



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2020-2021: LEE COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 729 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1957

Record Harvest: 1,542 (2005)

Average Harvest (2011-2020): 1,135

Total 2020-2021 Harvest (all seasons): 1,155

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

Firearm: 1855/2400 **Muzzle:** 248/435 **LW:** 49

2020-2021 Harvest Sex Ratio (all seasons):

56% M: 44% F;(45% antlered: 55% antlerless)

Chronic Wasting Disease Detected: Yes, in 2020

Check Station Location: Hunters are encouraged to use neighboring check stations.

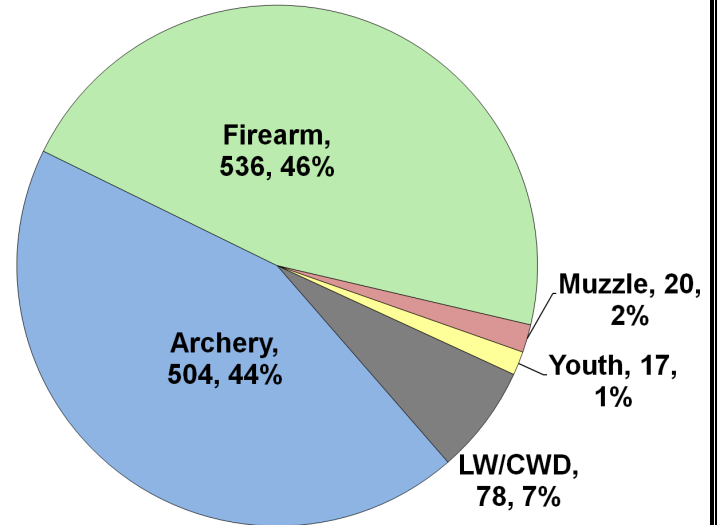
Late Winter/CWD Season in 2021-2022: Yes. CWD has been detected in this county. CWD seasons allow for extra hunter harvest to reduce deer density and disease transmission.

Number tested for CWD 2020-2021: 63

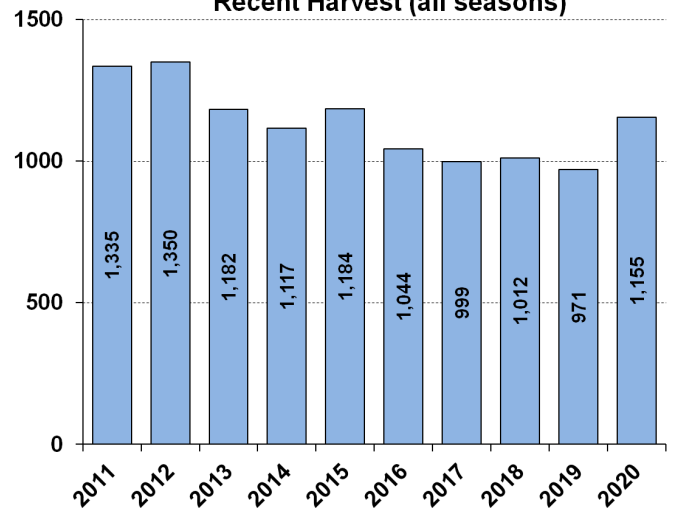
CWD positive deer 2020-2021: 2

IDNR sharpshooting: 0 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).

2020-2021 Harvest by Season



Recent Harvest (all seasons)



Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Compound	342	255	219	217	229
Crossbow	65	129	179	218	269
Traditional	1	3	2	2	6
Total	408	387	400	437	504

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
M - Adult	21.1	17.6	21.7	23.2	24.8
M - Yearling	18.7	19.8	20.1	22.2	19.4
M - Fawn	12.5	12.6	11.0	10.6	11.9
F - Adult	39.5	41.8	36.6	37.9	38.0
F - Fawn	5.5	4.9	7.0	6.1	5.8

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

