

## **Pheasant/quail season opens this Saturday**

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Opening day for pheasant and quail hunting season in Nebraska is Saturday, with the best hunting expected to be found in southwest Nebraska.

“In the eastern third of the state it’s going to be spotty for pheasant and quail,” said Jeff Lusk, upland game program manager for the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.

The last couple of winters have been severe, and they have been followed by wet springs, he said. The combination has hurt bird production, Lusk told the Lincoln Journal Star.

The southwest region, which has plenty of access to public lands, should be the best, Lusk said.

“There are fewer public lands in the Panhandle but pheasant numbers are pretty good up there, too,” he said.

Hunters should also have pretty good luck hunting both pheasant and quail from Kearney west to Colorado, he said.

Quail hunters should head for the Nebraska-Kansas border from Franklin to Dundy counties, Lusk said.

The daily bag limit for pheasant is three roosters, and the possession bag limit is 12. The daily bag limit for quail is six birds, and the possession bag limit is 24.

Shooting hours for pheasant and quail are 30 minutes before sunrise to sunset.

Hunting permits and habitat stamps are required.

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For more hunting information, go online to the Nebraska Game and Parks website:  
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