

Chase Higher Odds

Do Some Homework Now to Improve

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Whether on private property or on a Wildlife Department management area, hunting in Oklahoma is truly a first-rate experience. But anyone who has been selected to participate in one of the state’s most-sought-after hunts through the Department’s Controlled Hunts program will surely tell you they had luck on their side. Luck might play a part, but it’s not the only factor in having your name drawn for one of these unique hunts.

For the 2014-15 Controlled Hunts program, about one out of each 16 applicants had their name drawn. A total of 89,154 hunters applied for one of the 5,705 individual hunt permits avail-

able last year. Many of those applicants will apply again when the 2015-16 Controlled Hunts applications are made available this spring. And while it may seem obvious, the most important thing you can do is to submit an online application each year.

Controlled Hunts applications usually become available online at wildlifedepartment.com in March, and the deadline for completing an application is May 15. The application process is easy, and your application will not be accepted online unless it has been completed correctly, so you have the assurance that your application was successful and that your name is in the drawing.

A young hunter is shown in a forest setting, wearing a red cap and camouflage clothing. He is aiming a rifle with a scope. The background consists of trees with autumn foliage. The text "for Scoring a Controlled Hunt" is overlaid in large, bold, white letters at the top of the image.

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Improve Your Chances of Being Drawn

Aside from making sure to apply, the large number of hunters hoping to draw a hunt can do a few things to increase their chances of being drawn for what could be the hunt of a lifetime. Winners of the Controlled Hunts are randomly selected through a computerized process that draws applications from the pool of those that applied. But hunters have the option to apply for several hunts, which increases your chances of being selected for a hunt.

Also, if you are not drawn for a hunt category for which you applied, you gain a preference point toward future years' drawings. Not only that, but some hunt categories

allow you to apply with a group of other hunters.

By reading this article, you'll likely gain some insight into how the Controlled Hunts program works, insight that could give you the edge you need to get drawn for a hunt that you won't forget.

Oklahoma is rich in outdoor opportunities, and the Wildlife Department's Controlled Hunts are just one more way you might be able to add to a successful year afield. Don't miss this chance to take part in a hunt you won't forget, and make sure to gather a few friends to apply as a group with you. We all know that when it comes to hunting, the only thing that makes being in the woods better is being there with friends and family.

About Controlled Hunts

Controlled hunts are offered for deer, elk, antelope and turkey. These hunts are held in locations where unrestricted public hunting would pose safety concerns or where overharvest might occur. Hunters wishing to go on one of these controlled hunts must submit an application, which goes into the running with all other applications. Names are selected through a random computer drawing for a range of hunting opportunities across the state.

Several of the controlled hunt choices are highly sought after and often have many times more applicants than available permits. To date, many thousands of hunters have enjoyed unique adventures through the Controlled Hunts program, including youth hunters and people with disabilities.

Getting drawn for a hunt through the Controlled Hunts program is a matter of odds, and if you continue to apply year after year, it's likely you'll get at least one chance to enjoy a controlled hunt offered through the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation.

Participation is easy. You start by submitting a simple, easy-to-complete application online. This gives you a chance to be drawn for one of the hunts for which you applied. Choices include opportunities such as hunting for a bull elk at the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge, hunting for pronghorn antelope in northwestern Oklahoma, or hunting for deer at one of many Wildlife Management Areas across the state, often with exclusive privileges not offered at other times of the year.

Even though getting drawn is a matter of odds, you can still increase your chances of getting drawn by doing a little research first. And we've done a lot of the hard work for you in this article. All you have to do is study the data here and determine which hunts you want to apply for based on the information provided. And yes, there are ways to sway the odds in your direction.

For example, every time you apply and do not get selected, you earn a preference point for the next year. So, when you apply the next year, it's like getting your name put in the hat an extra time for the drawing. Therefore, your odds of being drawn improve if you apply again the next year. By submitting an application year after year, you can build your chances far more than those who don't continue to apply because they believe the odds are too hard to beat. Additionally, some hunt categories allow you to apply with a group of other hunters, so that if one of the group is drawn, the entire group gets to hunt.

