



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2020-2021: KNOX COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 720 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1960

Record Harvest: 3,000 (2012)

Average Harvest (2011-2020): 2,471

Total 2020-2021 Harvest (all seasons): 2,497

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

Firearm: 3329/3900 **Muzzle:** 515/700

Late Winter: 101

2020-2021 Harvest Sex Ratio (all seasons):

51% M: 49% F;(44% antlered: 56% antlerless)

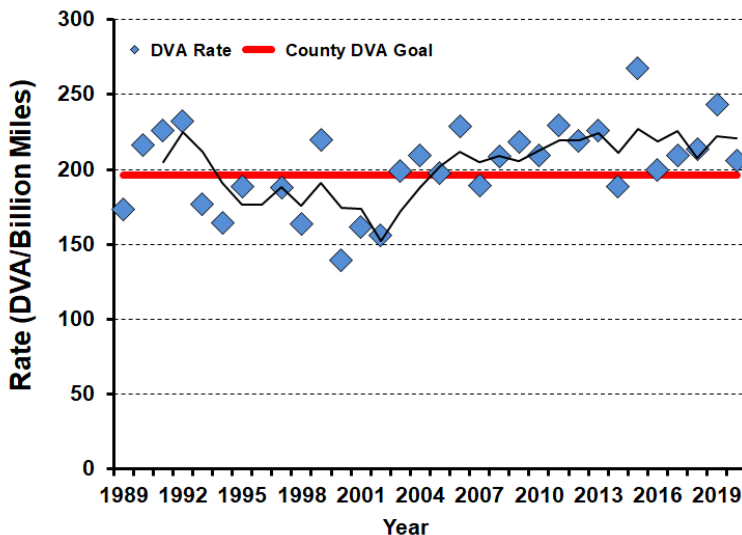
Chronic Wasting Disease Detected: No

Check Station Location: N/A

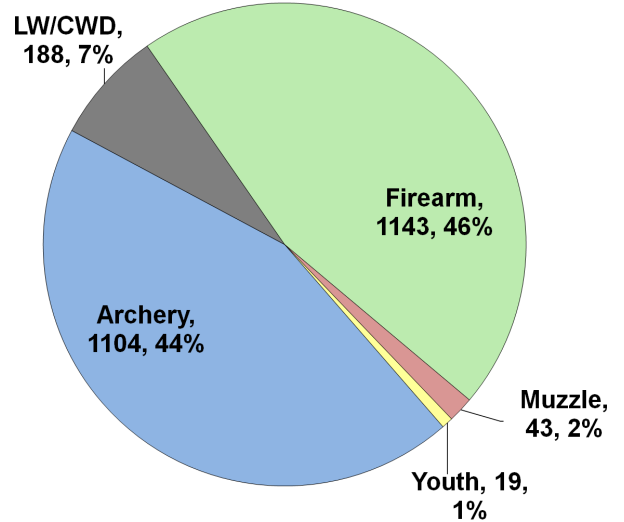
Late Winter/CWD Season in 2021-2022: Yes.

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.

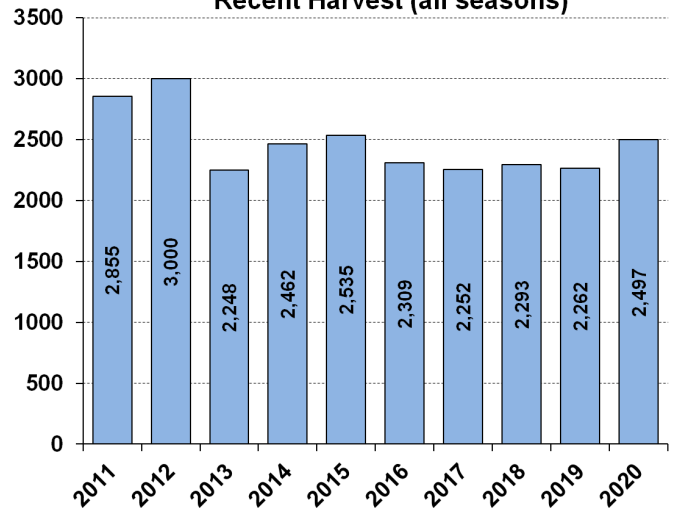
Time in Late Winter: 2005 - Present



2020-2021 Harvest by Season



Recent Harvest (all seasons)



Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Compound	689	599	518	506	549
Crossbow	151	280	390	475	528
Traditional	9	6	7	26	27
Total	849	885	915	1007	1104

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
M - Adult	26.3	25.9	23.7	26.6	28.6
M - Yearling	15.4	15.9	15.4	17.2	14.4
M - Fawn	9.3	10.1	9.9	7.4	8.8
F - Adult	38.0	37.7	39.9	42.4	42.0
F - Fawn	8.5	7.2	8.6	6.3	6.2

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