



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2019-2020: DEKALB COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 634 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1960

Record Harvest: 659 (2005)

Average Harvest (2010-2019): 369

Total 2019-2020 Harvest (all seasons): 321

Permits issued/quota 2019-2020 (excludes landowner; CWD are unlimited):

Firearm: 572/1500 **Muzzle:** 78/275 **CWD:** 25

2019-2020 Harvest Sex Ratio (all seasons):

64% M: 36% F;(56% antlered: 44% antlerless)

Chronic Wasting Disease Detected: Yes

Check Station Location: Shabbona Lake State Park

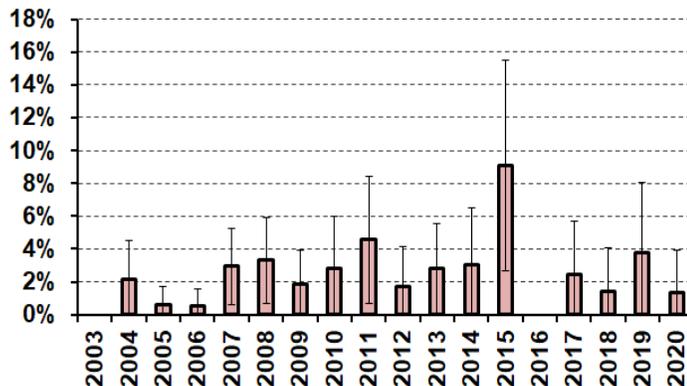
Late Winter/CWD Season in 2020-2021: Yes.

CWD has and continues to be detected in this county. CWD seasons allow for extra hunter harvest to reduce deer density and disease transmission.

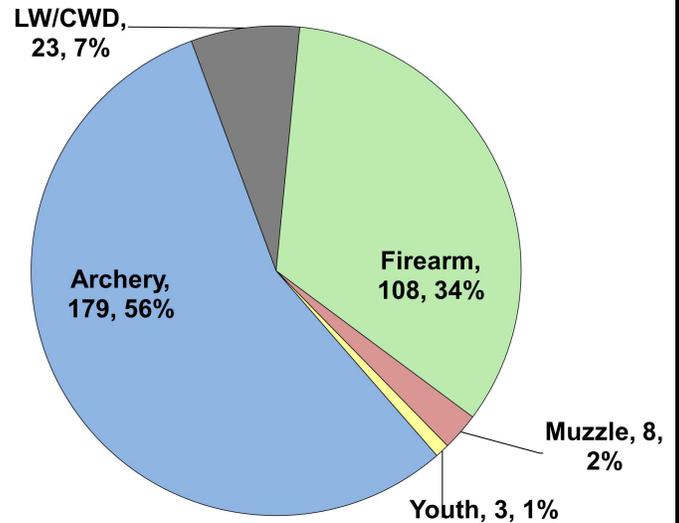
Number tested for CWD 2019-2020: 107

CWD positive deer 2019-2020: 1

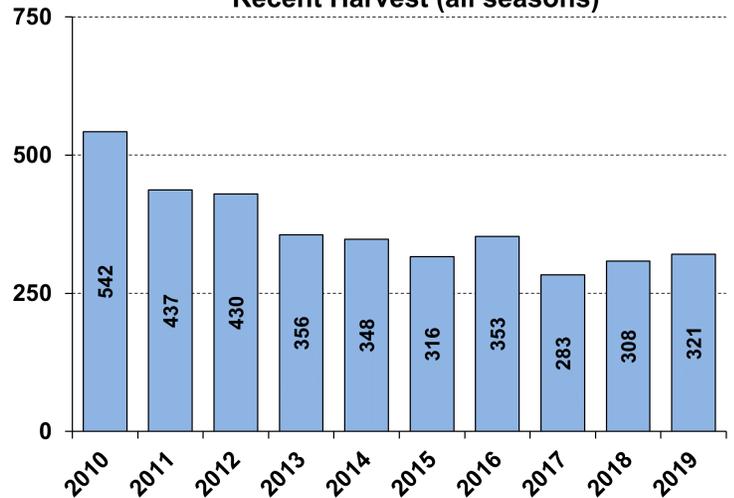
IDNR sharpshooting: 29 deer were removed via sharpshooting which is used to supplement hunter harvest, allows localized deer reductions in known CWD positive areas to reduce transmission rates and environmental contamination. Through these efforts CWD prevalence has remained low (see below).



2019-2020 Harvest by Season



Recent Harvest (all seasons)



Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Compound	132	153	110	89	88
Crossbow	16	22	37	67	90
Traditional	1	2	0	4	1
Total	149	177	147	160	179

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
M - Adult	19.2	30.5	21.6	22.5	32.4
M - Yearling	22.5	25.6	28.4	24.6	23.4
M - Fawn	13.1	9.6	9.5	11.1	8.7
F - Adult	37.1	34.4	33.7	35.3	32.4
F - Fawn	8.0	4.4	4.2	5.8	3.1

M - Adult = 2.5 and older; F - Adult = 1.5 and older