Helpful Tips

If you want to increase your chances of being selected, one of the best things you can do is to make sure you apply each and every year like clockwork. Again, your odds of being drawn for a controlled hunt improve each year you apply because each preference point you earn acts like an extra application the next time you apply.

In other words, if you have been applying for the controlled hunt of your dreams for five years straight without having been drawn, you will have five "tickets in the hopper" compared to a first-time applicant, who will only have one. Those who say they have stopped applying because they never get drawn are actually giving you an advantage, as long as you just keep on applying. Your chances only get better each year that you apply and the others don't.

Although hunters with more preference points have greater chances of being drawn for one of Oklahoma's controlled hunts, it is not a guarantee that those with the most points will be drawn for a hunt. What is guaranteed is that their odds improve. First-time applicants with no preference points can and do get drawn over those with many points, because names are selected randomly from the entire pool of applicants.

In some categories, hunters may apply in groups of up to four people. For group applications, the preference points of each hunter in the group will be averaged. If four hunters put in together — one with no points, one with two points, and the other two with three points each — the group's preference points will be two, which is the average of all four hunters on the application. If not drawn in that category, each applicant in the hunt group will be given a single preference point.

Once you are selected for a hunt category, all preference points that you have built up in that category are cleared, so make sure you can attend the hunt dates that year before applying to avoid losing the advantageous preference points you earned over the years. You can begin building preference points with the next year's application again, but it would be disappointing to apply year after year only to be selected for a hunt that you cannot attend.

Regardless of whether you've been drawn, it's important to keep applying, if for no other reason than to gain preference points.

Here are some other tips to consider, as well.

You can increase your odds of being drawn when you apply for hunts that happen on key dates of the regular

statewide seasons, such as the opening weekend of muzzleloader or gun season. Many hunters may skip those dates because of previous plans.

Hunts that are considered by some to be less desirable, such as antlerless deer hunts, may be just the right choice for a meat hunter looking to raise his chances at getting to hunt at a premier location.

By designating additional choices, you increase your overall odds of being selected for at least one of the choices, so make as many selections as a category allows (five in the deer category, for example), rather than just three, two or one.

Rather than looking at the number of permits available

for each hunt, it could be in your favor to consider the ratio of permits to applicants before making a decision on which hunts you think will give you the best chance.

For those locations that offer multiple hunts in the same category, the second or third hunts (the later hunts) are often easier to draw than the first hunts offered at that location.

You cannot submit more than one application form per category. Now that applications are completed and submitted online, you will receive confirmation that your application was processed correctly. This system will help you avoid mistakes, so make sure you receive confirmation of a successful application.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Controlled Hunts program?

This program awards hunting opportunities to applicants selected in a random drawing. These controlled hunts are held in situations where unrestricted hunting would pose safety concerns or where overharvest might occur, such as in a wildlife management area of a smaller size. Several of the controlled hunt choices are highly sought after and often have many times more applicants than available permits.

Who can apply?

Any resident or nonresident who possesses a valid hunting license or who is otherwise exempt may apply for controlled hunts. A full listing of valid hunting licenses is available online at wildlifedepartment.com. Applicants must purchase the license prior to applying for controlled hunts. Applicants who are eligible for, and possess, apprentice-designated hunting licenses may also apply (although some hunts require hunter education certification by the date of the hunt.)

What does it cost?

All applicants (including lifetime license holders) must pay a \$5 application fee to enter the controlled hunts drawing. This fee is paid only once per person per year regardless of the number of categories entered. You may pay the application fee with a Visa or MasterCard debit or credit card. If drawn, additional license and user fees may apply.

If I apply for controlled hunts long enough, am I guaranteed to be drawn?

No, but your odds get better every year you submit an application.

