

**(Press Release- including rules)**



**Eight counties in Southwest Kansas announce the “Rooster Roundup” pheasant hunting contest, with additional “Bounty Birds” in the Dodge City area and a “Million Dollar Bird” in the Garden City area**

Dodge City, Ks.

For Immediate Release

## **Southwest Kansas is the Place to Hunt Pheasant in 2018 and 2019**

Dodge City, Garden City, Hugoton, Jetmore, Liberal, Ulysses, Cimarron, & Elkhart Kansas (Ford, Finney, Stevens, Hodgeman, Seward, Grant, Gray, & Morton Counties) are pleased to announce the 5<sup>th</sup> annual pheasant hunting contest.

During this year’s hunting season, 575 pheasants will be banded on the leg and released in Ford County near Dodge City, in Finney County near Garden City, in Grant County near Ulysses, in Stevens County near Hugoton, in Hodgeman County near Jetmore, in Seward County near Liberal, in Gray County near Cimarron, and in Morton County near Elkhart. If you are lucky enough to bag one of the banded pheasants, bring your leg band to one of the approved locations to register your leg band and claim your prize!

Kansas consistently ranks as one of the top three when compared to other states' annual harvest of pheasants. With 185,000 acres of walk in hunting land, that is open to hunters in southwest Kansas, this area will *give you a shot* at cash and Seven GRAND PRIZES.

Once you register the leg band at an approved location (listed below), you will automatically receive a “Rooster Roundup” hat and a community gift worth at least \$10.00.

At that time, your leg band will also be entered into a drawing to win a GRAND PRIZE of \$500.00 in community gift certificate “bucks” (one per community) to be used for purchases of the winner’s choice.

### **The “Rooster Roundup” Pheasant Contest runs from November 10, 2018 to January 31, 2019.**

If your bagged bird has one of the leg bands, you must bring the leg band to one of the approved locations to register your band and claim your prize!

Drawing for the GRAND PRIZE for “Rooster Roundup”, will take place after the end of the contest (January 31, 2019) and winners will be contacted by phone.

For a complete list of the rules for the contest, visit [www.visitdodgecity.org](http://www.visitdodgecity.org), or contact the Convention and Visitors Bureau at 620-225-8186 in Dodge City, or any of the participating communities.

*It's all in the game – give it a shot!*

Prizes include:

- “Rooster Roundup” hat per each registered leg band (575 TOTAL).
  - Some communities will be releasing more than 50 birds.
- \$10.00 community gift certificate ‘bucks’ per each registered leg band (575 TOTAL).
  - Some communities will be giving gifts worth more than \$10.00.
- \$500.00 GRAND PRIZE community gift certificate ‘bucks’ (8 TOTAL - 1 per community).
- “Bounty Birds” prizes will be given to winners who hunt in the Dodge City area only.
  - “Bounty Birds” will have a specific colored band and will be different than the “Rooster Roundup” bands. Those bands are exclusive to a series of separate prizes.
- Please check with each community for a full list of birds released and prizes available.

Rules & Regulations

- 575 banded pheasants will be released in Ford County near Dodge City, in Finney County near Garden City, in Stevens County near Hugoton, in Hodgeman County near Jetmore, in Seward County near Liberal, in Grant County near Ulysses, in Gray County near Cimarron, and in Morton County near Elkhart.
- No cost to enter.
- All licensed hunters, are welcome to participate and collect a prize.
- Entries accepted from November 10, 2018 through January 31, 2019.
- Each leg band entry must be turned in at one of the approved locations in Dodge City, Garden City, Hugoton, Jetmore, Liberal, Cimarron, Elkhart or Ulysses to be registered.
- A number is assigned to each leg band and the GRAND PRIZE winner will be revealed the week following the contests end on January 31, 2019.
- A valid hunting license should be presented when submitting your leg band entry.
- All State and Federal firearms regulations apply.

**Banded pheasant entries must be registered at the following locations:**

**Dodge City:**

Dodge City Visitors Center  
400 West Wyatt Earp  
Dodge City, KS 67801  
620-225-8186  
Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday 8:00 am- 5:00 pm  
Closed Thanksgiving and the following Friday, Christmas Day, and New Year’s Day

**Garden City:**

Finney County Convention and Visitors Bureau  
1513 Fulton Terrace  
Garden City, KS 67846  
620-276-0607  
Hours of Operation: Monday– Friday 9:00 am- 5:00 pm  
Closed Thanksgiving and the following Friday, Christmas Day, and New Year’s Day

**Jetmore:**

Horse Thief Reservoir (HTR)  
19005 SW Hwy 156  
Jetmore, KS 67854  
620-253-8464  
(See Josh Hobbs or Heather Mihm)  
Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday 8:00 am- 4:00 pm

**OR**

Hodgeman County Eco Devo Office (HCED)  
500 Main – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Jetmore, KS 67854  
620-357-5561  
(See Lea Ann Seiler)  
Hours of Operation: Monday- Friday 9:00 am- 5:00 pm or call on weekends

**Hugoton:**

Hugoton Area Chamber of Commerce & Stevens County Economic Development  
630 S Main  
Hugoton, KS 67951  
620-544-4440 or 620-309-7828 (cell)  
Hours of Operation: Monday- Friday 9:00am- 4:00pm  
Closed Thanksgiving and the following Friday, the day before Christmas, Christmas Day,  
and New Year’s Day

**Liberal:**

Liberal Tourist Information Center  
1 Yellow Brick Road  
Liberal, KS 67901  
620-626-0170  
Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday 8:00 am- 5:00 pm, Saturday 10:00 am- 4:00 pm  
Closed Thanksgiving and the following Friday, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day

**Ulysses:**

Grant County Chamber of Commerce & Tourism  
113 B South Main Street  
Ulysses, KS 67880  
620-356-4700  
Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday 8:00 am- 5:00 pm  
(See Marieta Hauser)  
Closed Thanksgiving and the following Friday, Christmas Eve afternoon, Christmas Day,  
and New Year's Day

**Elkhart:**

Morton County Chamber of Commerce  
451 Morton Street  
P.O. Box 817  
Elkhart, KS. 67950  
Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
Closed November 12<sup>th</sup> for Veteran's Day, November 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> for Thanksgiving,  
December 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> for Christmas and December 31<sup>st</sup> at noon and January 1<sup>st</sup> for New  
Year's.

**Cimarron:**

City Hall  
119 S Main St  
Cimarron, KS 67835  
(620) 855-2215  
Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday 8:00am- 5:00pm. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas  
Day, and New Year's Day (See Taylor Dye)

**Mailed entries will also be accepted, (it is recommended to register the letter) please include:**

- Pheasant leg band
- Name
- Address
- Phone
- Copy of valid hunting license
- Email address
- Location of the shoot

Bands will be returned to the person who registered the entry at the end of the contest, if requested.