



# WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2020-2021: CASS COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



**County Size:** 384 square miles

**Year Opened to Deer Hunting:** 1957

**Record Harvest:** 1,774 (2005)

**Average Harvest (2011-2020):** 1,345

**Total 2020-2021 Harvest (all seasons):** 1,445

**Permits issued/quota 2020-2021** (excludes landowner; archery and youth are statewide):

**Firearm:** 1596/1750      **Youth:** 204/230

**2020-2021 Harvest Sex Ratio (all seasons):**

54% M:46% F;(45% antlered: 55% antlerless)

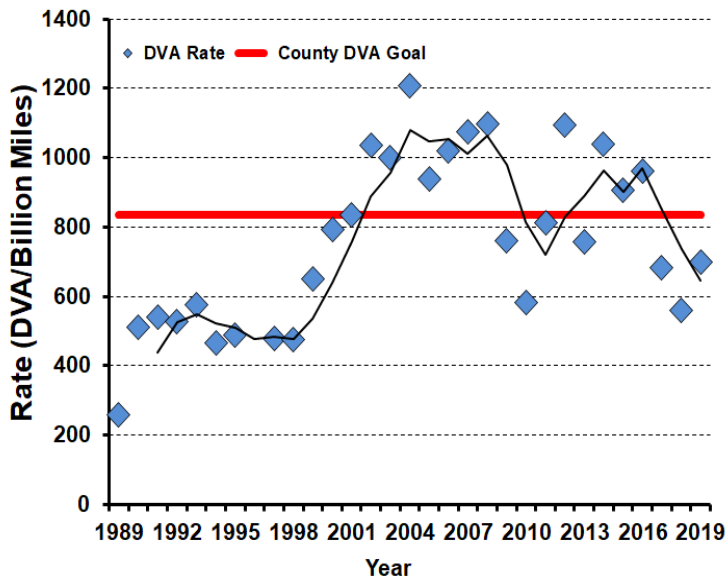
**Chronic Wasting Disease Detected:** No

**Check Station Location:** N/A

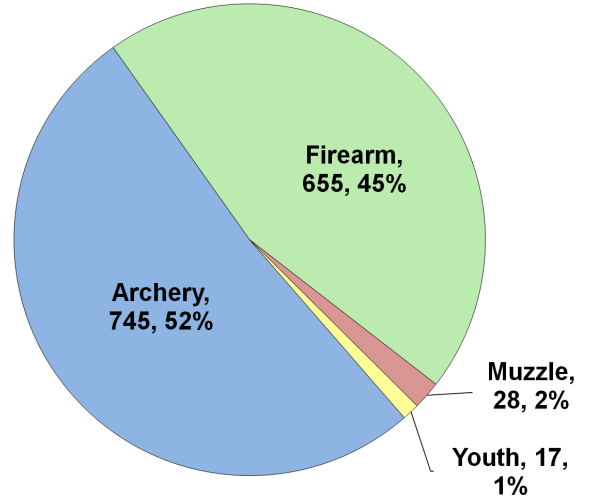
**Late Winter/CWD Season in 2021-2022:** No.

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

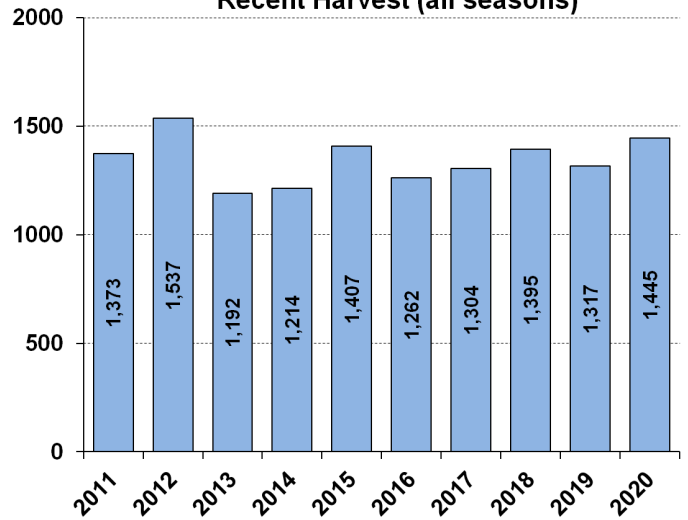
**Last year in Late Winter/CWD:** 2013



**2020-2021 Harvest by Season**



**Recent Harvest (all seasons)**



**Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type**

Type	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Compound	466	443	392	382	429
Crossbow	57	136	244	278	311
Traditional	7	9	7	6	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>588</b>	<b>643</b>	<b>666</b>	<b>745</b>

**Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)**

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
M - Adult	26.3	28.4	27.3	29.8	30.2
M - Yearling	14.2	14.6	13.3	14.9	14.1
M - Fawn	9.9	10.8	12.6	9.6	8.9
F - Adult	36.4	35.8	36.3	38.2	38.6
F - Fawn	10.2	8.1	10.3	7.5	8.1

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