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2019 hunting, fishing license sales

In 2019, Iowa residents purchased...

Fishing

195,509 annual licenses

7,106 lifetime fishing licenses

11,227 three-year licenses

1,097 seven-day licenses

2,699 one-day licenses

39,539 trout fees

9,332 third line licenses

311 paddlefish licenses

44,102 fishing, hunting and habitat combination licenses

Hunting

24,053 annual licenses

66,196 hunting and habitat annual combination licenses

2,602 lifetime hunting licenses

3,792 hunting and habitat three-year licenses

779 apprentice (hunting and habitat) licenses
23,373 migratory game bird licenses
20,720 habitat fees
12,745 furharvester annual licenses age 16 and older
584 furharvester annual licenses age 15 and younger
611 furharvester and habitat annual combination licenses
294 lifetime furharvester licenses

Large Game

Deer

9,442 youth general deer, 507 antlerless deer licenses
233 disabled hunter general deer, 57 antlerless deer licenses
51,900 archery general deer, 22,156 antlerless deer licenses
6,261 early muzzleloader general deer, 1,460 antlerless deer licenses
43,380 first shotgun general deer, 15,871 antlerless deer licenses
44,921 second shotgun general deer, 16,943 antlerless deer licenses
20,188 late muzzleloader general deer, 10,004 antlerless deer licenses

Turkey

5,257 spring bow licenses
14,275 spring gun/bow licenses seasons 1-3
15,186 spring gun/bow licenses season 4
4,777 spring youth gun/bow licenses
1,959 fall gun/bow
1,279 fall bow

Landowner-Tenant

Deer

61 youth general deer licenses, 63 antlerless deer licenses
5,067 archery general deer licenses, 5,141 antlerless deer licenses
1,089 early muzzleloader general deer licenses, 843 antlerless deer licenses

22,154 shotgun first and second season general deer licenses, 17,465 antlerless deer licenses

2,206 late muzzleloader general deer licenses, 3,534 antlerless deer licenses

Turkey

1,870 spring gun/bow season 1-3

2,239 spring gun/bow season 4

685 bow licenses

31 youth licenses

2,111 fall gun/bow

938 fall bow

In 2019, nonresidents purchased...

Fishing

21,005 annual licenses

2,248 seven-day licenses

10,971 three-day licenses

13,838 one-day licenses

738 third line licenses

5,043 trout fees

50 paddlefish licenses

Hunting

5,024 annual licenses age 18 and older

13,012 hunting and habitat annual combination licenses age 18 and older

2,452 five-day licenses

1,377 five-day hunting and habitat combination

9,759 habitat fees

2,879 migratory game bird fees

107 apprentice (hunting and habitat) licenses

75 furharvester annual licenses

52 furharvester and habitat annual combination licenses

Des Moines to host state archery shoot March 7-8

Nearly 2,700 students from more than 90 schools from across Iowa will be in the Richard O. Jacobson Exhibition Center (Bullseye) and the Pioneer Livestock Pavilion (3D) at the Iowa State Fairgrounds in Des Moines on March 7-8, to participate in the 14th National Archery in the Schools Program State Tournament. This is the largest youth archery tournament in Iowa.

Iowa student participation in the National Archery in the Schools state shoot has grown each year beginning from scratch in 2006 to now more than 4,100 participants in 2020.

"Many schools have welcomed this sport to the school because it engages students of all physical ability. Archery is mostly a mental sport which challenges students to work on focus and attention to detail. This sport is not only fun, but it's safe and anyone and everyone can do it," said Zach Bentline, archery coordinator for the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

Competition begins at 8 a.m. both days for the bullseye and 3D competitions. There will be 50 targets set up for bullseye, which will allow 100 participants to shoot at a time. There will be 24 targets set up for 3D, which will allow 48 participants to shoot at a time.

Admission is \$5 for 18 and older. Kids age 17 and younger are free. Participants and coaches are allowed free admission to the Iowa Deer Classic at the Iowa Events Center upon showing their official wristband.

Archers shoot for college cash & equipment

Archers participating in the Iowa Archery in the Schools Program can earn money for college. More than \$14,500 will be awarded in college scholarships based on performance at the state tournament.

An additional \$8,000 will be awarded outside of the state competition to archers participating in the program based on academics, essays, and other established criteria.

Teams receiving placement at the state tournament will be eligible to receive an estimated \$6,000 in equipment for their schools.

Scholarships are provided by Pheasants Forever/Quail Forever, Whitetails Unlimited, Iowa State Archery Association, Iowa Bowhunters Association, Safari Club International, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Haney Family Foundation, Chuck Hallier Memorial, and the National Archery in the Schools Program.

