



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2021-2022: 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 (previous 10 years): 1,490

Total 2021-2022 Harvest (all seasons): 1,388

Permits issued/quota 2021-2022

(excludes landowner; late winter are unlimited):

Firearm: 2429/2900 **Muzzle:** 412/500
Late Winter: 29

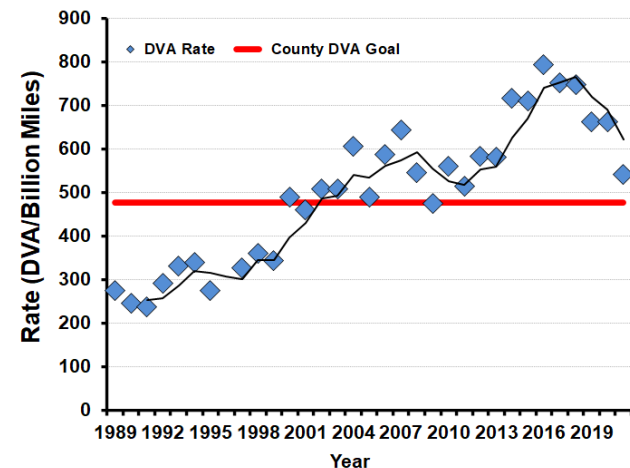
Chronic Wasting Disease Detected: No

Check Station Location: N/A

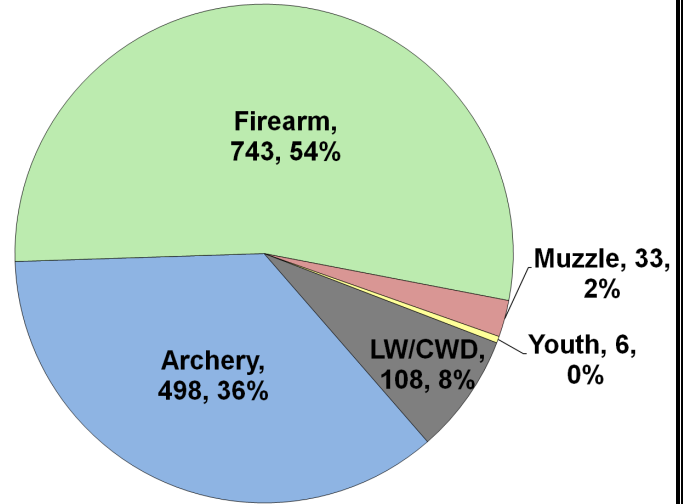
Late Winter/CWD Season in 2022-2023: Yes.

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.

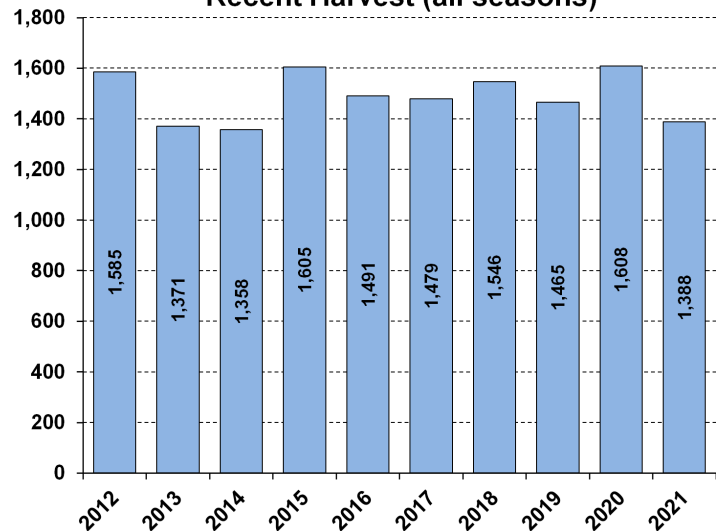
Time in Late Winter: 2007 - Present



2021-2022 Harvest by Season



Recent Harvest (all seasons)



Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Compound	329	294	256	277	234
Crossbow	173	226	279	344	261
Traditional	2	1	3	3	3
Total	504	521	538	624	498

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
M - Adult	24.9	25.5	24.4	29.2	28.9
M - Yearling	16.8	15.2	16.5	16.4	15.5
M - Fawn	12.4	11.6	11.3	10.0	11.0
F - Adult	36.0	37.5	38.4	38.6	38.2
F - Fawn	7.8	9.2	9.4	5.8	6.4

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