10 - Dec. 16	Possession limit: three times daily limit		
White Geese (white and blue p	hase snow gees	se and Ross' geese)		
North and South Game Bird Districts	Sept. 1 - Dec. 16	Daily limit: 20 Possession limit: No possession limit		
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Additional Information

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- Electronic calls using white goose vocalization (snow and/or Ross' goose) may be used to hunt white geese with no restrictions on the type or colour of the decoys used.
- In Last Mountain Lake and Stalwart national wildlife areas all waterfowl hunting is prohibited until September 20.
- Prince Albert Wildlife Management Zone is closed to all game bird hunting.

Waterfowl Hunters

All day hunting for dark geese begins October 15.

Non-toxic Shot

The use of non-toxic shot is required for hunting migratory game birds in Canada. Non-toxic shot means bismuth shot, steel shot, tin shot, tungsten-bronze-iron shot, tungsten-iron shot, tungsten-iron-nickel-copper shot, tungsten-matrix shot, tungsten-nickel-iron shot or tungsten-polymer shot.

2016 Spring Snow Geese (All Hunters)

White Geese (white and blue phase snow geese and Ross' geese)			
Open Game Bird Districts	Season Dates	Bag Limit	
North and South Game Bird Districts	March 15 - June 15, 2016	Daily limit: 20 Possession limit: no possession limit	

Additional Information

- Hunters are required to have a 2015 Federal Migratory Game Bird Permit and stamp in their possession while hunting white geese.
- Provincial game bird licence or habitat certificates are not required.
- White geese including Ross' geese may be hunted all day (one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset) in both the game bird districts.

Whooping Cranes

Whooping Cranes are protected. If you observe one, call the Whooping Crane Hotline at 306-975-5595 or contact your nearest ministry office.

Waterfowler Heritage Days

Waterfowler Heritage Days will be held from September 5 to 7 and October 10 to 12, 2015. These days allow youth under 18 years of age to hunt waterfowl during these dates without the requirement of a federal migratory bird permit while under the supervision of an adult hunter. Young hunters must be Saskatchewan residents and require a provincial game bird licence (available as part of the youth game licence) and must have graduated from a firearm safety/hunter education course. The supervising hunter must be an adult, be fully licensed, and is not allowed to carry a firearm. Up to two youth hunters can be supervised at one time.

Trapping Seasons (Saskatchewan Residents Only)

*See website environment.gov.sk.ca/trapping for the list of RMs with open season status for beaver.

Species	Season Dates	Additional Information
Arctic Fox	Oct. 15, 2015 - Mar. 15, 2016	Province wide
Badger	Nov. 1, 2015 - Apr. 15, 2016	Province wide
Bear	Sept. 1, 2015 - May 31, 2016	Fur Conservation Areas only
Beaver	Oct. 1, 2015 - May 31, 2016	Fur Conservation Areas only
	Oct. 1, 2015 - May 31, 2016	Except In RMs with an open season bylaw
Bobcat	Oct. 15, 2015 - Mar. 15, 2016	Province wide
Coyote	Oct. 15, 2015 - Mar. 15, 2016	In Fur Conservation Areas
	Open Season	Outside Fur Conservation Areas
Fisher	Nov. 1, 2015 - Mar. 1, 2016	Province wide
Fox (Red, Silver, Cross)	Oct. 15, 2015 - Mar. 15, 2016	Province wide
Lynx	Nov. 1, 2015 - Mar. 1, 2016	Province wide
Marten	Nov. 1, 2015 - Mar. 1, 2016	Province wide
Mink	Nov. 1, 2015 - Mar. 1, 2016	Province wide
Muskrat	Oct. 15, 2015 - May 31, 2016	Province wide
Otter	Nov. 1, 2015 - Apr. 30, 2016	Province wide
Raccoon	Open season	Province wide
Skunk	Open season	Province wide
Squirrel	Nov. 1, 2015 - Mar. 15, 2016	Province wide
Weasel	Nov. 1, 2015 - Mar. 1, 2016	Province wide
Wolf	Oct. 15, 2015 - Mar. 15, 2016	Province wide
Wolverine	Oct. 15, 2015 - Feb. 15, 2016	Province wide

Summary of Trapping Regulations and Information

General Information

The province is divided into two trapping areas:

Northern Fur Conservation Blocks

- constitutes all Crown non-leased lands north of Highways 3, 35 and 49 and includes most of the Provincial Forest in central and northern Saskatchewan, Duck Mountain and Greenwater Lake provincial parks and Fort à La
- Corne WMU (portions of WMZ 40, 42W, 43, 45W, 47, 48, 49, 50, 52, 53, 55, 68N and all of WMZs 56 to 76). For additional information contact a Ministry of Environment office.
- This area is partitioned into 89 community-based Fur Conservation Areas, which are managed by individual trappers through an orderly membership system.