If I apply with a group of four for a hunt, how are our preference points calculated?

Example: One person has 1 preference point, one has 2, one has 3 and one has 4. The total for the group is 10 preference points. The group total is averaged for each member, which equals 2.5 points each, which is then rounded to 3 points. The group is assigned 3 preference points.

Can I keep accumulating points indefinitely?

Yes, until you are drawn or do not put in for a given category for five consecutive years.

If I can't make my hunt, do I get my preference points back?

No. Once selected, your points in that category are reset to zero.

Can I apply with a group of friends for a hunt?

Yes, but be sure all of your information is correct or your group could be disqualified.

Why not use a true preference point system for the controlled hunts?

There are too many hunters applying for too few hunts for that kind of system to work.

What if I have an address change after I apply?

Notify the Wildlife Department's License Section by calling (405) 521-3852.

If I am a nonresident hunter, can I apply for a controlled hunt?

Yes! Go to wildlifedepartment.com for more information.



Overall Odds of Being Drawn: 1 in 15.5

Deer Hunts

Total applicants (includes first, second, third, fourth and fifth choice preferences): 65,141

Total permits available: 4,461

Overall odds of getting drawn for any one permit: 1 in 14.6

Deer Hunts For Persons with Disabilities

Total applicants (includes first, second and third choice preferences): 321

Total permits available: 145

Overall odds of getting drawn for any one permit: 1 in 2.2

Youth Deer Hunts

Total applicants (includes first, second and third choice preferences): 3,498

Total permits available: 810

Overall odds of getting drawn for any one permit: 1 in 4.3

Deer Hunt Hints

- Steer clear of the most popular hunts, such as the Wichita Mountains buck gun hunt, the Sandy Sanders buck gun hunt and Salt Plains NWR hunts that allow either sex hunting. If you avoid these, your odds go up for getting drawn.

- Controlled hunts held during the regular muzzleloader and gun seasons, especially those held during the opening weekends, often offer better odds of getting drawn than those held outside the regular statewide season dates since many would-be applicants already have their hunting plans in place for those dates.
- Antlerless-only hunts traditionally see fewer applicants compared to buck-only or either-sex hunts.
- Areas in the northeast like Cherokee, Cookson Hills, Gruber and Spavinaw WMAs typically have higher numbers of applicants. Consider applying for hunts in other parts of the state.
- Archery hunts are historically easier to draw on average than muzzleloader or gun hunts.

Scouting is key to the success of a hunter in bringing home game. Finding sign such as tracks, rubs, scrapes or even heavily used trails and feeding areas help hunters locate areas where they may have the best chance of seeing game. But before any of that takes place, hunters need a place to hunt. Enter the Wildlife Department's controlled hunts program, which provides sportsmen with exclusive hunts in locations where unrestricted hunting would pose safety concerns or where over-harvest might occur. Often hunters win the "hunt of a lifetime" by harvesting a trophy animal or by hunting a unique area with close friends.

