

Preliminary 2020 Elk Season Results



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2020 Late Elk Season Summary

- Hunt Period 2:
 - December 12-20
 - Hunt Areas H, I, and X
- Weather was nearly ideal
 - Consistent below freezing temperatures and multiple fresh light snowfalls (ideal for tracking)
 - Snow cover throughout the hunt
- License Quota: 160
 - 50 any elk
 - 110 antlerless only elk



Elk Harvest – Late Season

- Hunt Period 2 Harvest
 - State hunter harvest: 131 legally harvested elk
 - 46 antlered bulls
 - 72 cows
 - 13 calves (9 female, 4 male)
 - 85.6% success (153 hunters)
 - 4 illegal takes (not included in harvest totals)
 - Tribal harvest: 12 elk
 - 3 bulls, 8 cows, 1 calf



Historical Success Rates- Statewide Drawn Hunters

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	5 Year Avg.
Early Season	85%	75%	69%	74%	83%	77%
Late Season	93%	84%	83%	92%	86%	87%



2020 Total Elk Season Summary

- Hunt Period 1 Harvest:
 - State hunter harvest: 83 legally harvested elk
 - 29 bulls, 54 cows/calves; 83% success
- Hunt Period 2 Harvest:
 - State hunter harvest: 131 legally harvested elk
 - 46 bulls, 85 cows/calves; 86% success
- Tribal Harvest: 17 elk
- All 3 Pure Michigan hunters successful

January Hunt is not recommended



2021 Regulations

- Early Season
 - August 31-September 3, September 17-20, and October 1-4
 - 100 drawn hunters (30 any elk, 70 antlerless)
- Late Season
 - December 11-19
 - 160 drawn hunters (50 any elk, 110 antlerless)



Thank You

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