For more information on the Iowa Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) visit: <https://www.iowadnr.gov/NASP>.

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Public meetings recapping hunting, trapping seasons, and possible rule changes start Wednesday

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) town hall-style meetings on recently completed hunting and trapping seasons, and possible changes to hunting and trapping rules and regulations, start Feb. 19.

The meetings are open to the public.

Comments collected from these public meetings will be considered along with other related comments received by the Iowa DNR prior to proposing changes to hunting and trapping rules and regulations. Proposed rules will be presented to the Natural Resource Commission during a regular public meeting for consideration and additional public comment.

Meeting date, time and location

- Sioux City, Feb. 19, 7 p.m., Dorothy Pecaut Nature Center, 4500 Sioux River Road
- Chariton, Feb. 20, 7 p.m., Pin Oak Lodge, 45996 Hwy. 14
- Council Bluffs Feb. 25, 7 p.m., Fish and Game Club, 531 Commanche Street
- Okoboji, Feb. 25, 6:30 p.m., Dickinson County Nature Center, 22785 Nature Center Road
- Burlington, Feb. 26, 7 p.m., Starr's Cave Nature Center, 11627 Starr's Cave Road
- Iowa City, Feb. 26, 7 p.m., Johnson County ISU extension building, 3109 Old Highway 218 South (search "Johnson County Fairgrounds")
- Algona, Feb. 27, 7 p.m., Water's Edge Nature Center, 1010 250th Street
- Bloomfield, Feb. 27, 7 p.m., Pioneer Ridge Nature Center, 1339 Hwy. 63
- Creston, Feb. 27, 7 p.m., Multi-Purpose Room adjacent to the YMCA, Southwestern Community College, 1201 West Townline Street
- Decorah, Feb. 27, 7 p.m., Decorah City Hall, 400 Clairborne Drive
- Dubuque, Feb. 27, 7 p.m., Swiss Valley Nature Center, 13606 Swiss Valley Road, Peosta
- Jefferson, Feb. 27, 7 p.m., The Jefferson Depot, 509 East Lincoln Way
- Ventura, Feb. 27, 7 p.m., Clear Lake Wildlife Unit headquarters, 15326 Balsam Ave.
- Waverly, Feb. 27, 7 p.m., Waverly Public Library, 1500 W Bremer Ave.
- Des Moines, March 3, 7 p.m., Izaak Walton League, 4343 George Flagg Parkway
- DeWitt, March 5, 7 p.m., DeWitt Community Center, 512 10th Street
- Sac City, March 5, 7 p.m., Sac County Conservation Center at Hagge Park, 2970 280th Street
- Toledo, March 5, 7 p.m., Tama CCB Nature Center at Otter Creek Lake Park, 2283 Park Road

Any person attending the public meeting that has special requirements, such as those related to mobility or hearing impairments, should contact the Iowa DNR or ADA

Coordinator at 515-725-8200, Relay Iowa TTY Service 800-735-7942, or Webmaster@dnr.iowa.gov, and advise of specific needs.

Wild Game and Wine at Summerset Winery

A handful of tickets remain for the upcoming Wild Game and Wine event at Summerset Winery. Local wines will be paired with a wild game charcuterie board made up of locally sourced Iowa meats, cheeses, breads and other delicious foods.

The event is scheduled on Feb. 22, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Summerset Winery, 15101 Fairfax St, Indianola. Must be 21 or older to attend.

“Wild game is free range, organic and some of the healthiest meat available and including it as part of a charcuterie board alongside other delicious Iowa products is a great way to promote what we have here locally,” said Rachel Alliss, with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

Products featured at the event are provided by Summerset Winery, Milo Locker, Bell Farms and the National Wild Turkey Federation, who will be on hand to discuss their products and answer questions.

The event is sponsored by Summerset Winery, the Milo Locker, the National Wild Turkey Federation, and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources.

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New collectible hard card now available



Dream Bucks II by Larry Zach.

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources 2020 collectors' card featuring wildlife artwork by Iowa-native Larry Zach is on sale.

The collectible hard card is available for \$5 and includes a list of valid licenses printed on the back. The durable card, about the size of a credit card, is available either online or in person from license vendors and will be mailed out after he purchase.

If purchasing online, be sure to click YES when asked if you would like to upgrade to the hard card during checkout. Join more than 32,500 other Iowa outdoors enthusiasts who purchased their collector's card in 2019. New designs on the hard card will be unveiled each year.