



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2019-2020: STEPHENSON COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 565 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1957

Record Harvest: 1,829 (2007)

Average Harvest (2010-2019): 1,493

Total 2019-2020 Harvest (all seasons): 1,216

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

Firearm: 2377/3250 **Muzzle:** 254/525 **CWD:** 51

2019-2020 Harvest Sex Ratio (all seasons):

59% M: 41% F;(50% antlered: 50% antlerless)

Chronic Wasting Disease Detected: Yes

Check Station Location: Stephenson Co. Fairgrounds

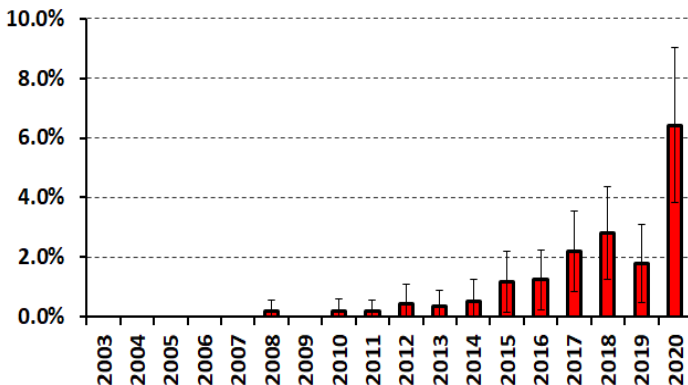
Late Winter/CWD Season in 2020-2021: Yes.

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

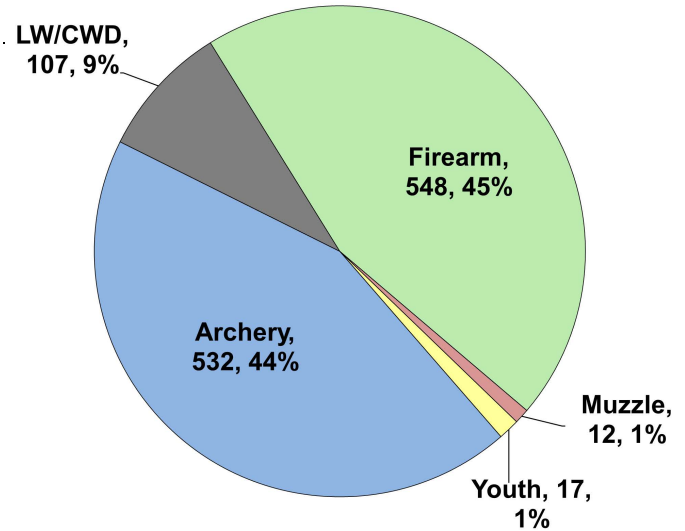
Number tested for CWD 2019-2020: 497

CWD positive deer 2019-2020: 26

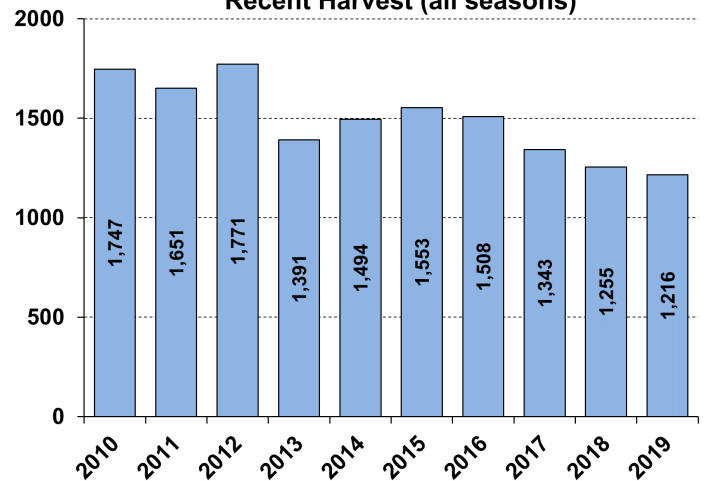
IDNR sharpshooting: 142 deer were removed via sharpshooting which is used to supplement hunter harvest, allows localized deer reductions in known CWD positive areas to reduce transmission rates and environmental contamination. Through these efforts CWD prevalence has remained low (see below).



2019-2020 Harvest by Season



Recent Harvest (all seasons)



Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Compound	402	385	310	251	274
Crossbow	87	87	159	205	258
Traditional	6	5	9	6	0
Total	495	477	478	462	532

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
M - Adult	23.5	24.3	24.5	21.2	30.7
M - Yearling	19.7	18.9	19.4	20.3	19.4
M - Fawn	11.4	10.5	10.4	9.4	8.5
F - Adult	37.0	36.8	36.8	41.7	35.0
F - Fawn	8.4	8.2	6.4	5.6	6.5

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