

Big Game Hunting Planner



2021–2022 DEER, ELK, PRONGHORN, BEAR & MOOSE SEASON DATES — finalized in January each year

(Sheep and goat season dates are listed in their brochure.)

Season Dates Overview	2021	2022
Archery		
Deer/elk (west of I-25 and Unit 140)	Sept. 2–Sept. 30	Sept. 2–Sept. 30
Plains deer (east of I-25, except Unit 140)	Oct. 1–29 and Nov. 10–30 and Dec. 15–31	Oct. 1–28 and Nov. 9–Dec. 3 and Dec. 15–31
Moose	Sept. 11–30	Sept. 10–30
Pronghorn (bucks only)	Aug. 15–31	Aug. 15–31
Pronghorn (either sex)	Sept. 1–20	Sept. 1–20
Muzzleloader (by draw only)		
Deer/elk/moose	Sept. 11–19	Sept. 10–18
Plains deer (east of I-25, except Unit 140)	Oct. 9–17	Oct. 8–16
Pronghorn	Sept. 21–29	Sept. 21–29
Rifle Deer/Elk/Moose		
Moose	Oct. 1–14	Oct. 1–14
Limited elk (1st season)	Oct. 16–20	Oct. 15–19
Deer/elk (2nd season)	Oct. 30–Nov. 7	Oct. 29–Nov. 6
Deer/elk (3rd season)	Nov. 13–19	Nov. 12–18
Limited deer/elk (4th season)	Nov. 24–28	Nov. 23–27
Plains deer (east of I-25, except Unit 140)	Oct. 30–Nov. 9	Oct. 29–Nov. 8
Late plains deer (east of I-25, except Unit 140)	Dec. 1–14	Dec. 1–14
Rifle Pronghorn (by draw only)	Oct. 2–10	Oct. 1–9
Black Bear		
September Rifle limited (by draw)	2021 Sept. 2–30	2022 Sept. 2–30
*Archery (over-the-counter and/or limited)	Sept. 2–30	Sept. 2–30
*Muzzleloader (over-the-counter and/or limited)	Sept. 11–19	Sept. 10–18
**Rifle (over-the-counter and/or limited)	(see 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Deer/Elk rifle season dates above)	



2021 APPLICATION & DRAWS
Online and By Phone

PRIMARY DRAW

**Big Game Limited-License Draw
Application Deadline**

April 6, 2021 8:00 p.m. MT

(Applications Open March 1)

Payment Deadlines

- May 4: Sheep & Goat
- June 11: Deer, Elk, Pronghorn, Moose & Bear



SECONDARY DRAW

**Deer, Elk, Pronghorn & Bear
Limited-License Draw
Application Deadline**

June 30, 2021 8:00 p.m. MT

(Applications Open June 16)

Payment Deadline

- July 16: Deer, Elk, Pronghorn, Bear

**2021 OVER-THE-COUNTER
(OTC) LICENSES**

Online, By Phone, In Person

**Leftover Limited, Unlimited
& Add-On Licenses**

On Sale

August 3, 2021 9:00 a.m. MT

NEW * Archery and Muzzleloader Add-On Bear licenses are available in unlimited numbers this year. Hunters can 'add-on' an over-the-counter bear license for archery or muzzleloader seasons if they hold a deer or elk license for the same method of take and at least one unit overlaps. Look for the paw print in the regulation brochure.

NEW **Hunters do not need to hold a deer/elk license to purchase an over-the-counter rifle bear license.

Hunting and Fishing Regulation Brochures:
(updated and released annually):

Available online at cpw.state.co.us, at sales agents statewide and at CPW parks and offices.

*Big Game (Deer, Elk, Pronghorn, Bear & Moose)—Late February

*Sheep (Rocky Mountain & Desert Bighorn) & Goat—Late February

Fishing—Late February

Mountain Lion (online only)—Mid-March

State Recreation Lands—Late July

Small Game and Waterfowl—Mid-August

Small Game Walk-In Atlas—Late August

Late Cropland Walk-In Atlas—Late October

*Turkey—Mid-December



*Regulation brochures are mailed to those who applied for those species the previous year. Nonresidents can request a mailed brochure online: cpw.state.co.us/brochures

NOTE: For more detailed information, see the regulation brochures online at cpw.state.co.us/brochures or pick up a printed brochure at sales agents.