

John Campbell takes us through The Great Outdoors. CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa (KCRG-TV9) - It was a cold, windy morning when John Campbell joined a foursome for a little pheasant hunting. After a slow.

First is the number of breeding adult birds available for production in the spring. The second is the reproductive success of the breeding population. Reproductive success consists of nest success the number of nests that successfully hatched and chick survival the number of chicks recruited into the fall population. Annual survival of pheasant and quail is relatively low; therefore, the fall population is more dependent on reproductive success than breeding population levels. For grouse prairie chickens, reproductive success is still the major population regulator, although greater annual survival helps maintain hunting opportunities during poor conditions. Methods In this forecast, breeding populations and reproductive success of pheasants, quail, and prairie chickens will be discussed. Breeding population data were gathered during spring surveys for pheasants crow counts, quail whistle counts, and prairie chickens lek counts. Data for reproductive success were collected during late-summer roadside surveys for pheasants and quail. Reproductive success of prairie chickens cannot be easily assessed using the same methods because they generally do not associate with roads like pheasants and quail. Habitat Conditions This year, Kansas was very dry between October and April, resulting in poor habitat conditions entering the nesting season. Heavy rains in May in the western half of the state greatly improved cover, while eastern regions remained dry. Dry conditions limited burning in the Flint Hills, retaining better-than-average nesting cover and may have improved nesting success across all eastern regions. While moisture in the west is usually a good thing, there can be too much of a good thing. Heavy rainfall continued in the west during the nesting season, with some areas receiving more than 12 inches above normal rainfall. Storms resulted in several localized hail and flooding events, which likely caused additional mortality within the impacted areas. Overall, extreme conditions appear to have reduced production this year, as indicated by lower roadside counts. The resulting vegetation may challenge hunters as there is excessive winter habitat this fall. However, this winter habitat should also guard against losses from severe winter weather. The CRP program is at its regulatory enrollment cap, and thus no general signup was conducted in although there was a limited signup for certain high priority buffer practices. This resulted in a net loss of enrollment of more than, CRP acres in Kansas in Hunters are unlikely to see any immediate population impact from these expirations. However, with nearly 1 million acres set to expire between, if this trend continues, significant population impacts are likely if suitable habitat on CRP lands is lost. A large portion of properties in the WIHA program include CRP and expirations may reduce quality or exclude properties from the program. A new marketing campaign and a revised lease payment structure added more than, new acres to the program this fall, and properties continue to be added daily. Be sure to check the online atlas and post-print changes for the most up-to-date WIHA maps. Kansas has almost 1. This is only a small percentage of the more than 52 million acres of private land that also provides ample opportunity where permission can be obtained. The opening date for pheasant and quail seasons is November 10 and Youth season is November 3 and 4. Youth hunters must be 16 years of age or younger and accompanied by a non-hunting adult that is 18 years of age or older. All public wildlife areas and WIHA tracts will be open for public access during the youth season. Please consider taking a young person hunting this fall! Kansas reported the second highest pheasant harvest among states in, and Kansas will still have one of the best pheasant populations in the country this fall. Pheasant hunting in Kansas should be fair to locally good this year. Pheasant densities had been slowly recovering from to with a few areas reaching relatively high densities. A late spring blizzard in western Kansas reduced nesting success and resulted in a decline in the pheasant crow survey. Winter precipitation was limited this year, resulting in short wheat and concern for nesting prospects. Heavy spring and summer showers greatly improved vegetative cover for nesting, but also limited nest success. Conditions shifted peak pheasant hatch later into June and July. Roadside counts indicate a below-average pheasant population this year. The combination of heavy cover and a later peak hatch may have reduced the number of detectable birds on the counts, but generally survey conditions were ideal. The best areas will likely be in the

