

2020 WEST VIRGINIA BIG BUCK CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

The West Virginia Big Buck Certification Program was established in 1964 to recognize hunters who harvested extraordinarily large-antlered bucks. Although the official “contest” was discontinued in 2013, the West Virginia Division of Natural Resources (WVDNR) continues to officially score deer as part of this program.

The Boone and Crockett Club and Pope and Young Club scoring systems are used to officially score each deer, depending upon method of harvest. Guidelines for the program are as follows:

1. Effective 2015, deer must have a DNR-issued game check confirmation number (13-digit).
2. To be eligible, the deer must be officially scored after a 60-day drying period by an Official Scorer whom is approved by Boone and Crockett and/or Pope and Young.
3. Any bow or crossbow-killed deer must score at least 125 Typical or 155 Non-Typical. Any gun or muzzleloader-killed deer must score at least 140 Typical or 165 Non-Typical.
4. For state record entries, field photos of the freshly killed deer (antlers attached) must be submitted at the time of scoring.

In 2020-2021, 216 hunters had their deer officially measured by an Official Scorer at a WVDNR District Office, WVDNR field office, or by an Official Scorer at a different location. There are 15 WVDNR Wildlife Biologists and Wildlife Managers throughout the state who are certified as Official Scorers by Boone and Crockett Club and/or Pope and Young Club. During the 2020 hunting season, **76** bucks (*See attached table) were harvested with a gun, muzzleloader, bow, or crossbow and met the respective minimum score requirement and other requirements listed above. An additional 81 bucks from previous years were officially scored and met requirements needed for a WV Big Buck Certificate.

It is noteworthy that a few deer met the respective minimum score requirement, however proper game check information or other important data was not provided. A good practice is to record the DNR-issued game check confirmation number and keep it with the mount/skull plate so that it is not misplaced. A hunter may only have their deer scored by one Official Scorer. It is the hunter’s responsibility to work with their Official Scorer to ensure all documentation is accurately completed and submitted to the coordinator of the WV Big Buck Certification Program by the annual deadline.

Thank you to all participants in the WV Big Buck Certification Program this year and
congratulations again to Jody Dalton on the new state record buck.

2020 Big Buck Contest Score Rankings

Antler Configuration: Typical

Weapon: Bow

Name	County	Harvest Date	Ranking	Score
Jody Dalton	Wyoming	11/5/2020	1	191 2/8
(New State Record)				
James A. Greene	Webster	11/13/2020	2	176 1/8
Jarod Gordon	Putnam	11/13/2020	3	168 7/8
Perry Bailey	Logan	11/3/2020	4	166 6/8
Seth Wingler	Logan	11/15/2020	5	166 5/8
Kris Preece	Mingo	11/22/2020	6	165 5/8
Brock Dalton	Logan	09/26/2020	7	165 2/8
Derek N. Morrison	Mingo	11/2/2020	8	164 2/8
Ryan Mooney	Kanawha	11/6/2020	9	164 1/8
Steve Bailey	McDowell	11/14/2020	10	163 3/8
Mark Neace Jr.	Wayne	10/18/2020	11	160 6/8
Trace Boone Butcher	Logan	12/3/2020	12	160 4/8
Hulett Tracy Butcher	Logan	10/13/2020	13	160 3/8
David J. Miller	Mingo	11/14/2020	14	160 2/8
Donny Baisden	Logan	11/23/2020	15	160 0/8
Jacob Meadows	McDowell	12/29/2020	16	159 0/8
Johnnie S. Addair	McDowell	11/14/2020	17	156 3/8
Cameron Brown	Wyoming	11/12/2020	18	153 6/8
Jeff Cooper	McDowell	11/7/2020	19	153 3/8
Aaron Fry	Logan	11/27/2020	20	152 6/8
James Graley	Kanawha	11/1/2020	21	152 3/8
Matt Eichhorn	Wood	10/3/2020	22	150 1/8
Daniel Javins	Boone	11/13/2020	23	148 7/8
Terry Karr	Mingo	11/27/2020	24	148 2/8
Dale R. Murray Jr	McDowell	11/21/2020	25	147 2/8
Brian Smith	Logan	11/14/2020	26	146 5/8
Christopher Lockard	Braxton	10/3/2020	27	143 3/8
Jason Lingenfelter	Cabell	11/12/2020	28	142 5/8
Mikey Brown	Logan	11/20/2020	29	141 2/8
Brandon Toney	Lincoln	11/14/2020	30	141 1/8
Luke Stevens	Wyoming	10/3/2020	31	141 1/8
Jason Merritt	Wyoming	11/14/2020	32	140 3/8
Jeff Hubbard	Mercer	12/5/2020	33	140 1/8
Dennis Brewster	Logan	11/13/2020	34	139 7/8
Luke Mathena	McDowell	11/2/2020	35	139 0/8

