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Pheasant hunters hoping for a repeat of 2018 season

Last year, Iowa pheasant hunters bagged more roosters than they had in the last decade. With that fresh in their memory, how will the 2019 pheasant season measure up?

Todd Bogenschutz, upland wildlife research biologist with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources expects the 2019 pheasant season to be a good one.

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For Iowa deer hunters November is prime time

Iowa's deer hunting intensity will ratchet up in the next few weeks as the peak of the rut approaches and archery hunters cash in vacation days to spend as much time as possible in the timber.

"If we can get Mother Nature to cooperate I expect we will have another good year of deer hunting across Iowa," said Tyler Harms, with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

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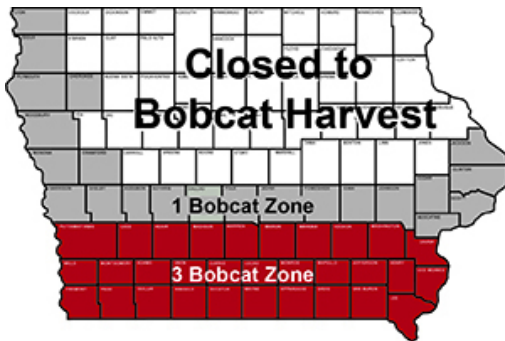
Duck hunters optimistic with the main season underway

The September rain was a game changer for Iowa duck hunters, improving habitat conditions across most of the state by creating a number of shallow water areas where food is available.



“The continuous rains have changed the habitat from early teal season,” said Orrin Jones, state waterfowl biologist for the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. “Habitat that didn’t have water before has it now.”

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Iowa's furbearer season begins Nov. 2

Furharvesters take note: the outlook is pretty decent for most of the commonly targeted species ahead of Iowa's furbearer hunting and trapping season.

“Over the past five years, coyotes have become the new hot thing,” said Vince Evelsizer, furbearer wildlife research biologist for the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. Last year, more than 18,000 coyotes were harvested, easily surpassing the previous record harvest of 15,347.

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