northern half of the Kansas pheasant range with areas of high densities also found in central and far southwestern regions. Precipitation patterns observed over the past five years altered vegetation, increasing both the quality and quantity of habitat, allowing for a modern quail boom. While total harvest has remained well below average due to lower hunter participation, the average daily bag has remained at the best levels observed in 20 years. Dry weather in the east and wet weather in the west provided optimism for high production and another banner year. Early reports indicated lots of birds along roadsides and throughout wheat fields during harvest. However, observations on the statewide roadside survey were significantly down this year, with only the Osage Cuestas showing improvement. Densities in the eastern-most regions are not as high, but all regional indices remain near or above their respective long-term averages. The best opportunities will again be found in the central regions, extending east into the northern Flint Hills. Kansas is home to greater and lesser prairie chickens. Greater prairie chickens are found primarily in the tallgrass and mixed-grass prairies that occur in the eastern third and northern half of the state. The Southwest Prairie Chicken Unit, where lesser prairie chickens are found, will remain closed to hunting this year. Hunting opportunities will be best in the Northern High Plains and Smoky Hills Regions this fall, where populations have been increasing or stable. This permit allows hunter activity and harvest to be measured and will improve management activities and inform policy decisions. Pheasant – Pheasant hunting opportunities should remain fair to good, but there will be fewer birds in the area than last year. The spring pheasant crow survey index was the highest regional index this year but remained below-average for the region. There was a significant decline in the regional pheasant index on the roadside survey this year compared to Production was assumed to be negatively impacted by heavy rainfall throughout the summer, which was confirmed by ongoing research in the region. The highest densities will be found in the northern half of the region, particularly the northeastern counties. Quail – Quail are limited in this region and most are taken opportunistically by pheasant hunters. The best areas are in the eastern counties of the region; areas where adequate woody cover is present. This region is at the extreme northwestern edge of bobwhite range in Kansas and densities are relatively low compared to central and southern Kansas. Densities on the summer roadside survey decreased this year and remain the lowest in the state. Prairie Chicken – Prairie chicken populations continue to expand in both numbers and range within the region. Lesser prairie-chickens occur in the southern and central portions of the region and remain closed to prairie chicken hunting this year see map for unit boundaries. Within the area that is open, the best hunting opportunities will be found in the northeastern portion of the region in native prairies and nearby CRP grasslands. Pheasant – Pheasant hunters should expect fair to good opportunities throughout much of the region. The spring crow survey saw a slight decrease, followed by a decrease in the summer roadside counts. Despite this decrease, the Smoky Hills had the highest regional roadside density in the state. Regional harvest estimates were highest in the Smoky Hills last year but are expected to decrease with decreased densities. The northern half of the region contained the highest roadside counts; however, counties in the southwestern portion of the region along the border of the South-Central Prairies observed good counts as well. Quail – Quail hunting should be fair to good throughout the region this year. The spring whistle survey showed a slight decrease this year. Significant decreases were observed on roadside surveys as well. Given there has been very high densities for the past 3 years, the region retained the highest roadside index for quail in , despite the observed losses. While quail in north-central Kansas have seemed ubiquitous across the landscape the past few years, they have historically been spotty in the region. The Smoky Hills will likely offer above-average densities; however, with declines this year, quail will return to more historic patterns. Densities were best in the central portion, extending eastward toward the northern Flint Hills. Greater Prairie Chicken – Prairie Chicken hunting opportunities in the region will be good to great. This region includes some of the highest densities and access in the state for prairie chickens. Greater prairie-chickens occur throughout the Smoky Hills where large areas of native rangeland are intermixed with CRP and cropland. The best hunting will be found in the central portion of the region, but several other areas support huntable densities of birds in appropriate habitat. Lesser prairie-chickens occur only in portions of a few counties in the southwestern portion of the region and those areas are closed to hunting see map for unit boundaries. Pheasant – Pheasant densities across the region are

typically low, especially relative to other areas in central and western Kansas. Success will remain poor with hunting opportunities existing only in pockets of habitat, primarily in the northwestern portion of the region or areas managed for upland birds. Spring crow counts this year declined from Roadside surveys showed increases; however, only two routes observed pheasants in Quail – Quail hunters should expect fair to locally good opportunities this year. Bobwhites on the spring whistle count remained stable and above-average. This included a few routes that maintained extraordinarily high counts for the region. Roadside counts indicated a slight decline, although northeastern Kansas will have densities similar to the western regions this year where larger decreases were observed. While urbanization and succession have deteriorated habitat and caused long-term population declines, carry-over birds from should maintain above-average opportunity for this area. Opportunities are expected to be similar to last year and above average. Roadside counts were highest in the northwestern portion of the region. Prairie Chicken – Very little prairie chicken range occurs in this region and opportunities are limited. Opportunities for encounters are highest in the western edges of the region along the Flint Hills, where some large areas of native rangeland still exist. Pheasant – This region is outside the primary pheasant range and very limited hunting opportunity is available. Pheasants are occasionally found in the northwestern portion of the region in very low densities. Quail – While long-term trends have been declining, spring surveys have been steadily increasing over the last decade and remained stable this year. Roadside surveys indicated there was a slight increase in , likely in response to dry weather in early summer.