- Eligible trappers holding a valid fur conservation area fur licence or a Saskatchewan resident youth fur licence, may only trap in the Fur Conservation Area(s) in which they are a member.
- Trapping in a Fur Conservation
 Area is by application only through
 Ministry of Environment offices.

<u>South Saskatchewan Open Trapping</u> Area

- constitutes leased or private land primarily in that portion of Saskatchewan south of the provincial forest boundary (all leased or private lands within WMZs 1 to 55 and 68N).
- Eligible trappers holding a valid south Saskatchewan fur licence, or Saskatchewan resident youth fur licence may trap anywhere in the South Saskatchewan Open Trapping Area provided they have obtained right-of-access from the landowner (if private land), or occupant (lessee), or controlling government agency (if Crown land, AAFC/PFRA Community Pastures, Rural Municipality right-of-ways, etc.)

Trapping regulations

It is a violation to:

- hold a fur licence unless that person has previously held a fur licence or successfully completed a recognized trapping course or examination and a firearm safety/hunter education course.
- take furbearing animals without a fur licence except beaver (in select rural municipalities) coyotes, rabbits, raccoons and skunks.
 These species may be hunted year round without a licence by Saskatchewan residents in WMZs 1 to 55 (outside of the Fur Conservation Blocks).
- hold or apply for a fur licence while suspended.
- sell any furs without possessing a valid fur licence or fur dealer's licence.

- purchase pelts or fur animals from a licensed trapper or fur dealer without a permit (contact your local conservation officer for further information).
- send or take fur out of the province without obtaining an export permit.
- use a foot-hold trap on land for the restraint of any fur animal unless the trap has been set to kill the fur animal (i.e. quick-kill trap) or has been modified to improve humaneness.
- use or set a body-gripping trap that is not a certified trap for beaver, marten, fisher, muskrat or raccoon.
- use foot-hold traps for beaver, muskrat, otter or mink unless the trap is set so the animal drowns when caught.
- use foot-hold traps with an inside jaw opening more than 24 centimetres (9.5 inches).
- trap bears except with mechanically activated foot snares or "culvert cage" live traps.
- use traps with serrated jaws or teeth to take furbearing animals.
- use hooks or sharp devices to snag or spear furbearing animals.
- use neck snares without a special permit except to take beaver under the ice or to take squirrels and rabbits.
- use power snares (steel, springactivated power neck snares) without a special permit.
- tamper or interfere with legally placed traps unless authorized do so.
- trap on any land without permission of the landowner or occupant.
- fail to check traps or snares within one day when set within five kilometres of urban limits, three days when set on other lands in the southern zones and five days when set on lands within the Fur Conservation Block.

Trapper Education

First-time trappers must take a trapper education course or pass an equivalency exam before they can obtain a fur licence. The trapper education exam can be taken at Ministry of Environment offices. The Saskatchewan Trappers Association (STA) and Northern Saskatchewan Trappers Association Co-operative (NSTAC) offer recognized trapping education courses.

For information please contact: STA - Floyd Hendrickson - f.d.hend@sasktel.net

Update on implementing the Agreement on International Trapping Standards

Canada is a signatory to the Agreement on International Humane Trapping Standards (IHTS). This agreement states that only certified traps, where listed, can legally be used for trapping furbearers. However, provisions in the agreement will allow the continued use of traps that have not yet been tested, or traps for species where an insufficient number of traps have currently been certified.

This agreement came into effect in Saskatchewan on October 1, 2007. The table on page 51 shows the list of certified traps by species as of January 31, 2015. The most current listing of certified traps and humane trapping information can be found by checking the Fur Institute of Canada website at <u>fur.ca</u> or by phone at 613-231-7099 or by email at <u>info@fur.ca</u>.

