

## **ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT**

**K.A.R. 115-25-9.** Deer; open season, bag limit, and permits.

**DESCRIPTION:** The proposed exempt regulation establishes hunting bag limits, application periods and season dates for the 2015-2016 firearm, muzzleloader and archery deer seasons. There are some changes from 2014-2015 seasons. Season dates are adjusted to coincide with the calendar, antlerless harvest is adjusted in 1 unit across the state and the antlerless-only season is adjusted for 2 units across the state.

**FEDERAL MANDATES:** None

**ECONOMIC IMPACT:** If the economic impact to the department, the general public, small business and other agencies from the 2015-16 seasons were to be similar to the estimate for the 2014-2015 seasons, total revenue to the department from the sale of all resident, nonresident, and landowner/tenant deer permits is estimated to be approximately \$10,045,760.

Approximately 575,000 days of hunting activity by 115,000 hunters are anticipated. A survey conducted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service estimated that big game hunters spent approximately \$1100 per year on trip and equipment expenditures, thus the 2013-14 deer seasons in Kansas are anticipated to generate approximately \$126.5 million worth of direct economic benefit to businesses providing big game goods and services. No other economic impact to state agencies, small businesses, or other individuals is anticipated.

**ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:** None.