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Ohio Hunters Take More Than 116,000 Deer

Columbus, Ohio - State officials say 116,798 whitetailed deer were killed by ohio hunters during the 2008 weeklong gun season. That number compares to the 103,195 deer that were killed last year. The statewide deer population is estimated to be about 700,000. About 400,000 hunters were expected to participate in the deer gun season. Last season a total of 232,854 deer were harvested during the adult and youth gun season, muzzleloader and archery seasons.

Pennsylvania Antlerless License

The state allocated 849,000 antlerless tags this year. A total of 839,401 were sold.

Kentucky Considers Black Bear Season in 2009

Kentucky Dept. of Fish and Wildlife Resources

In half a century, Kentucky's white-tailed deer herd grew from 1,000 animals to a million today. Wild turkeys increased from about 800 birds to a quarter-million, and we are now home to 10,000 free-ranging elk, the largest elk population east of the Rocky Mountains. All are now hunted in Kentucky.

A new big game species came closer to joining that list this week when legislators approved a pending regulatory amendment that will create Kentucky's first black bear season in more than 100 years.

NRA Adds New Features to NRAhuntersrights.org

NRA - If you've ever searched in vain for a hunting law in a state you want to hunt, or if lies from anti-hunters have you confused about what's fact and what's fiction when it comes to lead ammunition, www.NRAhuntersrights.org has added two new features to give hunters quick and easy access to both sets of information.

The first new feature is an interactive map of the United States providing direct links to the hunting laws in all 50 states. Just click on the tab "State Hunting Laws" at the top of the Hunters' Rights homepage and then click on the state you want to hunt to find current rules and regulations.

Also new to the site is a list of answers to the most frequently asked questions about the health concerns associated with consuming game harvested with traditional lead ammunition. This FAQ, located in the top right corner of the homepage, will set the record straight on the lead issue and help to dispel any myths about lead ammunition being espoused by anti-hunting groups. This section will be updated often as new research and information on lead ammunition becomes available.

Facts about Owls.

Owls belong to the "Order Strigiformes". The order Strigiformes is divided into two families, the barn owls (family tytonidae) and the typical owls (family strigidae). There are over 220 species of owls belonging to the order strigiformes.

Owls are meat eaters, and can't chew their food, so they use their sharp hooked beak to tear their food into bite size pieces.

Owls eyes are fixed in their sockets, which means they must turn their head in order see in different directions. Because owls have forward facing eyes, they have developed very good binocular vision.

The tufts of feathers atop some owl's heads are for display purposes only. Owl's ears are located on the facial disc behind the eyes and are concealed by feathers.

Owls are zygodactyl, which means two toes face forward and two face backwards.

"But Steer Buck, right behind him, had the last laugh on us. He rolled over that fence without losing stride."