Youth Deer Hunts	Hunt Number	Hunt Type	Type	Begin Date	End Date	Permits Allowed	Applicants	Draw Ratio	Rank
Atoka WMA	5001	Gun	Either Sex	10/25/14	10/26/14	50	134	1:2.7	10
Beaver River WMA, McFarland Unit	5006	Gun	Either Sex	10/18/14	10/19/14	15	63	1:4.2	21
Cherokee GMA	5010	Gun	Either Sex	11/08/14	11/09/14	50	186	1:3.7	17
Cookson WMA	5020	Gun	Either Sex	10/25/14	10/26/14	50	187	1:3.7	17
Deep Fork NWR	5030	Muzzleloader	(2) Only 1 Antlered	10/10/14	10/12/14	10	91	1:9	28
Fort Cobb WMA and SP	5040	Muzzleloader/ Shotgun	Antlerless Only	10/18/14	10/19/14	40	41	1:1	1
Fort Gibson WRP	5050	Muzzleloader	(2) Only 1 Antlered	11/08/14	11/08/14	20	128	1:6.4	26
Hugo WMA	5060	Gun	Either Sex	10/10/14	10/12/14	25	62	1:2.5	7
James Collins WMA	5070	Gun	Either Sex	10/24/14	10/26/14	60	233	1:3.9	19
James Collins WMA	5071	Gun	Either Sex	10/31/14	11/02/14	60	209	1:3.5	16
Keystone COE	5080	Gun	(2) 1st Antlerless, 2nd Either Sex	12/12/14	12/14/14	7	107	1:15	5
Little River NWR	5085	Gun	(2) 1st Antlerless, 2nd Either Sex	10/31/14	11/02/14	10	48	1:5	23
McAlester AAP	5090	Shotgun	Antlerless Only	11/28/14	11/30/14	25	67	1:2.7	10
Okmulgee GMA	5110	Gun	(2) Only 1 Antlered	11/08/14	11/09/14	24	102	1:4.3	22
Okmulgee GMA	5111	Gun	(2) Only 1 Antlered	11/15/14	11/16/14	24	70	1:2.9	12
Osage-Western Wall WMA	5120	Gun	Either Sex	11/08/14	11/09/14	15	76	1:5	23
Pine Creek WMA	5130	Gun	Either Sex	11/07/14	11/09/14	12	35	1:2.9	12
Pushmataha WMA	5140	Gun	Either Sex	10/24/14	10/26/14	50	126	1:2.5	7
Pushmataha WMA	5141	Gun	Either Sex	10/31/14	11/02/14	50	127	1:2.5	7
Sequoyah Resort Park	5170	Muzzleloader	(2) 1st Antlerless, 2nd Either Sex	12/13/14	12/14/14	25	266	1:10.6	2
Spavinaw GMA	5180	Muzzleloader	Either Sex	10/25/14	10/26/14	40	118	1:2.9	12
Spavinaw GMA	5181	Gun	Either Sex	10/31/14	11/02/14	50	165	1:3.3	15
Tenkiller COE	5190	Gun	(2) Only 1 Antlered	11/14/14	11/16/14	10	96	1:9.6	29
Texoma COE	5200	Gun	(2) Only 1 Antlered	11/07/14	11/09/14	6	100	1:16.6	6
Texoma COE	5201	Gun	(2) Only 1 Antlered	11/14/14	11/16/14	6	82	1:13.6	4
USDA Grazinglands Research Lab	5220	Gun	(2) 1st Antlerless, 2nd Either Sex	11/07/14	11/08/14	20	194	1:9.7	30
USDA Grazinglands Research Lab	5221	Gun	(2) 1st Antlerless, 2nd Either Sex	12/12/14	12/13/14	20	174	1:8.7	27
Walnut Creek SP Area 2	5230	Muzzleloader	(2) 1st Antlerless, 2nd Either Sex	12/12/14	12/14/14	6	74	1:12.3	3
Washita NWR Youth Exemption	5240	Gun	Antlerless Only	10/10/14	10/11/14	15	75	1:5	23
Washita NWR Youth Exemption	5260	Gun	Antlerless Only	11/07/14	11/08/14	15	62	1:4	20

