

## **2021 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 NonTypical. 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 2021-2022, 245 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 2021 hunting season, **120** 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.

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.

# 2021 Big Buck Score Rankings

Antler Configuration: Typical

Weapon: Bow

Name	County	Harvest Date	Rank	Score
David Stroope Jr.	McDowell	11/26/21	1	186
Curtis Wiley	Wyoming	11/06/21	2	175.2
David Triplett	Wyoming	12/18/21	3	168.3
T.J. Dotson	Mingo	11/25/21	4	167.7
Darrin Haynes	McDowell	11/16/21	5	162.4
Dallas Shawn Belcher	Wyoming	11/28/21	6	162.2
Donald Baisden	Mingo	11/10/21	7	161.4
Dustin Warren	Kanawha	09/25/21	8	160.3
Rodney Sowards	Putnam	11/12/21	9	158.7
Perry Bailey	Logan	11/13/21	10	157
Justin Whisman	Logan	11/01/21	11	155.5
Jordan Moore	Logan	11/02/21	12	155
William 'Bucky' Sargent	Logan	11/17/21	13	154.3
Alex Triplett	McDowell	11/20/21	14	153.6
Reuben Browning	Boone	11/14/21	15	151.7
Chase Adams	Logan	09/26/21	16	150.6
Jordan Evans	Logan	09/28/21	17	150.2
Trace Boone Butcher	Logan	12/14/21	18	150.2
Nathaniel Duffield	Clay	09/25/21	19	149.4
Alex Burrell	Wyoming	11/07/21	20	148.3
Dana Dean	Logan	12/26/21	21	147.6
Travis Gibson	Kanawha	10/25/21	22	145.4
Tony Fitzko	Wyoming	10/22/21	23	144.3
Stacy England	McDowell	11/27/21	24	143.7
Brandon Vinson	Wyoming	10/31/21	25	143
Bobby Swim	McDowell	11/24/21	26	142.4
David Farmer	McDowell	12/27/21	27	142.4
Daniel Lambert	Wyoming	11/24/21	28	142.2
Gavin Gilliam	Logan	10/31/21	29	142.1
Edward Stewart	Wyoming	11/20/21	30	141.4
Jacob Barnett	Lincoln	10/31/21	31	141
Brandon Roberts	Boone	10/19/21	32	139.6
Jeff Cooper	McDowell	11/19/21	33	139.4
Stevie Addair	Logan	11/21/21	34	138.2
Gabriel May	Logan	12/18/21	35	137.6
Joe Bailey	Kanawha	12/11/21	36	136.6

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<b>Name</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Harvest Date</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Score</b>
Daniel S Mann	Summers	11/18/21	37	136.2
Brian Graham	McDowell	11/09/21	38	135.4
Kody Boone	Braxton	11/20/21	39	135.3
Joshua Fry	Logan	12/29/21	40	135
Derek Stanely	Putnam	09/25/21	41	134.7
Jeremy Martin	Nicholas	11/03/21	42	134.6
Tim Donley	McDowell	11/10/21	43	134.4
Matt Taylor	Marshall	11/06/21	44	134.3
Terry Smith Jr.	Lewis	11/09/21	45	134
Jacob Greathouse	Roane	11/02/21	46	133.5
Reuben Browning	Logan	10/15/21	47	133.5
Brandon Grose	McDowell	09/28/21	48	133.4
Cody Neal	Pocahontas	10/02/21	49	133.2
Jimmie Moles	Kanawha	09/27/21	50	133
Travis Neeley	Mercer	11/15/21	51	132.6
Josh Sharps	Boone	11/08/21	52	132.5
Zac Bolling	McDowell	10/22/21	53	132.4
Jordan Robinson	McDowell	11/01/21	54	131.5
Jeff Tolliver	Wyoming	11/06/21	55	131.4
Zachary Koontz	Lincoln	10/24/21	56	131.4
Anthony Pack	Fayette	11/14/21	57	131.3
William Denny Jr.	Clay	11/07/21	58	131.1
Mark A. Cook	Wyoming	11/08/21	59	130.5
Chris Laxton	Fayette	10/31/21	60	129.6
Austin Whittaker	Wyoming	10/17/21	61	129.2
Shawn Reed	Mingo	11/13/21	62	129.2
Dale Murray	McDowell	12/28/21	63	129.1
Ronald Cook	Wyoming	11/16/21	64	128.1
William C. McGee	Boone	11/07/21	65	127.7
Payton McCourt	Webster	11/28/21	66	126.6
Austin Thompson	McDowell	10/29/21	67	126.4
Brian Smith	Jackson	11/05/21	68	126.2