In accordance with IHTS Agreement, Saskatchewan regulations state it is unlawful to use or set a body-gripping trap (killing) that is not a certified trap for the applicable species. Trappers are allowed to use existing traps if a certified device for that species has not been identified.

Following the Agreement, restraining (foot-hold) traps can be used on land for the restraint and live-capture of a fur animal if the trap has been modified to improve humaneness or is set in a manner that will kill the animal with reasonable dispatch. In Saskatchewan, conventional steel-jawed leg-hold traps can be modified to meet humane standards by:



As per the IHTS Agreement, all trappers will be required to use certified killing traps for three additional species commencing as follows: lynx and weasel in fall 2015, otter in fall 2016 and bobcat in fall 2018.

- offsetting the jaws so there is a minimum of five millimetres between the
 jaws when in a closed position. This can be accomplished by adding a bead
 of weld to the ends of the jaw edges to create a gap, or by grinding down a
 portion of the jaw edge;
- installing manufactured pads of a rubber-like substance fastened to the trap jaws. Wrapping the trap jaws with duct tape is not sufficient; and
- adding lamination to the trap jaws to increase the jaw thickness to nine millimetres or greater.

Additional Trapping Information

Saskatchewan Trappers Association:

Email: sasktrappers@sasktel.net
Website: sktrappers@sasktel.net

Northern Saskatchewan Trappers Association:

Phone: 306-635-9225

Ministry of Environment: Phone: 306-933-5767

Website: environment.gov.sk.ca/trapping

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Certified Traps – AIHTS Implementation in Canada

CERTIFIED KILLING (body gripping) TRAPS - (mandatory use)

BEAVER

Bélisle Classique 330 Bélisle Super X 280 Bélisle Super X 330 B.M.I. 280 Body Gripper B.M.I. 330 Body Gripper B.M.I. BT 300 Bridger 330 Duke 330 **LDL C280** LDL C280 Magnum **LDL C330** LDL C330 Magnum Rudy 280 Rudy 330 Sauvageau 1000-11F Sauvageau 2001-8 Sauvageau 2001-11 Sauvageau 2001-12 Species-Specific 330 Dislocator Half Magnum Species-Specific 440 Dislocator Half Magnum Woodstream Oneida Victor Conibear 280

FISHER

Woodstream Oneida

Bélisle Super X 120

Bélisle Super X 160

Bélisle Super X 220

Victor Conibear 330

Koro #2 LDL C160 Magnum LDL C220 Magnum Rudy 120 Magnum Rudv 160 Plus Rudy 220 Plus Sauvageau 2001-5 Sauvageau 2001-6 Sauvageau 2001-7 Sauvageau 2001-8

MARTEN Bélisle Super X 120 Bélisle Super X 160 B.M.I. 126 Magnum **Body Gripper LDL B120** Magnum LDL B160 Magnum Koro #1 Koro #2 Northwoods 155 Rudy 120 Magnum Rudy 160 Plus Sauvageau C120 Magnum Sauvageau 2001-5 Sauvageau 2001-6 RACCOON Bélisle Classique 220 Bélisle Super X 160 Bélisle Super X 220 Bélisle Super X 280 B.M.I. 160 Body Gripper B.M.I. 220 Body Gripper B.M.I. 280 Body Gripper B.M.I. 280 Magnum **Body Gripper** Bridger 160 Bridger 220 Duke 160 Duke 220 Koro #2 LDL C160 LDL C160 Magnum LDL C220 LDL C220 Magnum LDL C280 Magnum Northwoods 155 Rudv 160 Rudy 160 Plus Rudy 220 Rudy 220 Plus Sauvageau 2001-6 Sauvageau 2001-7 Sauvageau 2001-8

Species-Specific 220

Magnum

Dislocator Half

Woodstream Oneida Victor Conibear 160 Woodstream Oneida Victor Conibear 220 CANADA LYNX (mandatory fall 2015) Bélisle Super X 280 Bélisle Super X 330 B.M.I 220 Body Gripper B.M.I 280 Magnum Body Gripper B.M.I 220 Magnum Body

Bridger 220 **LDL C220** LDL C220 Magnum LCL C280 Magnum LCL C330 Rudy 330

B.M.I 280 Body Gripper

Gripper

Sauvageau 2001-8 Sauvageau 2001-11 Woodstream Oneida Victor Conibear 330

(mandatory fall 2015)

