

STATE	HERD SIZE	TAGS AWARDED	SEASON	DRAW	HARVEST	INFO
KENTUCKY	11,000	594	Archery and crossbow season takes place for two weeks in September. Four firearm hunts (two for bull, two for cows) occur over five-day periods in September, October, and November.	Kentucky allows nonresidents to apply for elk tags (up to 10 percent of the permits). Application period opens January 1, each year and closes April 30.	Kentucky sees a robust annual elk harvest. In 2019, 242 elk were killed; in 2018, 368 elk; in 2017, 335 elk.	The Elk Decade or KDFW .
MICHIGAN	1,200	260	Hunt period 1 consists of three four-day segments in September and early October. Hunt period 2 is nine days in mid-December. Over 250 total licenses are usually drawn, about two-thirds for any elk (can shoot a bull) and two-thirds for antlerless animals only.	Michigan is for residents-only, and elk hunt permits are drawn in early July each year. A weighted preference point system grows applicants' chances as they go.	Michigan hunters usually kill about 200 animals per year.	Michigan DNR .
TENNESSEE	450	15	Tennessee holds an archery hunt (seven days) beginning the last Saturday in September, an any-method hunt (rifle, muzzleloader, or archery) beginning the second Saturday in October. Hunters in certain areas outside of the core elk zone may take an elk during an open deer season.	Only residents can apply for a Tennessee elk hunt, with an application period running from mid-June to mid-July annually.	About a dozen elk are shot each year in Tennessee.	TWRA Elk Page
WISCONSIN	400	10	Wisconsin's first modern elk hunt took place in 2018. There are two seasons: about a month from mid-October to mid-November, and then for nine days in the middle of December. Only bulls in the Clam Lake herd are legal. Over 70 percent of the Clam Lake elk range is public land, so finding	Elk hunt applications are accepted from March 1 through May 31. Only Wisconsin residents may apply.	In 2019, 10 bulls were harvested (10 licenses were issued; five went to state hunters and five to Ojibwe tribe members).	Wisconsin DNR Elk Page

			a place to hunt is not a problem. Open counties include Ashland, Bayfield, Price, Rusk, and Sawyer.			
MINNESOTA	250	44	Staggered either-sex seasons (bulls or cows are fair game) and antlerless-only seasons run for nine-day periods from late August through early December. There are also a few special bull-only licenses annually. Hunting currently only takes place in Kittson County, as re-building takes place in the Grygla herd. Ample public lands are available, but elk are hard on crops and hunting permission may be attainable on private lands. Many of the bulls taken in Minnesota are truly eye-popping in both antler size and body weight.	Elk hunting in Minnesota is a once-in-lifetime affair for those lucky enough to draw. Although applications were up this year, about 2,000 applicants for 40 to 50 licenses is the norm. Hunters can apply individually or in parties of two (still only a one-elk limit). Applications are accepted starting in mid-May, with the drawing in late June.	In 2019, 15 elk were taken. In 2018, it was 17 elk.	Minnesota DNR Elk Page.
VIRGINIA	250		The main elk herd in Buchanan, Dickenson and Wise Counties cannot yet sustain a hunt, but outside of those counties, elk are fair game during any open deer season.			Virginia DWR Elk Page.
MISSOURI	200	5	Fall 2020 kicks off Missouri's first elk season. The season runs for nine days in mid-October (archery), and nine days in mid-December (firearms). Only antlered elk are legal. The open zone spans Carter, Reynolds, and Shannon Counties.	Only residents may apply. The application period is May 1 to 31. Currently, only five tags are awarded.		MDC Elk Page.

ARKANSAS	450	26	There are both public-land-only and private-land-only licenses, with two two-day youth hunts and two five-day regular hunts (in October) for public and private lands. Bows, muzzleloaders. or rifles (.24 caliber or larger) may be used. Elk licenses are good only in the Core Elk Management Zone. During open deer seasons outside of the Core Elk Zone, hunters can legally take any elk.	Only Arkansas residents may apply for the public land permits. The application period opens May 1 and ends June 1.	Elk harvest hovers at about 40 to 50 animals per year in Arkansas (combines public land tags, private land tags and elk shot out of the core zone)	AGFC Elk Page.
PENNSYLVANIA	1,350	164	An early archery season runs in mid-September, a general firearms season lasts for six days in early November, and a late-season antlerless hunt runs for eight days in early January.	Pennsylvania is a resident-only lottery. For residents who draw, the license itself costs a whopping \$11.90. Drawing takes place August 15 each year, after a summer application period.	In the 2019 season, 127 elk were killed in Pennsylvania, and that included some absolute whopper bulls, including several 700-plus pounders. Ten of 62 cows weighed over 500 pounds. Bull hunters went 27 for 27.	PGC Wildlife or Hunt Wild PA.