**2021 Big Buck Score Rankings****Antler Configuration: Non-Typical****Weapon: Bow**

<b>Name</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Harvest Date</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Score</b>
Joshua Carter	Logan	10/31/21	1	200.2

Jesse Truman	Clay	9/29/21	2	187
Malachi Stewart	Wyoming	10/02/21	3	157.1

## 2021 Big Buck Score Rankings

Antler Configuration: Typical

Weapon: Rifle

Name	County	Harvest Date	Rank	Score
Steven Craig Boggs	Roane	11/23/21	1	170.4
Gary Singleton	Putnam	11/22/21	2	168.5
Derrick White	Webster	11/23/21	3	158.2
Derrick White	Webster	11/21/21	4	157.7
Caleb Perkins	Wood	11/22/21	5	152.7
Donnell Keller	Wood	12/03/21	6	151
Logan White	Jackson	11/24/21	7	149.6
Ryan Campbell	Nicholas	11/21/21	8	148
Randy Matthew Mayhew	Braxton	11/23/21	9	145.6
William Burch	Mason	11/23/21	10	143
Ed Feley	Kanawha	11/23/21	11	141.5
Mark Call	Cabell	11/24/21	12	141.4
Ryan Gibson	Cabell	11/25/21	13	141.4
Frank Williams	Wayne	11/24/21	14	140.4
Rachel Walls	Boone	11/22/21	15	140.4

## 2021 Big Buck Score Rankings

Antler Configuration: Non-Typical

Weapon: Rifle

No scores this year

## 2021 Big Buck Score Rankings

Antler Configuration: Typical

Weapon: Crossbow

Name	County	Harvest Date	Rank	Score
Frank Bailey	Nicholas	10/19/21	1	160.4
Dennis Roberts	McDowell	11/30/21	2	155.5
Jackson McCormick	Boone	10/02/21	3	155.3
Justin Musgrave	Cabell	11/13/21	4	153
Willie Osborne	Wyoming	11/11/21	5	150.5
Ryan Mooney	Kanawha	9/25/21	6	150.2

Stephen Johnson	Kanawha	10/30/21	7	149.7
Derek Morrison	Mingo	11/08/21	8	147
Doug Gunnoe	McDowell	11/20/21	9	144.1
Rebecca Toney	Fayette	11/06/21	10	143.7
Jessica Derson	Greenbrier	10/03/21	11	141.5
Misty Scott	Marion	10/31/21	12	140
Mike Clay	Wyoming	11/01/21	13	138
Travis Lusk	Mercer	11/03/21	14	137.1
Arvil Payne	McDowell	11/17/21	15	136.2
Joey Milam	Fayette	11/19/21	16	135.7
Melissa Baker	Cabell	11/18/21	17	134.2
Chris Sylvester	Mercer	11/03/21	18	132.7
Robert Browning	Boone	11/11/21	19	132.7
Brennen Johnson	Putnam	10/18/21	20	131.1
Rick Morgan	Preston	11/13/21	21	130.7
Tabatha Caldwell	Mercer	9/26/21	22	130.6
Colin Henkes	Mercer	11/09/21	23	130.1
George Sanders Jr	Upshur	11/19/21	24	129.1
Herb Blankenship	Raleigh	11/11/21	25	127.2
Timothy Auxier	Fayette	11/15/21	26	126
David Stroupe	McDowell	11/03/21	27	125.7
Justin Layfield	Upshur	10/02/21	28	125.2
James E Bowen Jr	Mingo	11/13/21	29	125

## 2021 Big Buck Score Rankings

Antler Configuration: Non-Typical

Weapon: Crossbow

Name	County	Harvest Date	Rank	Score
Al Falbo	Kanawha	10/22/21	1	200.4
Mike Taylor	Pleasants	11/08/21	2	188
Norman Brumfield	Logan	11/05/21	3	186.6

Jessica Ferrell	Raleigh	11/16/21	4	167.7
Joshua Wells	Boone	11/10/21	5	161.1

## 2021 Big Buck Score Rankings

**Antler Configuration: Typical**

**Weapon: Muzzleloader**

<b>Name</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Harvest Date</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Score</b>
Kenneth Huggins	Marshall	12/14/21	1	156

## 2021 Big Buck Score Rankings

**Antler Configuration: Non-Typical**

**Weapon: Muzzleloader**

No scores this year