Bélisle Super X 110

Bélisle Super X 120

WEASEL

B.M.I #60 B.M.I 120 Body Gripper Magnum B.M.I 126 Body Gripper Magnum Bridger 120 Koro Muskrat Trap Koro Rodent Trap LDL B120 Magnum Ouell 411-180 **Ouell 3-10 Ouell RM** Rudy 120 Magnum Sauvageau C120 Magnum Sauvageau C120 "Reverse Bend" Sauvageau 2001-5 Triple M

Victor Rat Trap

Woodstream Oneida

Woodstream Oneida

Victor Conibear 110

Victor Conibear 120

MUSKRAT

on land Bélisle Super X 110 Bélisle Super X 120 B.M.I 120 Body Gripper B.M.I 120 Body Gripper Magnum B.M.I 126 Body Gripper Magnum Bridger 120 Duke 120 Koro Muskrat Trap **LDL B120** LDL B120 Magnum Ouell 411-180 Ouell RM Rudy 110 Rudy 120 Rudy 120 magnum Sauvageau 2001-5 Sauvageau C120 Magnum Sauvageau C120 "Reverse Bend"

Triple M Woodstream Oneida Victor Conibear 110 Woodstream Oneida Victor Conibear 120

MUSKRAT

underwater Any jaw type trap (body gripping or leghold) set as a submersion set that exerts clamping force on a muskrat and that maintains a muskrat underwater.

CERTIFIED KILLING (body gripping) TRAPS - (Certified but not yet mandatory)

BOBCAT

Bélisle Super X 280 Bélisle Super X 330 B.M.I 220 Body Gripper B.M.I 280 Magnum Body Gripper B.M.I 220 Magnum Body Gripper B.M.I 280 Body Gripper Bridger 220 **LDL C220** LDL C220 Magnum LCL C280 Magnum **LDL C330** Rudy 330 Sauvageau 2001-8 Sauvageau 2001-11 Woodstream Oneida Victor Conibear 330

OTTER

Bélisle Super X 220

Bélisle Super X 280

Bélisle Super X 330 LDL C220 LDL C220 Magnum LDL C280 Magnum Sauvageau 2001-8 Sauvageau 2001-11 Sauvageau 2001-12 Rudy 220 PLUS Rudy 280 Rudy 330 Woodstream Oneida Victor Conibear 220 Woodstream Oneida Victor Conibear 280 Woodstream Oneida Victor Conibear 330

BADGER

Continued use of existing killing traps is allowed. Certified traps have not been identified for this species.

CERTIFIED RESTRAINING (foot hold) TRAPS – mandatory

CANADA LYNX

Bélisle Footsnare #6 Bélisle Sélectif Oneida Victor #3 Soft Catch equipped with 2 coil springs Oneida Victor #3 Soft Catch equipped with 4 coil springs Oneida Victor #3 equipped with at least 8 mm thick. non-offset steel jaws, 4 coil springs and an anchoring swivel centre mounted on a base plate

CERTIFIED RESTRAINING (foot hold) TRAPS – (Certified but not yet mandatory)

Bélisle Footsnare #6

Oneida Victor #1.5 Soft

Bélisle Sélectif

COYOTE

Catch equipped with 2 coil spring Oneida Victor #1.5 Soft Catch equipped with 4 coil spring Oneida Victor 1.75 equipped with 3/16inch offset, double rounded steel jaw laminations (3/16inch on top side of jaw and 1/4-inch on underside of jaws), with a 4 coil springs Oneida Victor #3 Soft Catch equipped with

2 coil spring

Oneida Victor #3
equipped with 3/16inch offset, double
rounded steel jaw
laminations (3/16inch on topside of
jaw and 1/4-inch on
underside of jaws),
with 2 coil springs.
Oneida Victor #3
equipped with 3/16inch offset, double
rounded steel jaw

equipped with 3/16inch offset, double rounded steel jaw laminations (3/16inch on topside of jaw and 1/4-inch on underside of jaws), with 4 coil springs.

Bridger #3 equipped
with 5/16-inch offset,
double rounded
steel jaw
laminations (3/16inch on topside of
jaw and 1/4-inch on
underside of jaws),
with 4 coil springs
and an anchoring
swivel centre
mounted on a base
plate.

