



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2020-2021: MERCER COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 568 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1957

Record Harvest: 1,623 (2006)

Average Harvest (2011-2020): 1,507

Total 2020-2021 Harvest (all seasons): 1,608

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

Firearm: 2548/2900 **Muzzle:** 396/500

Late Winter: 20

2020-2021 Harvest Sex Ratio (all seasons):

52% M: 48% F;(41% antlered: 59% antlerless)

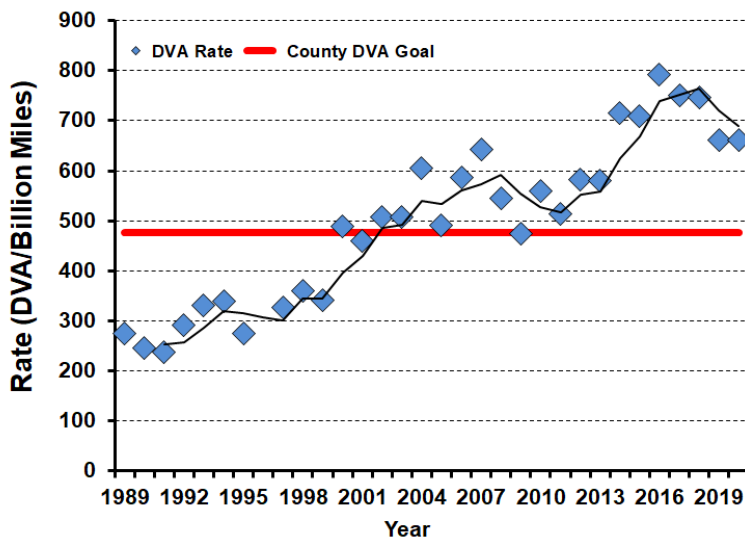
Chronic Wasting Disease Detected: No

Check Station Location: N/A

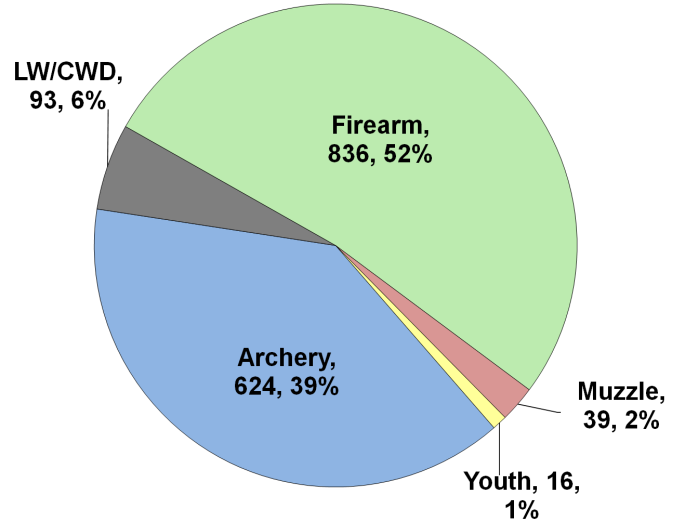
Late Winter/CWD Season in 2021-2022: Yes.

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.

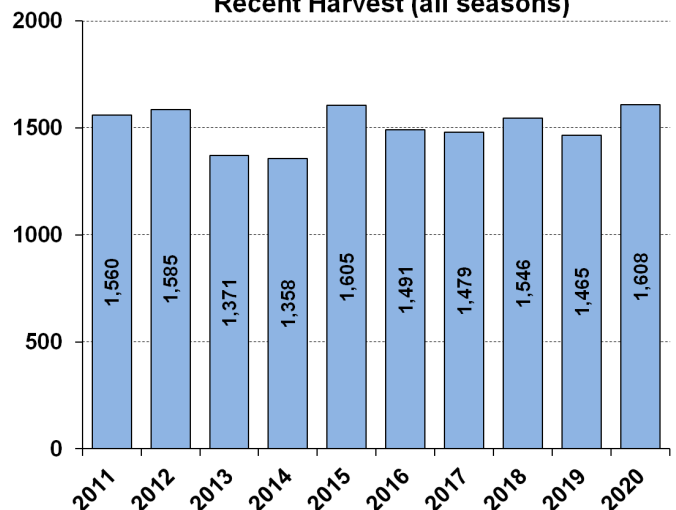
Time in Late Winter: 2007 - Present



2020-2021 Harvest by Season



Recent Harvest (all seasons)



Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Compound	333	329	294	256	277
Crossbow	80	173	226	279	344
Traditional	2	2	1	3	3
Total	415	504	521	538	624

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
M - Adult	23.9	24.9	25.5	24.4	29.2
M - Yearling	14.5	16.8	15.2	16.5	16.4
M - Fawn	12.6	12.4	11.6	11.3	10.0
F - Adult	37.9	36.0	37.5	38.4	38.6
F - Fawn	9.3	7.8	9.2	9.4	5.8

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