



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2021-2022: CLAY COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 469 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1970

Record Harvest: 2,560 (2007)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 1,863

Total 2021-2022 Harvest (all seasons): 1,979

Permits issued/quota 2021-2022 (excludes landowner; late winter are unlimited):

Firearm: 3001/3100 **Muzzle:** 345/475

Late Winter: 35

Chronic Wasting Disease Detected: No

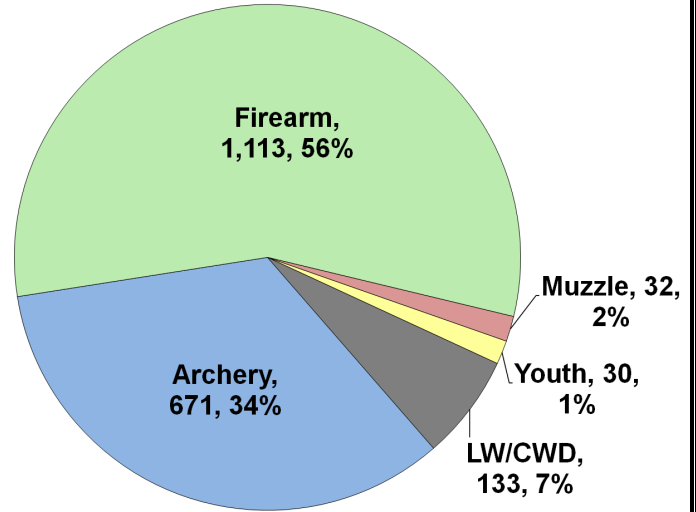
Check Station Location: N/A

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

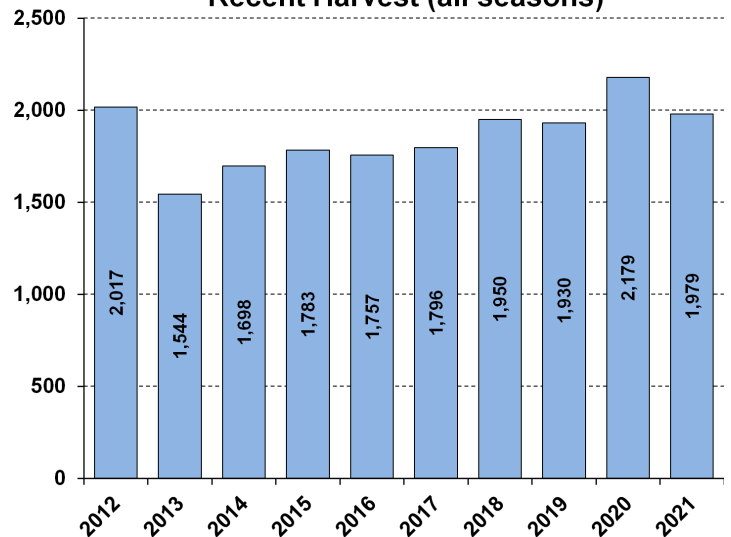
Deer Vehicle Accident (DVA) rates (accidents per billion miles driven) are used as an index of deer population size. Counties remain or are added to Late Winter/CWD season if DVA rates are above goal, or other factors (excessive crop damage and/or disease issues) are present.

Time in Late Winter: 2005 - Present

2021-2022 Harvest by Season



Recent Harvest (all seasons)



Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Compound	368	348	394	399	338
Crossbow	140	203	248	344	326
Traditional	5	11	10	9	7
Total	513	562	652	752	671

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
M - Adult	25.5	26.5	26.6	26.8	27.4
M - Yearling	18.5	17.4	17.5	14.5	15.3
M - Fawn	12.6	11.9	9.4	10.7	12.5
F - Adult	35.9	35.9	39.0	39.9	36.0
F - Fawn	7.7	10.5	7.5	8.1	8.8

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