Deer Hunts for People with Disabilities	Hunt Number	Hunt Type	Type	Begin Date	End Date	Permits Allowed	Applicants	Draw Ratio	Rank
Cherokee GMA	4001	Gun	Either Sex	11/01/14	11/02/14	40	41	1:1	1
Cookson WMA	4010	Gun	Either Sex	11/01/14	11/02/14	30	41	1:1.3	2
Copan COE Parks	4015	Gun	(2) 1 Either Sex, 1 Doe	11/07/14	11/09/14	4	26	1:6	10
Deep Fork NWR	4020	Muzzleloader	(2) Only 1 Antlered	10/31/14	11/02/14	5	15	1:3	6
Hugo Lake COE	4030	Gun	(2) See Code P	12/12/14	12/14/14	16	29	1:1.8	4
Oologah Lake COE	4040	Gun	Either Sex	11/14/14	11/16/14	8	46	1:5	8
Salt Plains NWR	4051	Gun	(2) 1st Antlerless, 2nd Either Sex	11/03/14	11/05/14	2	18	1:9	12
Salt Plains NWR	4052	Gun	(2) 1st Antlerless, 2nd Either Sex	11/17/14	11/19/14	2	17	1:8.5	11
Salt Plains NWR	4053	Gun	(2) 1st Antlerless, 2nd Either Sex	12/01/14	12/03/14	2	11	1:5	9
Sequoyah Resort Park	4070	Muzzleloader	(2) 1st Antlerless, 2nd Either Sex	12/20/14	12/21/14	20	33	1:1.6	3
Tishomingo NWR	4080	Gun	(2) 1st Antlerless, 2nd Either Sex	11/06/14	11/07/14	10	30	1:3	7
Waurika Lake COE	4090	Gun	(2) 1st Antlerless, 2nd Either Sex	10/28/14	10/30/14	6	14	1:2	5

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Atoka WMA	3001	Gun	Either Sex	11/01/14	11/02/14	75	1,702	1:22.7	50
Beaver River WMA, McFarland Unit	3006	Muzzleloader	Either Sex	10/25/14	10/26/14	15	389	1:26	55
Beaver River WMA, McFarland Unit	3007	Gun	Either Sex	11/22/14	11/23/14	5	349	1:69.8	72
Beaver River WMA	3008	Gun	Either Sex	11/22/14	11/23/14	15	338	1:22.5	49
Candy Creek WMA	3020	Muzzleloader	Either Sex	10/25/14	11/02/14	12	211	1:17.5	43
Candy Creek WMA	3021	Gun	Either Sex	11/22/14	12/07/14	12	237	1:19.8	46
Canton WMA	3030	Gun	Either Sex	11/22/14	11/23/14	75	1,235	1:16.4	42
Cherokee GMA	3044	Gun	Either Sex	11/15/14	11/15/14	50	1,551	1:31	62
Cherokee GMA	3045	Gun	Antlerless Only	11/15/14	11/15/14	75	250	1:3.3	12
Cherokee GMA	3046	Gun	Either Sex	11/16/14	11/16/14	50	1,162	1:23.2	52
Cherokee GMA	3047	Gun	Antlerless Only	11/16/14	11/16/14	75	168	1:2.2	5
Cookson WMA	3060	Muzzleloader	Either Sex	11/08/14	11/09/14	20	1,245	1:62.2	71
Cookson WMA	3061	Muzzleloader	Antlerless Only	11/08/14	11/08/14	40	130	1:3.2	11
Cookson WMA	3062	Muzzleloader	Antlerless Only	11/09/14	11/09/14	40	91	1:2.3	6
