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Deer hunting seasons conclude with hunters in Illinois taking preliminary total of 147,004 deer

SPRINGFIELD – Hunters in Illinois harvested a preliminary total of 147,004 deer during all 2021-2022 archery and firearm seasons that concluded Jan. 16. The total preliminary deer harvest for all seasons compares with a total harvest for all seasons of 162,752 deer in 2020-2021.

During the 2021-2022 deer seasons, hunters took 43.75% does and 56.25% males.

Archery: Archery deer hunters in Illinois took a preliminary total of 67,637 deer during the season that began Oct. 1 and concluded Jan. 16. The total archery harvest during the 2020-2021 season was 75,106 deer.

Youth: Youth deer hunters harvested a preliminary total of 1,829 deer during the three-day Illinois Youth Deer Season Oct. 9-11, compared to 2,322 in 2020.

Traditional Firearm Season: Hunters took a preliminary total of 69,990 deer during the Illinois Firearm Deer Season Nov. 19-21 and Dec. 2-5, compared with 77,160 deer taken during the 2020 firearm season.

Muzzleloader: Hunters using muzzleloading rifles harvested a preliminary total of 3,043 deer during the Muzzleloader-Only Deer Season Dec. 10-12, compared with a harvest of 3,451 deer in the 2020 muzzleloader season.

Late-Winter Seasons: The 2021-2022 Late-Winter Antlerless-Only and Special CWD (chronic wasting disease) deer seasons concluded Jan. 16 with a combined preliminary harvest total for both seasons of 4,505 deer. Season dates for the seven-day Late-Winter and CWD seasons were Dec. 30-Jan. 2 and Jan. 14-16. During those seasons in 2020-2021, a harvest of 4,713 deer were taken.

Sixteen northern Illinois counties were open to the Special CWD season, which is used to assist in slowing the spread of chronic wasting disease in the Illinois deer herd.

A total of 21 counties were open for the Late-Winter Antlerless Season in 2021-2022. Counties that are at or below their individual deer population goal for two consecutive years may be removed from the Late-Winter season.

For more information on the Illinois deer harvest prior to 2020-2021, check the IDNR website at <https://www2.illinois.gov/dnr/hunting/deer/Pages/AnnualDeerHarvestReports.aspx>.

The following table provides a county-by-county summary of preliminary deer harvest results for 2021-2022 and final 2020-2021 harvest results for comparison.

County	Youth	Muzzleloader	CWD/LW	Firearm	Archery	Total
Adams	49	104	0	1980	1455	3588
Alexander	2	25	0	359	192	578
Bond	14	20	0	646	441	1121
Boone	0	4	27	104	178	313
Brown	37	55	209	806	883	1990
Bureau	10	49	0	888	722	1669
Calhoun	21	52	0	645	808	1526
Carroll	5	19	81	439	517	1061
Cass	9	26	0	584	679	1298
Champaign	13	14	0	197	373	597
Christian	18	27	0	551	538	1134
Clark	27	50	0	1014	827	1918
Clay	29	32	134	1099	694	1988
Clinton	18	15	0	663	575	1271
Coles	13	19	45	650	733	1460
Cook	0	0	0	0	134	134
Crawford	21	21	100	884	933	1959
Cumberland	31	25	0	756	559	1371
DeKalb	2	3	39	106	218	368
DeWitt	6	22	0	315	573	916
Douglas	4	6	0	148	214	372
DuPage	0	0	0	0	37	37
Edgar	9	23	0	515	529	1076
Edwards	5	18	0	388	287	698
Effingham	54	29	112	910	710	1815
Fayette	27	52	0	1564	1104	2747
Ford	3	2	0	109	51	165
Franklin	11	40	0	1229	1137	2417
Fulton	42	74	353	1654	1608	3731
Gallatin	6	11	0	369	293	679

Greene	31	69	0	947	860	1907
Grundy	5	6	88	232	325	656
Hamilton	35	20	151	993	825	2024
Hancock	35	73	0	1561	1031	2700
Hardin	5	29	0	669	419	1122
Henderson	3	12	73	382	395	865
Henry	12	21	0	414	518	965
Iroquois	11	30	0	415	441	897
Jackson	43	57	0	1848	1121	3069
Jasper	35	39	0	1022	871	1967
Jefferson	64	78	0	1810	1854	3806
Jersey	11	21	0	583	619	1234
JoDavie	28	51	292	1234	991	2596
Johnson	14	49	0	1154	806	2023
Kane	0	2	10	30	341	383
Kankakee	3	9	51	186	281	530
Kendall	0	6	26	71	199	302
Knox	13	45	138	1057	990	2243
Lake	0	0	0	3	257	260
LaSalle	12	19	163	563	719	1476
Lawrence	7	26	0	536	498	1067
Lee	13	22	114	440	475	1064
Livingston	10	7	51	381	234	683
Logan	11	19	0	312	375	717
Macon	12	24	0	213	494	743
Macoupin	37	48	214	1417	1221	2937
Madison	21	20	48	630	1070	1789
Marion	50	47	250	1393	1221	2961
Marshall	16	22	0	545	375	958
Mason	11	15	0	351	505	882
Massac	10	21	0	380	376	787
McDonough	19	54	89	719	654	1535
McHenry	1	9	66	241	649	966
McLean	17	18	0	520	533	1088
Menard	6	26	0	327	406	765
Mercer	6	33	108	740	504	1391
Monroe	24	25	115	934	482	1580
Montgomery	30	19	0	795	900	1744
Morgan	15	30	0	578	672	1295
Moultrie	11	10	0	209	428	658
Ogle	18	17	195	544	548	1322

Peoria	17	36	0	806	1050	1909
Perry	34	56	281	1104	891	2366
Piatt	2	8	0	111	242	363
Pike	82	122	0	1623	2279	4106
Pope	18	28	0	1212	891	2149
Pulaski	7	13	0	274	273	567
Putnam	4	10	43	310	288	655
Randolph	100	99	0	2102	1271	3572
Richland	8	26	0	671	523	1228
RockIsland	13	28	75	583	616	1315
Saline	30	23	166	752	607	1578
Sangamon	25	31	0	521	874	1451
Schuyler	38	80	191	1262	1141	2712
Scott	5	14	0	326	344	689
Shelby	35	38	134	1170	1072	2449
St.Clair	19	18	0	699	818	1554
Stark	3	6	0	151	138	298
Stephenson	9	13	121	479	410	1032
Tazewell	9	21	0	476	715	1221
Union	23	51	0	1143	850	2067
Vermilion	14	45	0	594	1078	1731
Wabash	1	8	0	162	228	399
Warren	1	22	0	430	287	740
Washington	20	45	0	921	638	1624
Wayne	40	42	0	1363	1119	2564
White	17	46	0	711	644	1418
Whiteside	9	21	0	503	532	1065
Will	4	7	73	161	737	982
Williamson	21	54	0	1601	1366	3042
Winnebago	3	14	79	247	471	814
Woodford	27	33	0	571	759	1390
Total	1829	3043	4505	69990	67637	147004

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