WOLF

Bélisle Footsnare #8

Bridger Alaskan #5 Offset and Laminated Jaws Bridger Alaskan #5 Rubber Jaws Livestock Protection EZ Grip No. 7 MB 750 Alaskan OS (3/8')Oneida Victor #3 Soft Catch equipped with 4 coil springs, a minimum 8 mm thick base plate and an anchoring swivel mounted on a base plate Rudy Red Wolf 4 1/2 Bridger Brawn no 9

Rubber Jaws

BOBCAT

Bélisle Sélectif

Bélisle Footsnare #6

4 coil springs

Oneida Victor #1.5 Soft

Catch equipped with

Oneida Victor #1.75,
offset, laminated
jaws equipped with
2 coil springs
Oneida Victor #3 Soft
Catch equipped with
2 coil springs
Oneida Victor #3 Soft
Catch equipped with
4 coil springs
Oneida Victor #3 offset,
laminated jaws
equipped with 2 coil
springs

RACCOON

Duffer Egg Trap Lil' Get'rz Duke DP Coon trap

Neck Snares

Neck snares are not covered under the Agreement on International Humane Trapping Standards and may be used with a special permit subject to existing provincial regulations and policy. Check with a conservation officer for more details.



Respect Private Land

85 per cent of southern Saskatchewan is comprised of privately-owned or controlled lands.

Please remember to get permission to access private land even if it is not posted. Always follow the landowner's wishes regarding vehicle access and minimize any damage to trails or roads caused by your vehicle.

Signs are available for landowners wishing to post instructions to hunters. Contact your nearest ministry office for free signs.

If you see a hunting violation, call the toll-free number or submit the report online. Phone lines are open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.



2015 Sunrise/Sunset Times

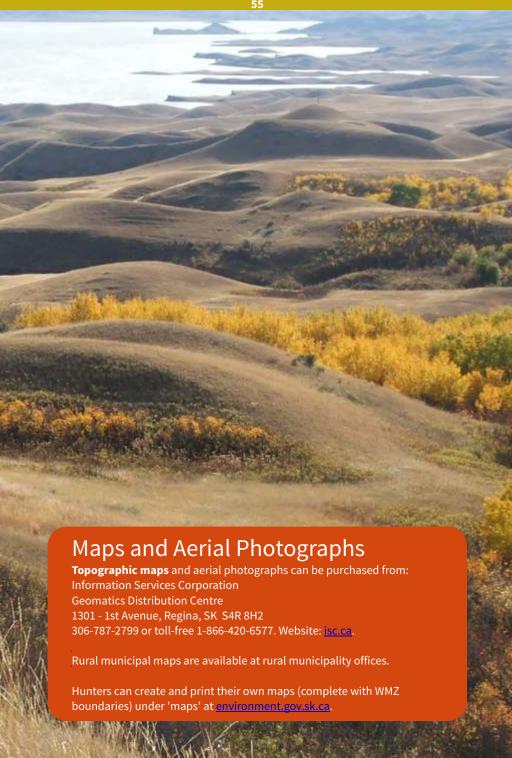
No hunting of wildlife permitted between one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise.

To calculate times for your hunting area, subtract one minute for every 16 kilometres (10 miles) east of 106 degrees longitude or add one minute for every 16 kilometres west of 106 degrees longitude.

Times were captured at 52.000 Latitude, 106.000 Logitude near Colonsay, SK **To check times in your local area, visit** sunrisesunset.com

Week ending	Sunrise (a.m.)	Sunset (p.m.)	Week ending	Sunrise (a.m.)	Sunset (p.m.)
August 16	5:49	8:28	October 25	7:45	5:51
August 23	6:00	8:14	November 1	7:58	5:38
August 30	6:11	7:58	November 8	8:10	5:25
September 6	6:23	7:42	November 15	8:23	5:14
September 13	6:34	7:26	November 22	8:35	5:05
September 20	6:46	7:10	November 29	8:46	4:58
September 27	6:57	6:53	December 6	8:55	4:54
October 4	7:09	6:37	December 13	9:03	4:52
October 11	7:21	6:21	December 20	9:09	4:54
October 18	7:33	6:06	December 27	9:12	4:58



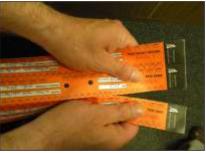


Hunters, ensure you use the correct seal to tag your harvested animal:

Please confirm you are using the seal that matches the big game species you have harvested before separating the seal. It is unlawful to hunt with seals that have been separated. If you accidentally separate your seals you must obtain a replacement seal from a ministry office.



