



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2020-2021: FORD COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 486 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1974

Record Harvest: 260 (2005)

Average Harvest (2011-2020): 187

Total 2020-2021 Harvest (all seasons): 193

Permits issued/quota 2020-2021 (excludes landowner; archery and youth are statewide):

Firearm: 325/325 **Muzzle:** 93/100

2020-2021 Harvest Sex Ratio (all seasons):

65% M:35% F;(55% antlered: 45% antlerless)

Chronic Wasting Disease Detected: No

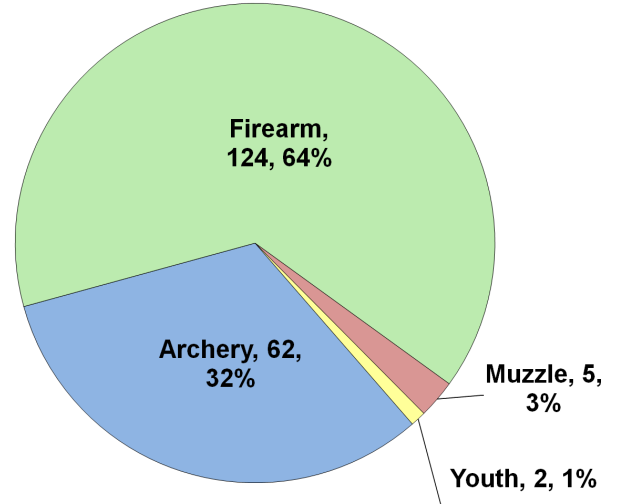
Check Station Location: N/A

Late Winter/CWD Season in 2021-2022: No.

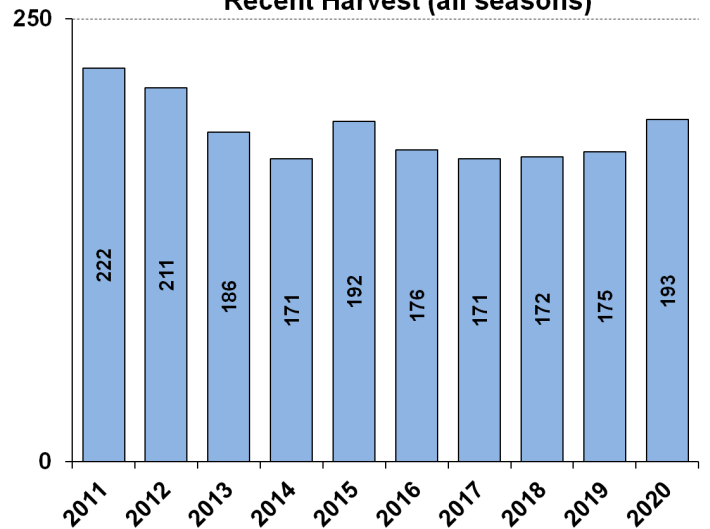
Deer Vehicle Accident (DVA) rates (accidents per billion miles driven) are used as an index of deer population size. Counties are closed to Late Winter/CWD season if DVA rates remain below goal, unless other factors (excessive crop damage and/or disease issues) are present.

Last year in Late Winter/CWD: Never

2020-2021 Harvest by Season



Recent Harvest (all seasons)



Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Compound	40	39	27	32	28
Crossbow	2	14	23	27	34
Traditional	4	4	2	0	0
Total	46	57	52	59	62

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
M - Adult	27.6	26.0	31.3	32.6	42.5
M - Yearling	19.3	26.5	18.6	22.9	21.2
M - Fawn	10.2	8.2	4.7	9.7	5.2
F - Adult	34.1	32.4	35.5	29.1	29.5
F - Fawn	6.3	3.5	6.4	5.7	1.6

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

