



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2021-2022: 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 (previous 10 years): 1,124

Total 2021-2022 Harvest (all seasons): 981

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

Firearm: 1149/1450 **Muzzle:** 226/350 **CWD:** 49

Chronic Wasting Disease Detected: Yes

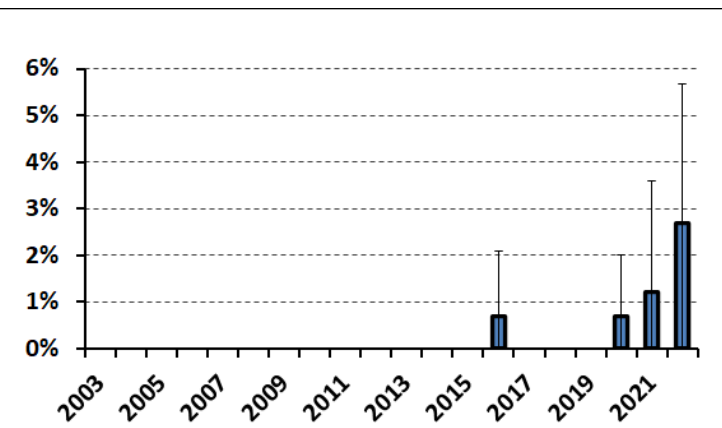
Check Station Location: Des Plaines Game Propagation Center

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.

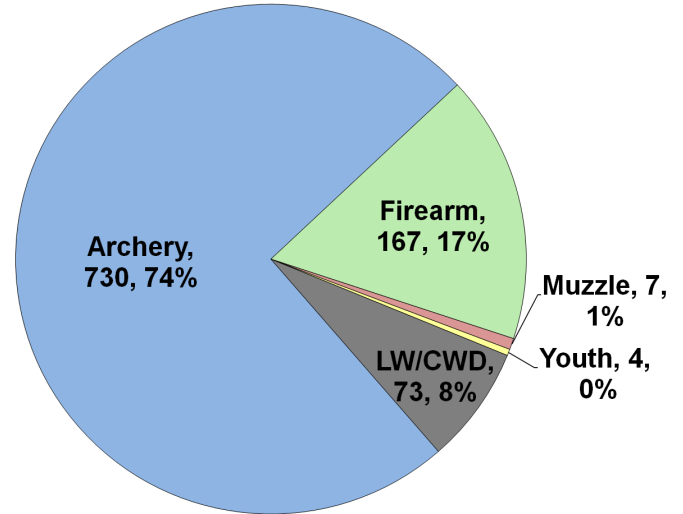
Number tested for CWD 2021-2022: 293

CWD positive deer 2021-2022: 3

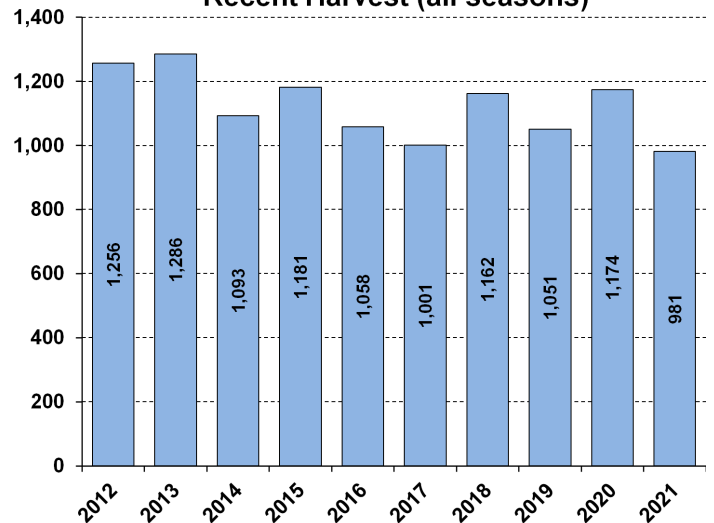
IDNR sharpshooting: 44 deer were removed via sharpshooting which is used to supplement hunter harvest, allows localized deer reductions in known CWD positive areas to reduce transmission rates and environmental contamination. Through these efforts CWD prevalence has remained low (see below).



2021-2022 Harvest by Season



Recent Harvest (all seasons)



Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Compound	476	468	378	385	352
Crossbow	217	326	348	433	371
Traditional	12	12	6	7	7
Total	705	806	732	825	730

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
M - Adult	23.1	25.4	31.4	32.3	29.2
M - Yearling	23.2	19.5	24.5	19.9	20.4
M - Fawn	9.5	8.4	7.1	7.9	7.4
F - Adult	35.7	39.6	31.8	34.8	36.3
F - Fawn	5.5	6.6	5.1	5.1	6.6

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