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## What is a \"shooter\"?

Posted by Hillacious - 2007/06/20 14:50

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Just a little curious as to what size a buck most people would hold out for. To me it depends on the type of hunt I'm in. If it's general season deer I'll take a buck that is two point or better. Why? Because if my kids are with me or are waiting for me to come home after four or five days of hunting and there's nothing in the truck...well that just doesn't sit well. Other than that, it also depends on what I've scouted before the hunt or where I'm hunting. What say you?

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## Re:What is a \"shooter\"?

Posted by 300 Rem. - 2007/06/20 20:34

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This is a interesting topic, I have a friend who has killed over a 100 deer in his life time. He has shot deer in the thirty inch range to the 10 inch range. And when he is asked why he shoots the smaller deer he always answers the same way. You cant eat the horns. Now this is one persons opinion on the subject. I fall into the same opinion Hillacious does, it depends on were iam hunting. Our local area if you can find a forked horn you are lucky so its a shooter. If iam in Colorado a forked horn isnt cutting it unless its a 25' or bigger.

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## Re:What is a \"shooter\"?

Posted by billywj - 2007/07/15 23:39

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a shooter to me is a really good three point or better.i dont see any point in shooting a buck that is smaller.i always think what will he look like next year.there are enough good bucks around that its not that hard to find one if you put in the time.

thats my two cents

Billy

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## Re:What is a \"shooter\"?

Posted by live2hunt - 2007/12/13 15:18

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I think that a shooter is different for everyone. For me size has a lot to do with it,but the hunt also plays into the "shooter" factor. I may harvest a buck that won't go on my wall. If the hunt provides certain challenges or situations that engage my predatory instincts.

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## Re:What is a \"shooter\"?

Posted by rfarr - 2008/03/02 00:27

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I think it depends on the weapon and obviously if you are in a premium unit or not. If i am bow hunting with my son it will be the first 4 point that I think I can get. If I am rifle or muzzleloader hunting with my son it will be a 140 buck. If i am by my self I will always hold out for 170 or better. I have shot several 2 and 3 points and no longer feel like i want to kill them. I am not really a trophy hunter but it does get to me a little when I see a group of men (no kids involved) shooting little 2 points. I have hunted most every state in the west and have never seen an area where you are lucky to only see a little forked horn buck. It all depends on how hard you are looking.

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## Re:What is a \"shooter\"?

Posted by NORM - 2008/08/29 05:29

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This is kind of an old subject but I will reply. Because Im not a horn hunter for the most part unless it is something like

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that non-typical Elk everone is talking about. The kind of deer I like to take is a big bodied deer doesnt matter if is 3 to 6 point I just want the most meat for my hunt. Like one of the guys said in their reply it also makes a difference in the kind of hunt you are in. Some times you dont have a say in the size of the deer you are hunting.

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### Re:What is a \"shooter\"?

Posted by albrecht - 2008/09/16 01:45

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well just reading everybody post they are all good answers but in utah i think a shooter is anything over a 3 point everybody says there are no good deer left in our heards but there is you just have to hunt for them i killed a 9x7 last year that grossed 202 on public land the year befor that i killed a 24 in 4 point im not going to say the rest of them but i am 21 years old and have had a tag each year and have only shot one 2 point and it was 22 wide and that is my smallest deer so no a 2 point isnt a shooter unless it is last 2 days your family needs the meat or you have your young kids under 12 with you to see you harvest it so they can get involved at a young age the buck in my photo gallery is a def shooter we guess him at 37 to 39 wide straight 4 and pic is through my scope at about 4 thousand yards so sorry for it be unclear

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### Re:What is a \"shooter\"?

Posted by Hillacious - 2008/09/16 14:25

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No question about that buck being a shooter. Sounds like you've had a lot of success over the years but you hit the nail on the head about having to hunt for the big ones. And as we know the search for the big boys takes a guy months not just the weeks leading up to the hunt. I'd like to see a picture of your 9x7 if you've got one handy. Just out of curiosity albrecht, what caliber have you used most as you've hunted???

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### Re:What is a \"shooter\"?

Posted by albrecht - 2008/09/17 00:21

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ya i will get a pictue up as soon as i can i will describe the buck real quick cause in the pic i have you cant see some of his points because they are on the base he has a 4 by 3 main frame on the 4 point side he has a 1 in kicker plus eye guard and 3 stickers on the base on the 3 side he has a 11 in kicker in the back with a 3 in kicker off of that plus eye guard and a sticker on the base and usually on deer i would use my 243 short but i forgot my bullets when i killed this buck but luckily i had grabbed my 300 mag as a back up so thats what i killed him with

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### Re:What is a \"shooter\"?

Posted by albrecht - 2008/09/17 00:38

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ya i didnt know how to post the picture in here so i posted it on my photo galery and i forgot the buck was 26 wide and with his cheaters he was just 1/8 of an in under 30

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### Re:What is a \"shooter\"?

Posted by mogster - 2008/09/17 16:47

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These are all great answers. To me my biggest to deer to date is a 174" Utah four point. I have hunted in many places and have not cracked the 180" mark. Big mule deer are hard to come by. Every time I go mule deer hunting my goal is to beat my current personal best. Since my biggest deer is not that big that is a realistic goal for me. Now if I had killed a monster that is probably not realistic. I also like unique bucks, the non-typical stuff. They are hard to pass up. Since I have three young boys that I am trying to get into hunting I will consider shooting any buck with them for the experience and for the meat. We love deer jerkey.. I have one great mule deer hunt in Montana this year so hopefully I can crack the 180" mark.

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**Re:What is a \"shooter\"?**

Posted by Laker - 2008/09/18 18:47

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A shooter is any animal that gives us buck fever and makes us proud.. It could be a spike for or fist deer or that great 200 incher. It is in the eye of the beholder..

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**Re:What is a \"shooter\"?**

Posted by rickfarns - 2008/09/19 18:02

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A shooter is different to everyone..  
Whatever makes you happy and gives you great memories, is a shooter!

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