



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2019-2020: MERCER COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 568 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1957

Record Harvest: 1,623 (2006)

Average Harvest (2010-2019): 1,506

Total 2019-2020 Harvest (all seasons): 1,465

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

Firearm: 2508/2900 **Muzzle:** 386/500

Late Winter: 24

2019-2020 Harvest Sex Ratio (all seasons):

52% M: 48% F;(41% antlered: 59% antlerless)

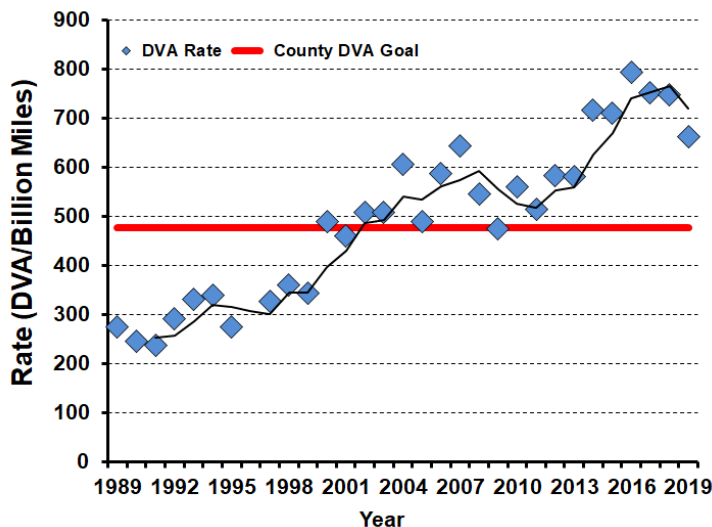
Chronic Wasting Disease Detected: No

Check Station Location: N/A

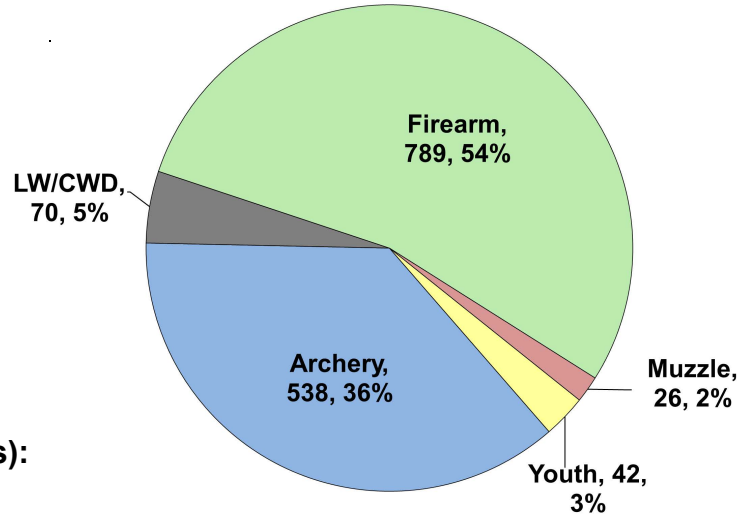
Late Winter/CWD Season in 2020-2021: Yes.

Deer Vehicle Accident (DVA) rates (accidents per billion miles driven) are used as an index of deer population size. Counties remain or are added to Late Winter/CWD season if DVA rates are above goal, or other factors (excessive crop damage and/or disease issues) are present.

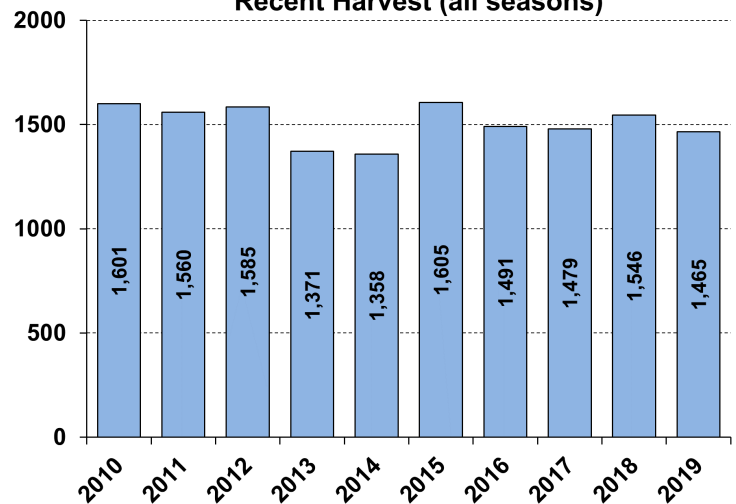
Time in Late Winter: 2007 - Present



2019-2020 Harvest by Season



Recent Harvest (all seasons)



Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Compound	438	333	329	294	256
Crossbow	77	80	173	226	279
Traditional	2	2	2	1	3
Total	517	415	504	521	538

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
M - Adult	22.3	23.9	24.9	25.5	24.4
M - Yearling	15.0	14.5	16.8	15.2	16.5
M - Fawn	14.1	12.6	12.4	11.6	11.3
F - Adult	37.6	37.9	36.0	37.5	38.4
F - Fawn	10.9	9.3	7.8	9.2	9.4

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