



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2021-2022: LEE COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 729 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1957

Record Harvest: 1,542 (2005)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 1,107

Total 2021-2022 Harvest (all seasons): 1,060

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

Firearm: 1774/2400 **Muzzle:** 230/435 **CWD:** 43

Chronic Wasting Disease Detected: Yes

Check Station Location: Hunters are encouraged to use neighboring check stations.

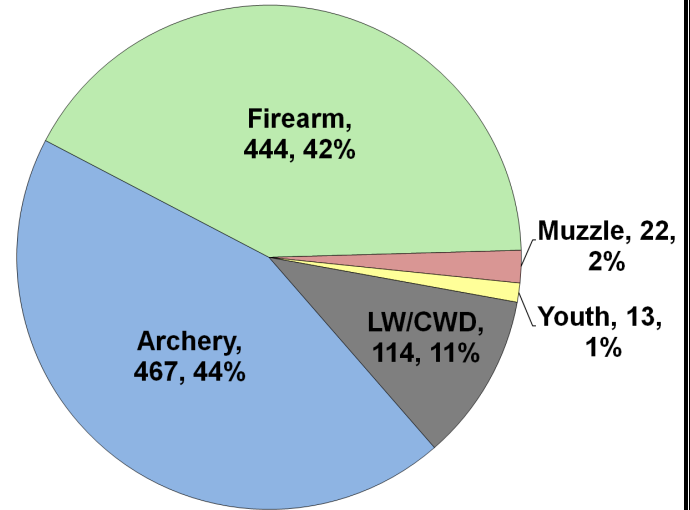
Late Winter/CWD Season in 2022-2023: Yes. CWD has been detected in this county. CWD seasons allow for extra hunter harvest to reduce deer density and disease transmission.

Number tested for CWD 2021-2022: 73

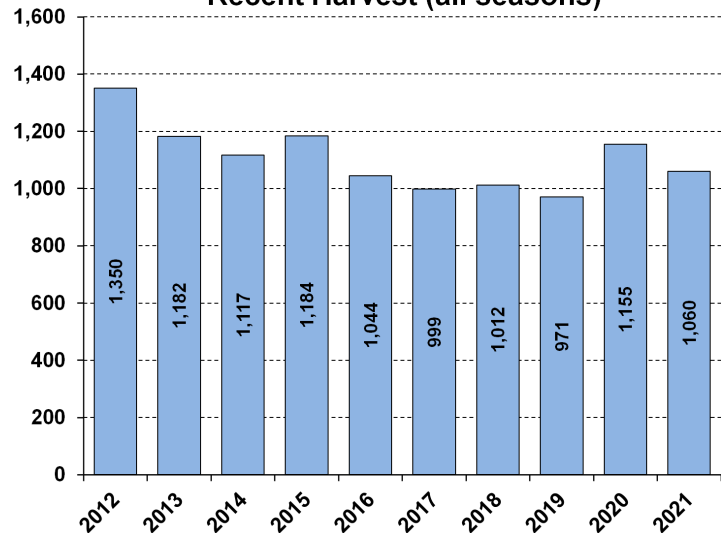
CWD positive deer 2021-2022: 1

IDNR sharpshooting: 4 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).

2021-2022 Harvest by Season



Recent Harvest (all seasons)



Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Compound	255	219	217	229	198
Crossbow	129	179	218	269	264
Traditional	3	2	2	6	5
Total	387	400	437	504	467

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
M - Adult	17.6	21.7	23.2	24.8	23.5
M - Yearling	19.8	20.1	22.2	19.4	22.2
M - Fawn	12.6	11.0	10.6	11.9	11.4
F - Adult	41.8	36.6	37.9	38.0	37.3
F - Fawn	4.9	7.0	6.1	5.8	5.7

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

