

Small game season to open November 1

LANCASTER — Pennsylvania's regular small game hunting season will open on Saturday, November 1, at 9 a.m.

Since the entire state will be operating on Eastern Standard Time on November 1, there should be no confusion on the starting time for all hunters everywhere in the state.

Species on which the season opens November 1 include cottontail rabbits, ringneck pheasants, wild turkeys and bobwhite quail. The raccoon hunting season this year opens five days later on Wednesday, November 5.

Grouse and squirrel hunting starts two weeks prior to the regular small

game season, having begun on October 18 this year.

The regular small game season for cottontails and pheasants, as well as the squirrel and grouse season, will close on Saturday, November 29.

This year, there will be only a one-week quail season, ending on Saturday, November 8. The raccoon hunting season which opens

on November 5 will continue through January 31.

Pre-season reports by district game protectors indicate that supplies of most small game species this year are in the fair-to-good range, following generally successful reproductive seasons with good food supplies and cover conditions.

Two years ago hunters complained about a shortage of rabbits, and a Game Commission survey showed that the cottontail harvest was indeed below the norm for recent years. The pheasant harvest was also off in 1978.

However, the harvest of both pheasants and rabbits rebounded last year, and the outlook for bunnies this year is even better than in 1979.

This fall, district game protectors reported that their supply of cottontails, at least in September, was at an excellent level in two counties, good in 47 counties, fair in 16 counties, and poor in only one county. The best rabbit populations seem to be in eastern counties.

Ringneck pheasant supplies are not at the all-time record level of a few years ago, and with changing land use patterns, probably will never again be that high. When any game species population reaches a peak, there is only one direction the supply can go, and that is down. But the pheasant supply is at a fair level.

In September, district game protectors rated their pheasant populations as good in 10 counties, fair in 52 counties, and poor in 4 counties. The best pheasant hunting will be found in counties in the southern part of the state.

The outlook for turkeys is probably the most exciting part of this year's pre-season

hunting picture. Pennsylvania probably has more wild turkeys now than ever before, largely due to an expanding range. Game officials believe that the total turkey population in the state now exceeds 100,000 birds.

In September, district game protectors in 11 counties rated their turkey supplies as excellent, 30 counties reported good populations of the big birds, 14 counties had fair levels of turkeys, and the birds were in poor supply or nonexistent in 12 counties.

Game protectors report that the best turkey hunting this year should be in southcentral counties, followed closely by northeastern and northcentral counties.

In an "average" season, Pennsylvania hunters generally harvest about 2 million cottontail rabbits, close to a million pheasants, nearly 30,000 turkeys and slightly more than 25,000 quail.

These are the daily and possession limits for small game species during the regular season:

Cottontail rabbits - A limit of four per hunter per day and eight in possession.

Ringneck pheasants - The daily limit is two, with a possession limit of four.

Wild turkey - A limit of one per hunter for the fall hunting season.

Bobwhite quail - A daily limit of four, with eight in the possession of a hunter.

Rohrer wins two trophies

UNIONVILLE - Tiffany Rohrer, Nottingham, PA, walked away with a number of trophies from the Unionville Fair on October 11, 1980. She was the exhibitor of the Grand Champion Steer, a straight bred Angus Steer, purchased from Sam Wylie and was also the Champion Junior Showman.

Ed Wylie exhibited the Reserve Grand Champion Steer, a Simmental-cross. The show was judged by

Gary Dean, a commercial swine producer from Lancaster County.

In the Showmanship contest, Bill Wylie walked away with the Senior Championship and Frank Witman with the first year member Championship. Champion Polled Hereford Heifer was exhibited by Patty Maniscalco and Reserve Champion Polled Hereford Heifer was exhibited by Andrew Froy.

More inclusive results follow.

- Lightweight Steers**
1032-1056 lbs
1 Ed Wylie 2 Eileen Fairbairn, 3 Bill MacCauley
- Mediumweight Steers**
All 1073 lbs
1 Sheila Fairbairn, 2 Jeff Walker, 3 Terri Marsh 4 Trudi Marsh
- Light Heavyweight**
All 1107 lbs.
1 Bill Wylie, 2 Robbie Rohrer, 3 Gary Walker, 4 Donald Cairns

- Heavyweight**
1142-1177 lbs.
1 Tiffany Rohrer, 2 Ken Walker 3 Frank Witman, 4 Shannon Mertz
- Showmanship**
1st year
1 Frank Witman
- Juniors**
1 Tiffany Rohrer, 2 Robbie Rohrer 3 Ken Walker 4 Trudi Marsh, 5 Andy Froy
- Seniors**
1 Bill Wylie 2 Gary Walker, 3 Ed Wylie, 4 Eileen Fairbairn, 5 Bill MacCauley, 6 Sheila Fairbairn 7 Patty Maniscalco, 8 Jeff Walker, 9 Shannon Mertz

Youth exchange seeks 4-H alumni


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The Lancaster County

IFYE Association is looking for 4-H alumni between the ages of 20-29 who are interested in applying for an international exchange experience. Contact the 4-H office (394-6851) for an application, or write to: Nancy Meyers, 4-H Agent, 1383 Arcadia Road, Room 1, Lancaster, PA 17601.

If you are a 4-H alumni and like international travel - don't miss this opportunity!



York County DHIA Monthly Report

YORK — The following DHIA figures were accidentally omitted from last week's York County Dairy Herd Improvement Association report. The missing numbers are as follows.

OWNER	NAME OR NO.	BREED	AGE	DAYS IN MILK	LBS. MILK	LBS. FAT
McRae Dairy Farm	340	3	6-8	305	16,583	4.3
	354	3	6-0	305	15,945	3.9
	404	3	4-9	302	13,855	4.6
	407	3	4-9	283	14,261	4.4
	443	3	3-3	305	15,593	4.3
William Ruppert	444	3	3-3	305	18,477	4.1
	Melody	3	7-10	288	19,624	3.5
	Mattie	3	5-3	305	18,454	3.5
	Tiny	3	4-3	299	17,537	4.0
Wayne E. Myers	Stell	3	6-9	299	15,293	4.1



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