

Chairman Larry Powell
Members of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee,

I'm writing in support of HB 2295 to lengthen the doe hunting season in January in Kingman county. I farm around 2,320 acres and have let hunters hunt for free to take the doe's for food after the buck season. The biggest problem with the short hunting season is all the people I let hunt work in town and can't get out here to hunt during the week and the only time they have is weekends.

I know a number of hunters that won't buy a license to only hunt a couple of weekends, especially if the weather gets bad and that is another reason I support the extended season for the hunters benefit. I really don't care if they accidently shoot a buck that lost his antlers as they will probably ruin one of my tires. Right now there is not enough hunters to shoot all the deer on our land is they hunted everyday for several months. There are time I seen over 45 or more on my wheat in less busy areas and I also farm along US hwy 54 and it is not at all uncommon to see 15 to 20 standing in the wheat less than a quarter mile from the highway.

We also need a program to help pay the hunters feeding the hungry. Several of the guys hunting on our land would gladly shoot as many as they can because they love to hunt, however, they have no place to go with the excess meat after they fill their freezers.

Thanks for your time and please consider extending the season, I would go for six months but I am sure that won't happen

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