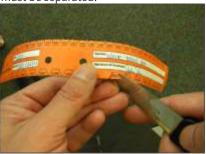
Information to be completed by the hunter including species and year for which the seal is valid.



Upon taking a big game animal, the three-part seal (meat, hide and antler/head) must be separated.



Options for securing seal (string, plastic tie, twist tie, wire etc.).



Cut out the year, month and day of harvest on each seal.



Fold seal and insert the tie through both holes.



Secure appropriate seal to hide, meat and antler or head of the animal.



Planning to burn debris this fall?

Did you know that wind is a big factor when lighting an open fire?

If you're planning to burn debris this fall:

- ensure the wind is under 10km/hour for both the day of the burn AND the day after; and
- check the province-wide ratings online to ensure the fire rating in your area is low.

If you spot a fire, call 911 immediately.



Have a Question? Call **1-800-567-4224** (in North America) or email **centre.inquiry@gov.sk.ca**

Ministry of Environment Offices

If you need hunting information or wish to report a hunting violation, contact the nearest Ministry of Environment office listed below. The area code for all numbers is 306.

Assiniboia 642-7242	Melville
Beauval 288-4710	Moose Jaw
Big River	Moose Mountain577-2600
Buffalo Narrows 235-1740	Nipawin862-1790
Candle Lake929-8400	North Battleford 446-7416
Christopher Lake 982-6250	Outlook867-5560
Creighton688-8812	Pierceland839-6250
Dorintosh236-7680	Pinehouse 884-2060
Duck Mountain 542-5500	Porcupine Plain 278-3515
Estevan 637-4600	Preeceville 547-5660
Fort Qu'Appelle 332-3215	Prince Albert953-2322
Greenwater 278-3515	Regina787-2080
Hudson Bay 865-4400	Rowan's Ravine 725-5200
Humboldt 682-6726	Saskatoon933-6240
Kindersley	Shaunavon 297-5433
La Ronge 425-4234	Southend
Leader 628-3100	Spiritwood 883-8501
Lloydminster 825-6430	Stony Rapids 439-2062
Loon Lake 837-2410	Swift Current
Maple Creek 662-5434	Wadena338-6254
Meadow Lake 236-7557	Weyburn 848-2344
Melfort	Yorkton 786-1463

Services to Hunters

Canadian Wildlife Service	306-975-4087
Saskatchewan Outfitters Association - Saskatoon	306-668-1388
Information Services Corporation of Sask. (maps) - Regina	306-787-2799
Toll Free	1-866-420-6577
Tourism Saskatchewan - Regina area	306-787-2300
(Travel Information) - Toll Free North America	1-877-237-2273
Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation - Moose Jaw	306-692-8812
Canadian Firearms Centre	1-800-731-4000
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Denver, Colorado)	303-236-7540
S.A.F.E Saskatchewan Association of Firearm Education	306-352-6730
	saskhuntered.ca
Bow Hunter Education Information	saskbowhunters.ca
Ministry of Environment Inquiry Line	1-800-567-4224
Nature Conservancy of Canada (Regina)	306-347-0447
Ducks Unlimited Canada (Regina)	306-569-0424

Biologists

Barren-ground caribou and woodland caribou (La Ronge)	306-425-4237
Moose and bison (Meadow Lake)	306-236-9819
White-tailed and mule deer (Saskatoon)	306-229-3279
Pronghorn (Swift Current)	306-778-8522
Elk (Prince Albert)	306-953-2695
Game birds (Saskatoon)	306-933-5304
Black bears and furbearers (Saskatoon)	306-933-5767

Sale of Wildlife

For information on the sale of wildlife, wildlife parts or to obtain sale of wildlife permits, please contact the nearest Ministry of Environment office.



Report hunting violations

Did you know that Saskatchewan's Turn In Poachers (TIP) program receives more than 1,000 calls annually?

Contact our 24-hour TIP service if you notice someone hunting illegally and wasting game.

All calls are confidential - you do not have to give your name. Callers who provide information leading to a conviction could be eligible for a reward of up to \$2000.

Call the toll-free number or submit the report online. Phone lines are open 24 hours a day, seven days week.