Chapter 2 : Home :: Dakota Ringneck Pheasant Hunting

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And when you talk about daily bag limit, the first question that comes to mind is, where do you hunt? United States has great places spread across different states where you can hunt pheasants. You can either choose to hunt in a private or public land. Besides you can go for a pheasant hunt in a group or hunt solo either for a day or extend period of time. When you are hunting through an extended period of time, you can book in to pheasant hunting lodges located in the hunting area. Even when you are working on a tight budget you can be sure to find a cheap pheasant hunting lodge in these hunting area. Here are top pheasant hunting State in U. For decades South Dakota has exceeded a million birds each season. Yes, you are reading it right, a million birds each season. To begin with, it has millions of acres of hunting grounds where you can hunt either the wild or the released pheasants. If you need to hunt on small farm you might need to get permission. However, if you are hunting on CPR grass fields where public hunting is allowed then you do not need to get hunting permission at all. The most noted place to hunt pheasants when you are in South Dakota is in Pierre town located along the banks of Missouri River. Fort Pierre National grasslands holds the biggest promise to peasant hunt success while you hunting in this state. Other interesting spots where you can hunt pheasants in this state include Redfield, Eureka, and Huron. Montana The surrounding beautiful sceneries upped by picturesque mountains in Montana are sure features that will take your breath away as you hunt pheasants. Four bag per hunter is definitely one of the highest daily bag limit guranteed to give you a hunting experience that will linger in your memory for years to come. Montana has millions of acres of both federal, state, and private owned lands where you can hunt pheasants. Other places where you can hunt while in Montana include Lewistown where it has two popular pheasants Forever wildlife habitat. Another great hot spot to hunt in this state include the Miles City that has 2. This state has public wildlife area where you can hunt pheasants with great success. The most popular pheasant hunting spot that attract many pheasant hunters in Minnesota and has recorded high pheasant hunt each season is the pleasant Milaca area. Pheasant hunting in this area is mostly on private lands with Mille Laces WMA and Rum River States Forest being the favourite areas each boasting with approximately 40, acres of forest lands where you can hunt pheasants. Also you might want to check around Detroit Lakes, Fergus Falls, and Clay County as these areas are full of pheasants. North Dakota Hunting pheasants in North Dakota is guranteed to be thrill packed. Additionally, approximately 1 million acres of land is availed each year for public hunting through the famous program dubbed Private Owned Land Open to Sportsmen. Some of the great spots to hunt pheasants while in North Dakota include the Bowman, Mott, and Scranton located to the southwest region. But if you want to hunt in the southeast area the great spots where you will find pheasants include the Edgeley, Ellendale, as well the land that borders Missouri River. It is located towards the northeast part of Bismarck. Besides, Hettinger located in the southern parts of Dakota would also treat you to a great pheasant hunting experience while in the region. Nebraska There is every reason why Nebraska is considered a great upland pheasant hunting ground. To begin with, there are over federal land area to a tune of , acres where you can freely hunt pheasants. Great spots known to offer hunters fruitful hunting experience include the Valentine located in the northern part of Nebraska Sandhills. Conclusion You will never go wrong hunting pheasants in these top five hunting pheasant states. The states have great spots where hunters have always recorded high pheasant hunt. Better yet, you will choose to hunt on private land with the help of a guide or on a public land. Wherever you choose to hunt, you are guranteed of a great hunting experience that will leave craving for the next hunting season.

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"Pheasant hunting is a great way to stretch your legs and clear your mind when things get hectic," Davros said. Added Roemhildt: "It's also a chance to introduce someone new to pheasant hunting as kids get time off from school and family comes to visit."

