



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2020-2021: STEPHENSON COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 565 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1957

Record Harvest: 1,829 (2007)

Average Harvest (2011-2020): 1,453

Total 2020-2021 Harvest (all seasons): 1,345

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

Firearm: 2504/3250 **Muzzle:** 254/525 **CWD:** 30

2020-2021 Harvest Sex Ratio (all seasons):

59% M: 41% F;(50% antlered: 50% antlerless)

Chronic Wasting Disease Detected: Yes

Check Station Location: Stephenson Co. Fairgrounds

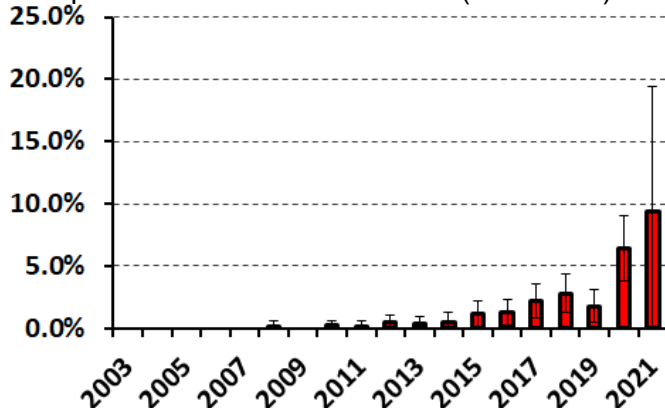
Late Winter/CWD Season in 2021-2022: Yes.

CWD has and continues to be detected in this county. CWD seasons allow for extra hunter harvest to reduce deer density and disease transmission.

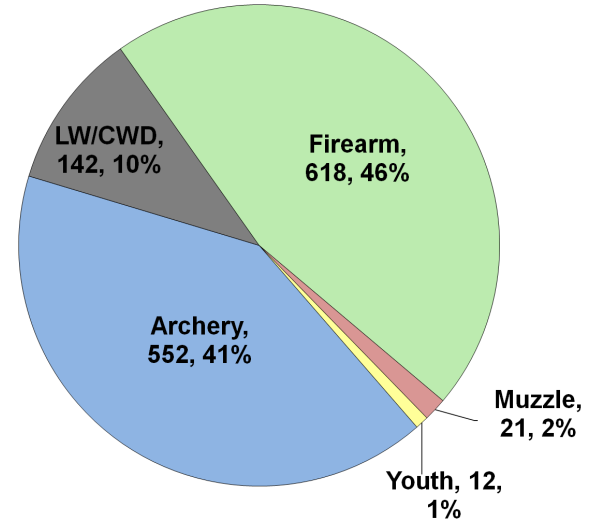
Number tested for CWD 2020-2021: 266

CWD positive deer 2020-2021: 8

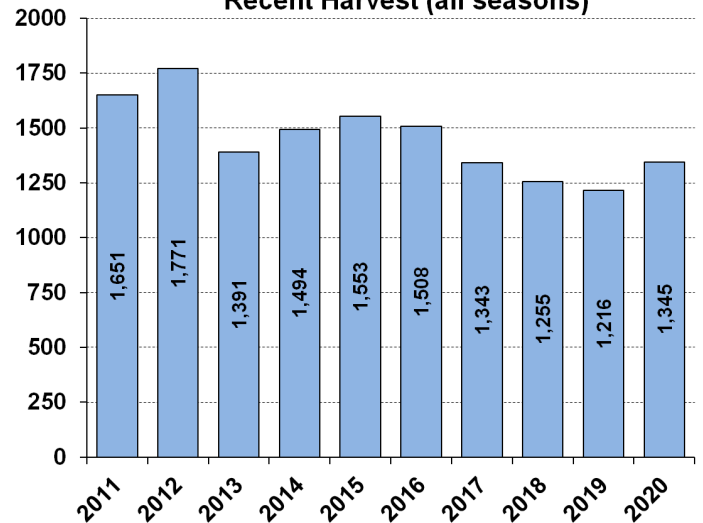
IDNR sharpshooting: 213 deer were removed via sharpshooting which is used to supplement hunter harvest, allows localized deer reductions in known CWD positive areas to reduce transmission rates and environmental contamination. Through these efforts CWD prevalence has remained low (see below).



2020-2021 Harvest by Season



Recent Harvest (all seasons)



Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Compound	385	310	251	274	251
Crossbow	87	159	205	258	296
Traditional	5	9	6	0	5
Total	477	478	462	532	552

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
M - Adult	24.3	24.5	21.2	30.7	27.4
M - Yearling	18.9	19.4	20.3	19.4	17.9
M - Fawn	10.5	10.4	9.4	8.5	9.7
F - Adult	36.8	36.8	41.7	35.0	39.8
F - Fawn	8.2	6.4	5.6	6.5	5.1

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