Cookson WMA	3063	Gun	Either Sex	11/15/14	11/16/14	20	1,432	1:71.6	74
Cookson WMA	3064	Gun	Antlerless Only	11/15/14	11/15/14	40	115	1:2.8	9
Cookson WMA	3065	Gun	Antlerless Only	11/16/14	11/16/14	40	84	1:2	4
Cross Timbers WMA	3070	Muzzleloader	(2) Only 1 Antlered	10/25/14	10/26/14	50	744	1:14.8	36
Cross Timbers WMA	3071	Gun	(2) 1st Antlerless, 2nd Either Sex	11/22/14	11/23/14	50	689	1:13.8	34
Deep Fork NWR	3080	Muzzleloader	(2) Only 1 Antlered	10/31/14	11/02/14	50	929	1:18.5	44
Deep Fork NWR	3081	Muzzleloader	Antlerless Only	12/03/14	12/04/14	50	143	1:2.8	9
Four Canyon Preserve	3090	Muzzleloader	Antlerless Only	10/25/14	10/26/14	4	42	1:10.5	30
Four Canyon Preserve	3091	Muzzleloader	Either Sex	10/25/14	10/26/14	2	247	1:123.5	77
Four Canyon Preserve	3092	Gun	Antlerless Only	11/21/14	11/22/14	4	47	1:11.8	31
Four Canyon Preserve	3093	Gun	Either Sex	11/21/14	11/22/14	2	350	1:175	78
Fort Gibson WRP	3110	Archery	(2) Only 1 Antlered	10/21/14	10/21/14	50	718	1:14.3	35
Fort Gibson WRP	3111	Muzzleloader	Antlerless Only	10/22/14	10/22/14	50	238	1:4.7	18
Fort Gibson WRP	3112	Muzzleloader	Antlerless Only	11/04/14	11/04/14	50	183	1:3.6	15
Fort Gibson WRP	3113	Muzzleloader	Either Sex	11/05/14	11/05/14	25	1,086	1:43.4	65
Fort Gibson WRP	3114	Muzzleloader	Antlerless Only	11/05/14	11/05/14	25	129	1:1.5	20
Grady County WMA	3120	Muzzleloader	Either Sex	10/25/14	11/02/14	10	231	1:1:23	51
Grady County WMA	3121	Gun	Either Sex	11/22/14	11/30/14	10	217	1:21.7	48
Hugo Lake COE	3130	Gun	(2) Antlerless Only	01/09/15	01/11/15	15	222	1:14.8	36
James Collins WMA	3140	Gun	Either Sex	11/22/14	11/23/14	50	1,334	1:26.6	56
Lexington WMA	3150	Gun	Either Sex	11/15/14	11/15/14	135	913	1:6.7	23
Lexington WMA	3151	Gun	Either Sex	11/16/14	11/16/14	135	470	1:3.5	14
Lexington WMA	3152	Gun	Either Sex	11/19/14	11/19/14	135	373	1:2.7	8
Lexington WMA	3153	Gun	Either Sex	11/20/14	11/20/14	135	312	1:2.3	6
Little River NWR	3160	Gun	Either Sex	11/07/14	11/09/14	30	639	1:21.3	47
Little River NWR	3161	Gun	Either Sex	11/14/14	11/16/14	30	466	1:15.5	40
McAlester AAP Physically Challenged	3170	Archery	(2) Only 1 Antlered	10/10/14	10/12/14	100	167	1:1.7	2
McAlester AAP	3171	Archery	(2) Only 1 Antlered	10/17/14	10/19/14	275	1,963	1:7	24

