



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2019-2020: WILL COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 849 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1976

Record Harvest: 1,435 (2007)

Average Harvest (2010-2019): 1,159

Total 2019-2020 Harvest (all seasons): 1,051

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

Firearm: 1140/1450 **Muzzle:** 232/350 **CWD:** 60

2012-2020 Harvest Sex Ratio (all seasons):

63% M: 37% F;(56% antlered: 44% antlerless)

Chronic Wasting Disease Detected: Yes

Check Station Location: Des Plaines Game Propagation Center

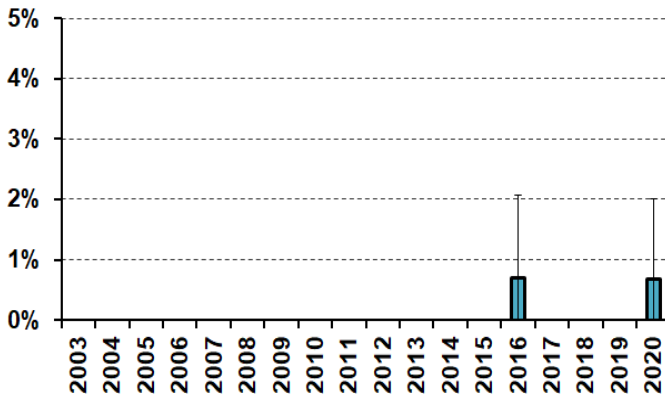
Late Winter/CWD Season in 2020-2021: Yes.

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

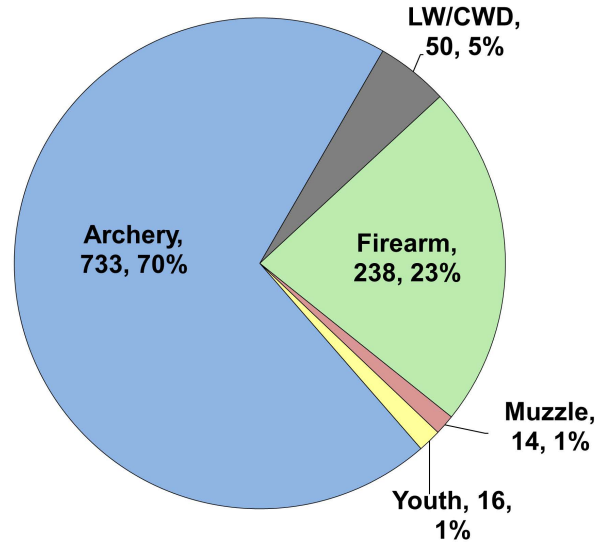
Number tested for CWD 2019-2020: 251

CWD positive deer 2019-2020: 4

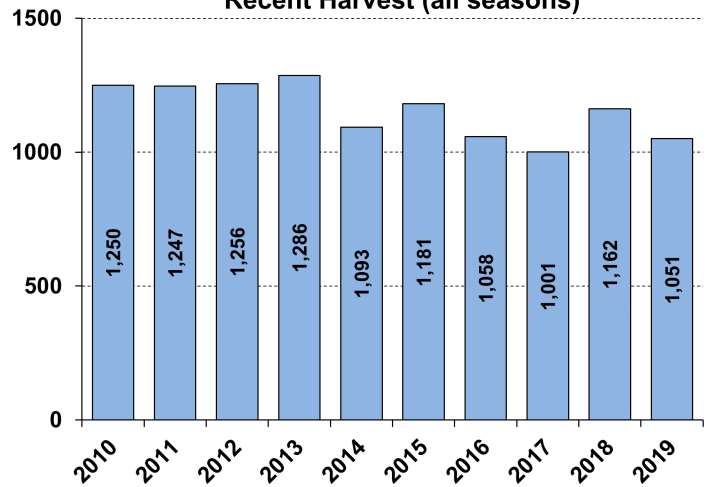
IDNR sharpshooting: 16 deer were removed via sharpshooting which is used to supplement hunter harvest, allows localized deer reductions in known CWD positive areas to reduce transmission rates and environmental contamination. Through these efforts CWD prevalence has remained low (see below).



2019-2020 Harvest by Season



Recent Harvest (all seasons)



Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Compound	646	613	476	468	378
Crossbow	105	109	217	326	348
Traditional	11	12	12	12	6
Total	762	734	705	806	732

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
M - Adult	24.2	23.5	23.1	25.4	31.4
M - Yearling	19.6	20.3	23.2	19.5	24.5
M - Fawn	8.9	9.9	9.5	8.4	7.1
F - Adult	39.0	37.1	35.7	39.6	31.8
F - Fawn	8.2	7.5	5.5	6.6	5.1

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