Antler Configuration: Typical**Weapon: Bow**

Name	County	Harvest Date	Ranking	Score
Savannah Baisden	Logan	11/7/2020	36	138 7/8
Brandon Vinson	Wyoming	11/2/2020	37	138 5/8
Brandon Grose	McDowell	11/27/2020	38	137 0/8
Dawson Dillion	Cabell	10/26/2020	39	137 0/8
Tad Bailey	Boone	10/10/2020	40	136 4/8
Allison Hubbard	McDowell	12/30/2020	41	135 6/8
Adam Bowman	Logan	11/25/2020	42	135 5/8
Troy Carter	Wyoming	11/27/2020	43	135 1/8
Jeremy Rife	Wyoming	11/24/2020	44	134 4/8
Andrew Linville	Kanawha	11/13/2020	45	133 3/8
Alex Burrell	Wyoming	09/26/2020	46	133 2/8
Mike Thompson	Logan	12/20/2020	47	132 4/8
Stevie Addair	Mingo	11/22/2020	48	132 1/8
Anthony A Moles	Lewis	09/29/2020	49	131 7/8
Charles Poe	McDowell	11/14/2020	50	130 4/8
Aleah Dillon	Cabell	9/28/2020	51	130 0/8
Duan Allen Vetter II	Hardy	11/14/2020	52	126 5/8
Jimmie L. Moles	Kanawha	09/26/2020	53	126 3/8
William Martin Nose	Barbour	11/7/2020	54	126 2/8

2020 Big Buck Contest Score Rankings

Antler Configuration: Non-typical**Weapon: Bow**

Name	County	Harvest Date	Ranking	Score
Dalton Holt	Logan	12/3/2020	1	185 2/8
Brandon Toney	Mingo	10/30/2020	2	173 5/8

2020 Big Buck Contest Score Rankings

Antler Configuration: Typical**Weapon: Gun**

Name	County	Harvest Date	Ranking	Score
Dalls Duncan Jr	Fayette	11/24/2020	1	172 1/8
Travis Mccoy	Fayette	11/29/2020	2	168 2/8
Jason Cross	Taylor	11/26/2020	3	154 2/8
Michael Hosey	Webster	12/5/2020	4	154 1/8
Adam Ayres	Raleigh	12/6/2020	5	150 6/8

Jordan Richmond	Summers	11/27/2020	7	149 6/8
Richard Roop Jr.	Kanawha	11/23/2020	8	148 0/8
Isaiah Boggs	Nicholas	12/6/2020	9	144 3/8
Michael Lee Moyers	Hardy	11/25/2020	10	143 7/8
Robert Stump	Webster	11/26/2020	11	143 3/8
Daniel Nathan Smith	Hardy	11/25/2020	12	142 2/8

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Antler Configuration: Non-Typical

Weapon: Gun

Name	County	Harvest Date	Ranking	Score
Marty Mariotti	Mercer	11/23/2020	1	165 3/8

2020 Big Buck Contest Score Rankings

Antler Configuration: Typical

Weapon: Crossbow

Name	County	Harvest Date	Ranking	Score
Don Jones	McDowell	11/4/2020	1	149 1/8
Matthew Tolley	Mingo	10/18/2020	2	147 5/8
Easton Toney	Lincoln	09/26/2020	9	146 3/8
Thomas Hefner	Kanawha	10/7/2020	3	146 1/8
Ricky Liston	Preston	11/15/2020	4	142 5/8
Sandy Ellyson	Wyoming	11/13/2020	5	132 2/8

2020 Big Buck Contest Score Rankings

Antler Configuration: Non-Typical

Weapon: Crossbow

Name	County	Harvest Date	Ranking	Score
Troy New	Mingo	12/1/2020	1	158 0/8
Jessie Hatfield	Logan	11/18/2020	2	156 0/8

Antler Configuration: Typical

Weapon: Muzzleloader

No scores this year

Antler Configuration: Non-Typical

Weapon: Muzzleloader

No scores this year