

PETERSEN'S  
**BOWHUNTING**

## 10 Serious Whitetail Sleeper States:

"A definite sleeper state, Oklahoma is incredibly overlooked.\*"

\*Oklahoma has **more typical and non-typical** Boone & Crocket bucks (115 typical/155 non-typical) **than any of the other states** on Petersen's top 10 sleeper states list.



From the National Deer Association's 2024 Deer Report:

OK ranks top 5 in nation in:

Lowest % of Yearling Bucks in the Harvest: OK ranks 2nd!

Highest % of 3 ½ plus year old buck in the harvest: OK ranks 3rd!

Highest % of 3 ½ plus year olds in the antlerless harvest: OK ranks 4th!

**FIELD &  
STREAM**

## The 12 Best Deer Hunting States To Bag a Monster Whitetail

### #4 Oklahoma

"Bordered by more famous neighbors Texas and Kansas, Oklahoma flew under everyone's radar for many years—until it became impossible to ignore. With over 100 P&Y nontypicals—the top ten of which were all killed since 2000—and a state-record buck as good as they come (Travis Ocker's 245-2/8-inch whopper, tagged in 2016), the Sooner State is a bowhunter's dream. Overall management is excellent, as the 2022 NDA Report states 83 percent of harvested bucks are 3½ years old or older—a stat that leads the nation in that category. Even more exciting is the amount of public land opportunities, which include state WMA's (some managed for quality deer), national forests, and Army Corps of Engineers' ground."

North American  
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"Mississippi hunts harvest more older-age class bucks than any other state.

Nebraska just seems magical; so does Oklahoma."



## Oklahoma: "A"

"We know, it's surprising to see such an overlooked state receive an A grade.... For whatever reason, Oklahoma doesn't receive the recognition it deserves."

- Realtree Antler Nation State Grades

NORTH AMERICAN  
**WHITETAIL**

"You're probably well aware that Oklahoma is part of an ongoing record book rewrite currently taking the deer hunting world by storm." -- Jan. 27, 2020, Bryant Buck: Oklahoma Hunter Tags Top-5 Typical Whitetail



## The Five Top Whitetail States That Aren't on Your Radar #4 Oklahoma

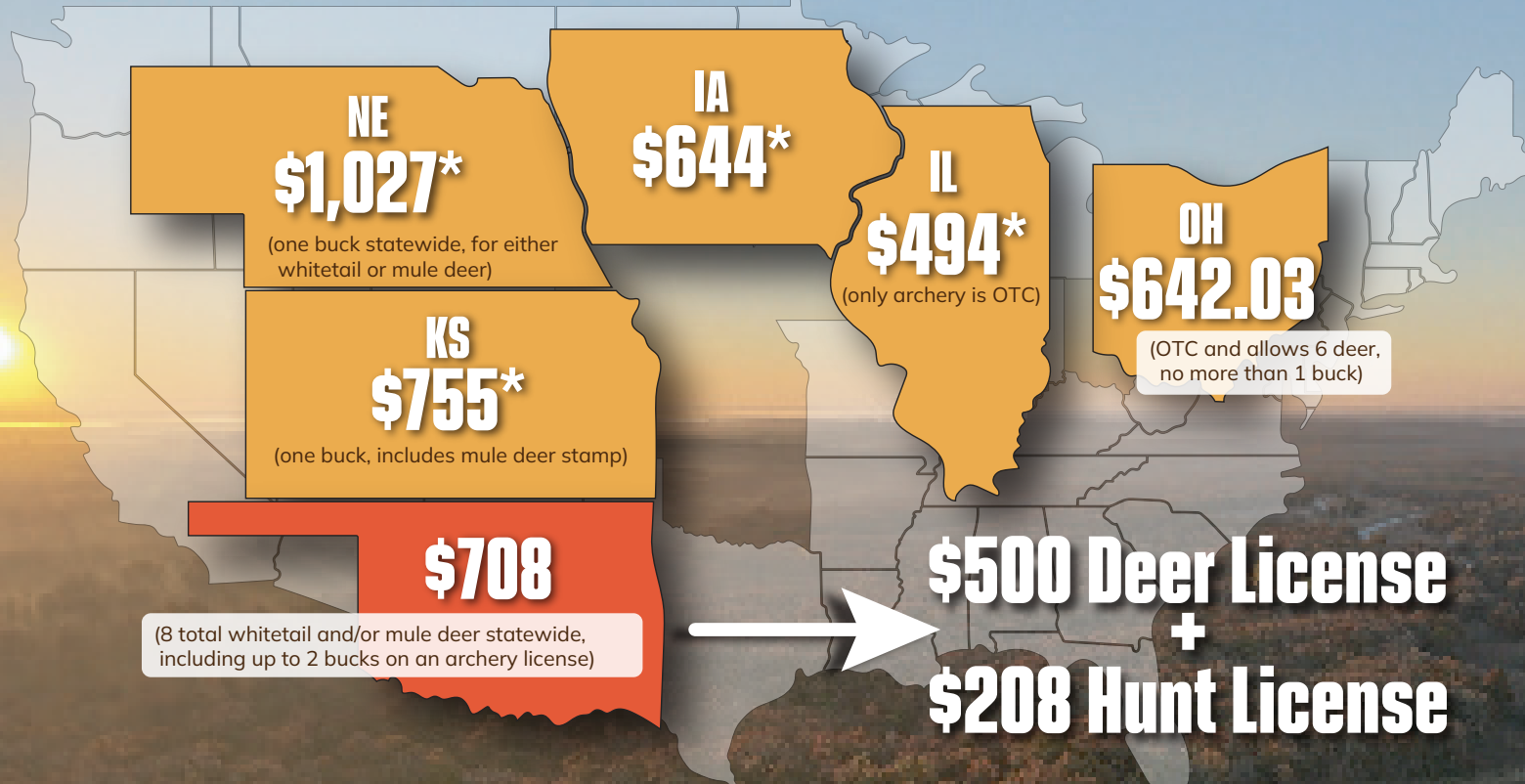
"Harvest success rates of bagging at least one deer came in at 53%, and the state's deer hunting mantra, "Hunters in the know... let young bucks grow!" led to 66% of the bucks harvested aging out at 3.5 years or older."

(States ranked based on the amount of public access, over-the-counter tags, hunter success rates, affordability of licenses and number of deer hunters in the state.)

- 2021 OnX Maps Hunt Blog

# Nonresident Deer License Price Comparisons

Comparisons are made with states with similar funding models and deer quality.



**\*Does not offer over-the-counter or unlimited nonresident tags**

## Oklahoma: A Top 5 Deer State Available Over-The-Counter

- Nationally recognized as having some of the best hunting in the country.
- One of only a handful of over-the-counter states for nonresidents.
- One of even fewer states to offer over-the-counter for archery, muzzleloader and gun deer season hunting opportunities if a hunter wants to participate in all seasons.
- One of only a handful of over-the-counter states to allow nonresidents 2 bucks per year, both of which could be taken on one archery license.