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McAlester AAP	3172	Archery	(2) Only 1 Antlered	10/24/14	10/26/14	275	2,278	1:8	27
McAlester AAP	3173	Archery	(2) Only 1 Antlered	10/31/14	11/02/14	275	3,356	1:12	32
McAlester AAP	3174	Archery	(2) Only 1 Antlered	11/07/14	11/09/14	275	4,248	1:15.4	39
McAlester AAP	3175	Archery	(2) Only 1 Antlered	11/14/14	11/16/14	275	4,077	1:14.8	36
McCurtain Co. WA	3190	Muzzleloader	Either Sex	11/07/14	11/09/14	16	435	1:27	57
McGee Creek WMA	3200	Muzzleloader	Either Sex	10/25/14	10/26/14	100	962	1:9.6	29
McGee Creek WMA	3201	Gun	Either Sex	11/01/14	11/02/14	75	1,222	1:16.3	41
Okmulgee GMA	3210	Gun	(2) Only 1 Antlered	11/22/14	11/22/14	70	636	1:9	28
Okmulgee GMA	3211	Gun	(2) Only 1 Antlered	11/23/14	11/23/14	70	355	1:1.5	20
Okmulgee GMA	3212	Gun	Antlerless Only	12/06/14	12/07/14	30	144	1:4.8	19
Osage-Western Wall WMA	3220	Muzzleloader	Either Sex	11/12/14	11/13/14	15	830	1:55	68
Pushmataha WMA	3230	Muzzleloader	Either Sex	11/07/14	11/09/14	75	1,770	1:23.6	53
Salt Plains NWR	3240	Archery	(2) Only 1 Antlered	12/08/14	12/10/14	25	642	1:25.7	54
Salt Plains NWR Wilderness Area	3241	Archery	(2) Only 1 Antlered	12/08/14	12/10/14	12	501	1:41.7	64
Salt Plains NWR	3244	Gun	(2) 1st Antlerless, 2nd Either Sex	11/03/14	11/05/14	25	1,404	1:56	69
Salt Plains NWR Wilderness Area	3245	Gun	(2) 1st Antlerless, 2nd Either Sex	11/03/14	11/05/14	12	1,126	1:94	76
Salt Plains NWR	3246	Gun	(2) 1st Antlerless, 2nd Either Sex	11/17/14	11/19/14	25	1,261	1:50.4	67
Salt Plains NWR Wilderness Area	3247	Gun	(2) 1st Antlerless, 2nd Either Sex	11/17/14	11/19/14	12	1,038	1:86.5	75
Salt Plains NWR	3248	Gun	(2) 1st Antlerless, 2nd Either Sex	12/01/14	12/03/14	25	758	1:30.3	60
Salt Plains NWR Wilderness Area	3249	Gun	(2) 1st Antlerless, 2nd Either Sex	12/01/14	12/03/14	12	590	1:49	66
Sandy Sanders WMA	3270	Muzzleloader	Either Sex	11/01/14	11/02/14	35	986	1:28	58
Sequoyah NWR	3280	Muzzleloader	(2) Antlerless Only	10/22/14	10/23/14	60	428	1:7	24
Sequoyah NWR	3281	Muzzleloader	(2) Antlerless Only	11/05/14	11/06/14	60	385	1:6.4	22
Sequoyah NWR	3282	Muzzleloader	(2) Antlerless Only	11/19/14	11/20/14	60	273	1:4.5	16
Sequoyah NWR	3283	Muzzleloader	(2) Antlerless Only	12/10/14	12/11/14	60	269	1:4.5	16
Sequoyah NWR	3284	Archery	(2) Antlerless Only	10/28/14	10/30/14	60	97	1:1.6	1
Sequoyah NWR	3285	Archery	(2) Antlerless Only	12/02/14	12/04/14	60	106	1:1.8	3
Sequoyah Resort Park	3286	Archery	(2) 1st Antlerless, 2nd Either Sex	12/06/14	12/07/14	30	918	1:30.6	61
Spavinaw GMA	3290	Gun	Either Sex	11/08/14	11/09/14	30	1,761	1:58.7	70
Spavinaw GMA	3291	Gun	Antlerless Only	11/08/14	11/09/14	40	281	1:7	24
Tishomingo NWR	3300	Muzzleloader	(2) 1st Antlerless, 2nd Either Sex	12/10/14	12/11/14	20	789	1:39.45	63
Walnut Creek SP Area 2	3310	Muzzleloader	(2) 1st Antlerless, 2nd Either Sex	01/02/15	01/04/15	6	424	1:70.6	73
Washita NWR	3320	Gun	Antlerless Only	10/20/14	10/21/14	10	188	1:18.8	45
Waurika WMA & COE Public	3330	Muzzleloader	Either Sex	11/12/14	11/14/14	15	454	1:30.26	59
Waurika WMA & COE Public	3331	Muzzleloader	Antlerless Only	11/12/14	11/14/14	25	85	1:3.4	13
Wichita Mountains NWR	3340	Gun	Antlered Only	11/18/14	11/20/14	25	6,059	1:242	79
Wichita Mountains NWR	3341	Gun	Antlerless Only	11/18/14	11/20/14	35	464	1:13.25	33



