



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2019-2020: McHENRY COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 611 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1963

Record Harvest: 1,592 (1995)

Average Harvest (2010-2019): 945

Total 2019-2020 Harvest (all seasons): 873

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

Firearm: 1380/3400 **Muzzle:** 174/550 **CWD:** 61

2019-2020 Harvest Sex Ratio (all seasons):

68% M: 32% F;(60% antlered: 40% antlerless)

Chronic Wasting Disease Detected: Yes

Check Station Location: Moraine Hills State Park

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.

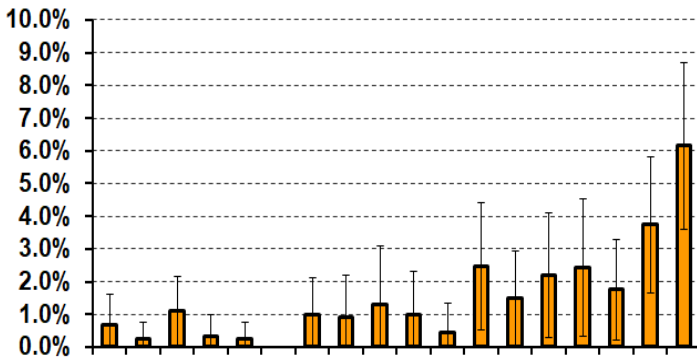
Number tested for CWD 2019-2020: 425

CWD positive deer 2019-2020: 30

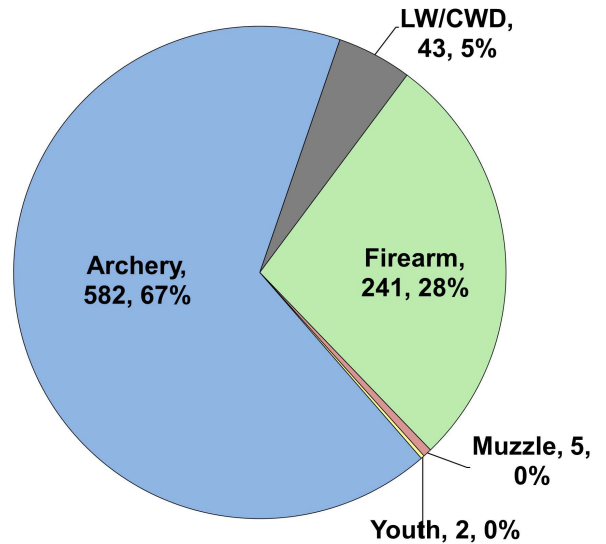
IDNR sharpshooting: 62 deer were removed via sharpshooting which is used to supplement hunter harvest, allows localized deer reductions in known

CWD positive areas to reduce transmission rates and environmental contamination. Through these efforts

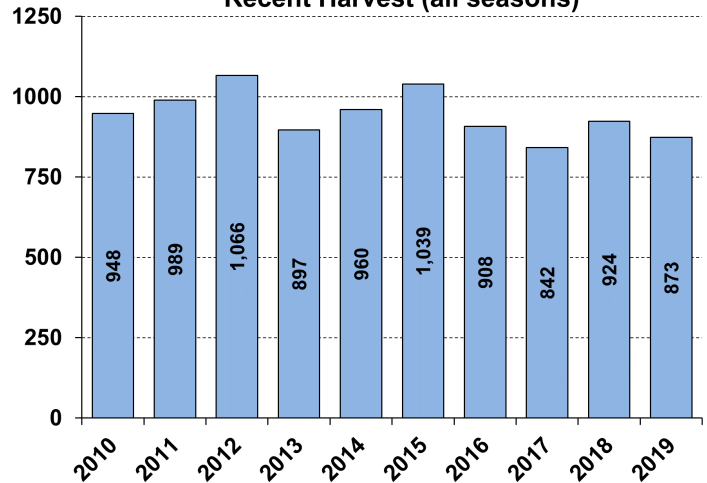
CWD prevalence has remained low (see below).



2019-2020 Harvest by Season



Recent Harvest (all seasons)



Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Compound	523	442	351	365	376
Crossbow	69	75	144	185	194
Traditional	5	10	5	5	12
Total	597	527	500	555	582

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
M - Adult	26.0	19.5	22.1	24.6	34.1
M - Yearling	22.8	25.7	30.1	26.0	25.9
M - Fawn	8.8	12.7	6.4	6.5	8.1
F - Adult	36.2	32.4	30.4	35.5	28.3
F - Fawn	6.2	7.1	4.5	4.3	3.6

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