



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2021-2022: STEPHENSON COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 565 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1957

Record Harvest: 1,829 (2007)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 1,391

Total 2021-2022 Harvest (all seasons): 1,030

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

Firearm: 2327/3250 **Muzzle:** 227/525 **CWD:** 18

Chronic Wasting Disease Detected: Yes

Check Station Location: Stephenson Co. Fairgrounds

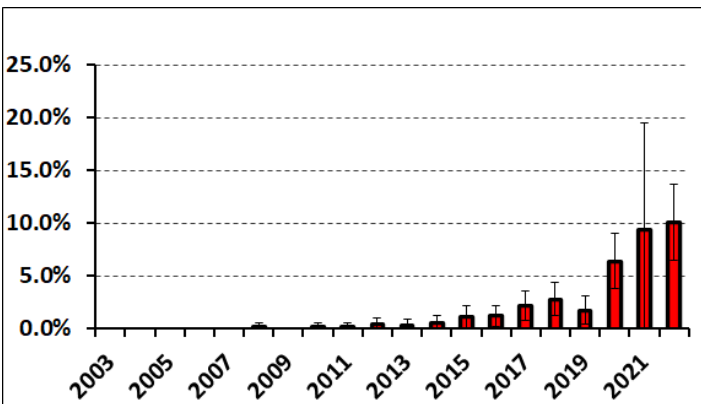
Late Winter/CWD Season in 2022-2023: Yes.

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

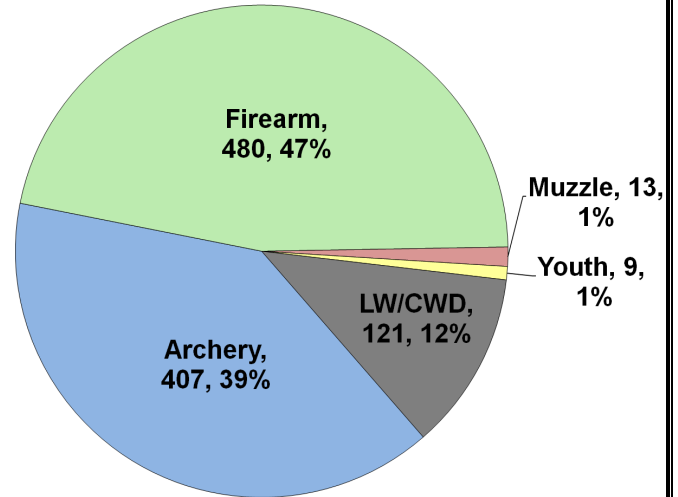
Number tested for CWD 2021-2022: 379

CWD positive deer 2021-2022: 34

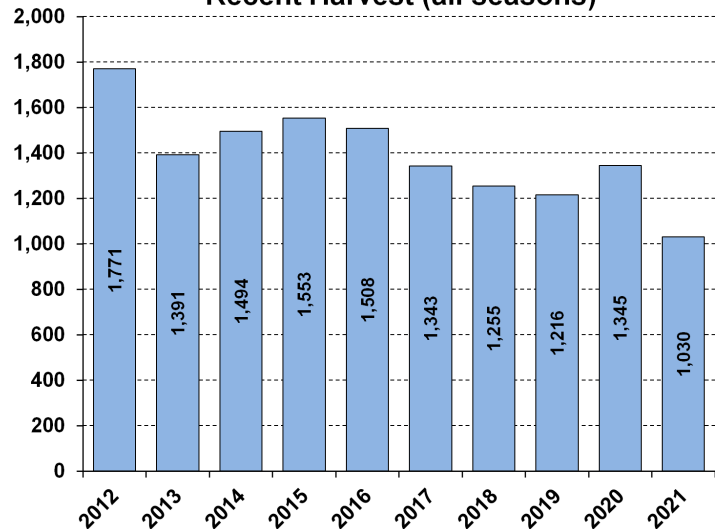
IDNR sharpshooting: 104 deer were removed via sharpshooting which is used to supplement hunter harvest, allows localized deer reductions in known CWD positive areas to reduce transmission rates and environmental contamination. Through these efforts CWD prevalence has remained low (see below).



2021-2022 Harvest by Season



Recent Harvest (all seasons)



Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Compound	310	251	274	251	166
Crossbow	159	205	258	296	237
Traditional	9	6	0	5	4
Total	478	462	532	552	407

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
M - Adult	24.5	21.2	30.7	27.4	26.8
M - Yearling	19.4	20.3	19.4	17.9	19.9
M - Fawn	10.4	9.4	8.5	9.7	8.8
F - Adult	36.8	41.7	35.0	39.8	36.8
F - Fawn	6.4	5.6	6.5	5.1	7.6

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