County Size: 470 square miles
Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1964
Average Harvest (2011-2020): 383
Total 2020-2021 Harvest (all seasons): 385
Permits issued/quota 2020-2021: No firearm or muzzleloader hunting except at Chain-O-Lakes SP
2020-2021 Harvest Sex Ratio (all seasons): 70% M: 30% F; (67% antlered: 33% antlerless)
Chronic Wasting Disease Detected: Yes
Check Station Location: Use McHenry Co. check station
Late Winter/CWD Season in 2021-2022: 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 2020-2021: 221
CWD positive deer 2020-2021: 1
IDNR sharpshooting: 0 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).