Elk Hunts	Hunt Number	Hunt Type	Type	Begin Date	End Date	Permits Allowed	Applicants	Draw Ratio	Rank
Cookson WMA	1001	Gun	Either Sex	10/25/14	10/26/14	1	6,701	1:6,701	4
Pushmataha WMA	1010	Gun	Either Sex	09/06/14	09/07/14	1	6,411	1:6,411	3
Wichita Mountains NWR	1020	Gun	Bull	12/09/14	12/11/14	40	10,634	1:265	2
Wichita Mountains NWR	1021	Gun	Cow	12/09/14	12/11/14	50	2,323	1:46	1



Elk Hunts

Total applicants (includes first, second and third choice preferences): 26,069

Total permits available: 92

**Overall odds of getting drawn for any one permit:
1 in 283**

Elk Hunt Hints

- Cow hunts offer much better odds of being selected than bull hunts.



Antelope Hunts	Hunt Number	Hunt Type	Type	Begin Date	End Date	Permits Allowed	Applicants	Draw Ratio	Rank
Cimarron County	2001	Gun	Either Sex	09/04/14	09/07/14	20	3,626	1:181	3
Cimarron County	2002	Gun	Doe	09/08/14	09/17/14	40	815	1:20	2
Texas County	2010	Gun	Either Sex	09/04/14	09/07/14	5	2,920	1:584	4
Texas County	2011	Gun	Doe	09/08/14	09/17/14	20	304	1:15	1

Antelope Hunts

Total applicants (includes first and second choice preferences): 7,665

Total permits available: 85

Overall odds of getting drawn for any one permit: 1 in 90

Antelope Hunt Hints

- The best odds are obtained when you apply for both the either-sex and doe hunt.





Spring Turkey Hunts

Total applicants (includes first, second and third choice preferences): 9,280

Total permits available: 97

Overall odds of getting drawn for any one permit: 1 in 96

Spring Turkey Hunt Hints

- The hunts at the McAlester Army Ammunition Plant have some of the highest application rates and are some of the hardest spring turkey hunts to draw.
- In areas that offer two hunts, the hunts offered later in the season are usually easier to draw.

Youth Turkey Hunts

Total applicants (includes first, second and third choice preferences): 580

Total permits available: 15

Overall odds of getting drawn for any one permit: 1 in 39

Youth Turkey Hunt Hints

- Hunts with low permit numbers may be harder to draw than other hunts, even though more youngsters applied for the other areas.

Spring Turkey Hunts	Hunt Number	Hunt Type	Type	Begin Date	End Date	Permits Allowed	Applicants	Draw Ratio	Rank
Cross Timbers WMA	6000	Shotgun	Tom	04/06/15	04/12/15	12	1,298	1:108	4
Deep Fork NWR	6010	Shotgun	Tom	04/24/15	04/26/15	5	716	1:143	6
Four Canyon Preserve	6020	Shotgun	Tom	04/06/15	04/07/15	2	554	1:277	8
Four Canyon Preserve	6021	Shotgun	Tom	04/11/15	04/12/15	2	406	1:203	7
Little River NWR	6040	Shotgun	Tom	04/24/15	04/26/15	20	1,069	1:53	1
McAlester AAP	6050	Shotgun	Tom	04/17/15	04/19/15	20	2,215	1:110	5
McAlester AAP	6051	Shotgun	Tom	04/24/15	04/26/15	20	1,964	1:98	3
McCurtain Co. WA	6060	Shotgun	Tom	04/24/15	04/26/15	16	1,058	1:66	2

Youth Turkey Hunts	Hunt Number	Hunt Type	Type	Begin Date	End Date	Permits Allowed	Applicants	Draw Ratio	Rank
Deep Fork NWR	7010	Tom	Shotgun	04/10/15	04/12/15	7	290	1:41	2
James Collins WMA	7030	Tom	Shotgun	04/11/15	04/12/15	8	290	1:36	1