

2022 - 2023 Hunting Season Dates – Biennial Season Setting

Specific proposed changes for 2022–2023 as adopted by the Fish and Wildlife Commission at their December 14, 2021 meeting identified below. Some areas have exceptions to these dates but are identified in individual proposals.

Proposed 2022 Season Dates

Season	Dates/Process
Antelope 900	8/15 – 11/13 (8/15 to 2 nd Sunday in November)
Antelope archery	9/3 – 10/7 (First Saturday of September to Friday of Columbus Day weekend)
Antelope general	10/8 – 11/13 (Saturday of Columbus Day weekend to 2 nd Sunday in November)
Moose/sheep/goat	9/15 – 11/27 (9/15 to Sunday after Thanksgiving; some districts vary)
Sheep archery	9/3 – 9/14 (First Saturday of September to 9/14)
Bison	11/15 – 2/15
Black bear spring	4/15 – 5/31 or 6/15
Black Bear Hound Training	6/1-6/15
Black bear fall – archery	9/3 – 9/14 (First Saturday of September to 9/14)
Black bear fall	9/15 – 11/27 (9/15 to Sunday after Thanksgiving)
Deer/elk/lion archery	9/3 – 10/16 (First Sat in Sept to Sunday before general deer/elk opener)
Deer/elk backcountry	9/15 – 11/27 (9/15 to Sunday after Thanksgiving)
Deer youth	10/20– 10/21 (MEA days; 3 rd Thursday and Friday of October)
Deer/elk general	10/22 – 11/27 (37 days ending Thanksgiving Sunday—Saturday start)
Deer/elk shoulder seasons	8/15 – 2/15 (Varying dates before and/or after the archery and general seasons.)
Deer/Elk Heritage Muzzleloader	12/10-12/18 (9-day season beginning second Saturday following end of general season)
Mountain lion fall	10/22 – 11/27 (37 days ending Thanksgiving Sunday—Saturday start)
Mountain lion winter	12/1 – 4/14
Sage grouse	9/1 – 9/30
Sharp-tailed grouse	9/1 – 1/31
Mountain grouse	9/1 – 1/31
Partridge	9/1 – 1/31
Pheasant	10/8 – 1/31 (Saturday of Columbus Day weekend to 1/31)
Youth Pheasant/ Youth Waterfowl	9/24 – 9/25 (weekend before start of general waterfowl)
General Waterfowl	10/1 Start date (Saturday nearest 10/1; End date to be adopted April 2022 per federal frameworks)
Sandhill Crane Drawing	9/1 –End date to be adopted April 2022 per federal frameworks
Sandhill Crane Over-the-Counter	10/1 - Start date same as waterfowl, End date to be adopted April 2022 per federal frameworks
Turkey spring	4/15-5/31
Turkey fall	9/1 – 1/1
Wolf Archery	TBD
Wolf General	TBD
Wolf Trapping	TBD

Proposed 2023 Season Dates

Season	Dates/Process
Antelope 900	8/15 – 11/12 (8/15 to 2 nd Sunday in November)
Antelope archery	9/2 – 10/6 (First Saturday in September to Friday of Columbus Day weekend)
Antelope general	10/7 – 11/12 (Saturday of Columbus Day weekend to 2 nd Sunday in November)
Sheep archery	9/2 – 9/14 (First Saturday of September to 9/14)
Moose/sheep/goat	9/15 – 11/26 (9/15 to Sunday after Thanksgiving; some districts vary)
Bison	11/15 – 2/15
Black bear spring	4/15 – 5/31 or 6/15
Black Bear Hound Training	6/1-6/15
Black bear fall – archery	9/2 – 9/14 (First Saturday of September to 9/14)
Back bear fall	9/15 – 11/26 (9/15 to Sunday after Thanksgiving)
Deer/elk/lion archery	9/2 – 10/15 (First Sat in Sept to Sunday before general deer/elk opener)
Deer/elk backcountry	9/15 – 11/26 (9/15 to Sunday after Thanksgiving)
Deer youth	10/19 – 10/20 (MEA days; 3 rd Thursday and Friday of October)
Deer/elk general	10/21 – 11/26 (37 days ending Thanksgiving Sunday—Saturday start)
Deer/elk shoulder seasons	8/15 – 2/15 (Varying dates before and/or after the archery and general seasons.)
Deer/Elk Heritage Muzzleloader	12/9-12/17 (9-day season beginning second Saturday following end of general season)
Mountain lion fall	10/21– 11/26 (37 days ending Thanksgiving Sunday—Saturday start)
Mountain lion winter	12/1 – 4/14
Sage grouse	9/1 – 9/30
Sharp-tailed grouse	9/1 – 1/31
Mountain grouse	9/1 – 1/31
Partridge	9/1 – 1/31
Pheasant	10/7 – 1/31 (Saturday of Columbus Day weekend to 1/31)
Youth Pheasant/ Youth Waterfowl	9/23 - 9/24 (weekend before start of general waterfowl)
General Waterfowl	9/30 Start date (Saturday nearest 10/1; End date to be adopted April 2023 per federal frameworks)
Sandhill Crane Drawing	9/1 – End date to be adopted April 2022 per federal frameworks
Sandhill Crane Over-the-Counter	9/30 – Start date same as waterfowl, End date to be adopted April 2022 per federal frameworks
Turkey spring	4/15-5/31
Turkey fall	9/1 – 1/1
Wolf Archery	TBD
Wolf General	TBD
Wolf Trapping	TBD