Andy Martin - November 01, Keep these 10 pheasant hunting tips in mind to get more pheasants in your sights. From hot, dry weather early in the season to crowded conditions at state wildlife areas where birds are released, pheasant hunting can be a challenge. Yet veteran hunters have learned to use weather, heavy hunting pressure and wary birds to their advantage and shoot bag limits of roosters each fall. Here are 10 tips from some of the best pheasant hunters around --hunting guides, state wildlife area managers and hunting club owners --on how to find more birds on public and private lands through the West. But the most successful hunters are those with a good bird dog, be it a Lab or a pointer. Not only will a dog help you find more pheasants and other upland birds, but can also track down pheasants after they are shot. And then someone with a dog with a good nose will go in and find birds right away. Others like a pointer, which will locate pheasants hiding in grass and brush and let their owner know exactly where they are. He utilizes both Labs and English setters at his ranch. He likes to drive pheasants early in the season when hot, dry weather limits success for many hunters. He will have one or more hunters take position at the top of a hill or ridge and wait. Then he pushes the birds to them by walking a slow zigzag pattern through brush and other cover. Pheasants will often retreat uphill, running through the cover and then fly once the cover ends. Eubank cautions hunters to avoid pushing pheasants downhill. They will often take off flying before they near the hunters waiting to ambush them. Early in the season and during dry weather patterns, pheasants will often hang out in areas with lots of water. Hunting clubs and preserves often open before the general pheasant season and are great places to give bird dogs exposure to pheasant hunting. Break out your rain gear and waterproof boots after the first big storm of fall for some of the best opportunities of bagging a pheasant. You know your dog is on a bird and not a rabbit or something else. Make sure you are shooting a good pattern. Watching where the birds are without hunters around will reveal locations to keep an eye on early in the mornings and late in the afternoons. Scouting for pheasants will also reveal cover types to be aware of once hunting opens. And the ever-popular gauge, also used for duck and goose hunting, will suffice. Despite being hit, the birds will often survive the blast and live. If using steel shot, go with a bigger size than if you were using lead. On public lands, lead shot often cannot be used. Instead, size-4 steel shot is a good choice. If you keep them under 50 yards, you should do fine," he says of shot range. Mornings are best because the birds are often found in grasses or other light cover, searching for food. Once hunters and dogs arrive, the birds will retreat to heavier cover until pressure eases. They will then begin searching for food again. At private hunting clubs, however, hunting is good throughout the day, as birds are often released several minutes to a few hours before hunters begin their hunt. Hunters can tell hunting club managers what type of hunt they want, from beginner to more challenging and if they want the birds disoriented or not. On public grounds later in the day, the birds will come out again when hunting pressure drops off. You can often see them at dusk, which is a good time to scout for pheasants. When scouting a new pheasant hunting area, Oredson suggests you look for birds where corn is growing. Pheasants also like thick cattails. Marshy areas hold a lot of birds, but they are a little harder to hunt. Be patient, says Oredson. Another hunter can push birds into our area. Sometimes you have to let the birds come to you. Break down the entire area and methodically going through all the cover with your dog. Pheasants can also be easy to track on muddy or snow-covered ground. Regulation books will often include public-land release sites for pheasants. There also are junior or youth pheasant hunts in many states. California, Oregon and Washington all have information about the youth and adult state wildlife area pheasant hunts on their Web sites and in their regulation books. Hunters must also be aware of tag and recording requirements. In Oregon, for example, you can be fined for bagging a pheasant and not recording it on your tag, just like keeping a salmon without recording it on your fishing license. Also be aware of any hunter orange requirements, load or firearm restrictions or hunter education requirements for your state. Pheasants were also introduced to the Longview,

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Wash. The newly introduced birds thrived, and their populations quickly grew into the tens of thousands. Eastern Oregon, eastern Washington and northeastern California still have good numbers of wild pheasants, although the birds are not as plentiful as they once were because of changes in the agricultural industries. Pheasants thrive in farming areas of each state, but also are found in state wildlife areas where they are raised and released for hunters. There also are private hunting clubs in each state where hunters can pay for each bird they want released.

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Leave a comment I did some cooking for my annual pheasant hunting trip this year. Of course you can add whatever poultry meat, or no meat, that you want to this recipe. Rinse the rice In a large crock pot, put the pheasant breasts in the bottom and then pile everything else except the cream on top. Mix well, cover and cook on low for 8 hours or on high for 4 hours. After cooking, fish out the breasts and shred the meat. Return to the crock pot and allow to warm through. Add the cream and mix well Enjoy! This is basically what I did. I did add a few crushed bay leaves to the mix and some extra garlic powder. A thick and hearty soup that really hit the spot at lunch time. If you want a thinner soup, feel free to back off a can of the cream of whatever soup or add more chicken broth or a can of water. This feed five guys the first day, four the second. I think everyone took a second serving at least one of the days and I still brought home at least one serving. One thing that I will do differently in the future is to trust the measurement on the rice. I added more than what was called for and it absorbed a lot of the moisture of the broth and soup. It was still delicious, but was a little heavy on the rice. Feel free to experiment with this recipe some to fit your own tastes. That is what I have found to be one of the best parts of cooking is to try things and make each dish unique and my own. If you try something and like it, please let me know. I would be really interested to hear how this would turn out with waterfowl like goose or duck. Maybe even with venison.

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Chapter 9 : The Top Five Pheasant Hunting States: Cheap Pheasant Hunting Lodge

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