



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2020-2021: HAMILTON COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 436 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1961

Record Harvest: 2,404 (2005)

Average Harvest (2011-2020): 2,043

Total 2020-2021 Harvest (all seasons): 2,350

Permits issued/quota 2020-2021 (excludes landowner; late winter are unlimited):

Firearm: 2400/2400 **Muzzle:** 315/315

Late Winter: 163

2020-2021 Harvest Sex Ratio (all seasons):

54% M: 46% F;(47% antlered: 53% antlerless)

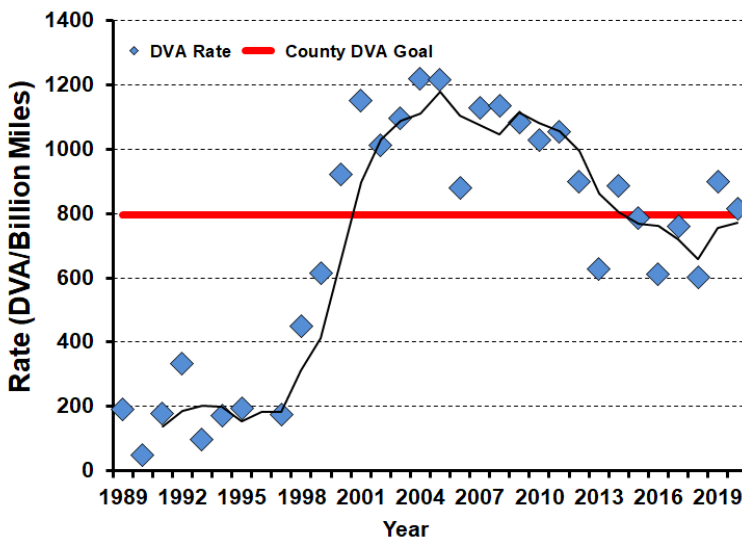
Chronic Wasting Disease Detected: No

Check Station Location: N/A

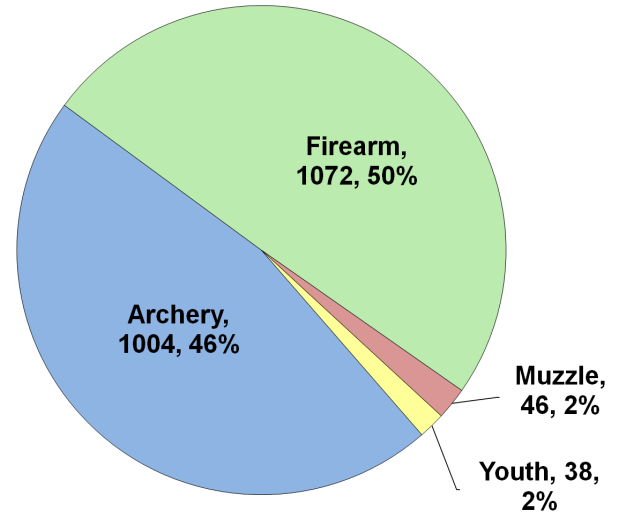
Late Winter/CWD Season in 2021-2022: Yes.

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.

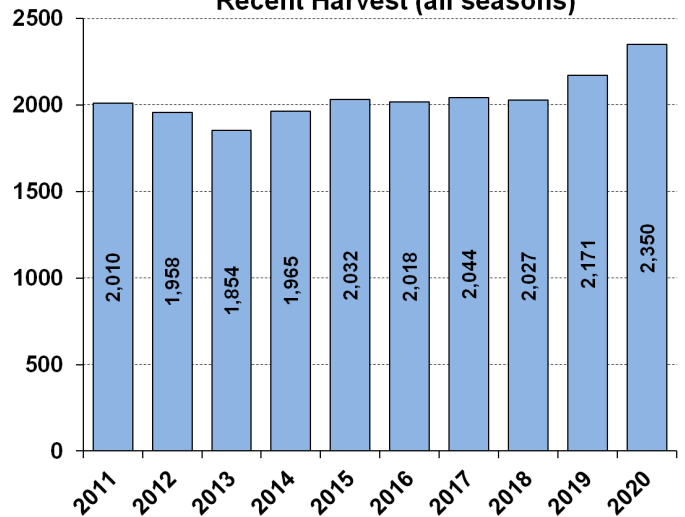
Time in Late Winter: 2005 - Present



2020-2021 Harvest by Season



Recent Harvest (all seasons)



Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Compound	530	446	373	459	503
Crossbow	88	204	301	396	484
Traditional	10	8	11	21	17
Total	628	658	685	876	1004

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
M - Adult	27.6	27.4	27.6	30.1	31.3
M - Yearling	15.6	17.2	17.8	17.2	14.9
M - Fawn	7.7	8.8	7.3	6.2	6.1
F - Adult	40.9	39.9	41.0	39.4	41.0
F - Fawn	8.1	6.9	6.3	7.0	6.8

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