



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2020-2021: WHITESIDE COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 698 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1957

Record Harvest: 1,704 (2005)

Average Harvest (2011-2020): 1,219

Total 2020-2021 Harvest (all seasons): 1,222

Permits issued/quota 2020-2021 (excludes landowner; archery and youth are statewide):

Firearm: 1955/2025 **Muzzle:** 249/260

2020-2021 Harvest Sex Ratio (all seasons):

57% M:43% F;(47% antlered: 53% antlerless)

Chronic Wasting Disease Detected: No

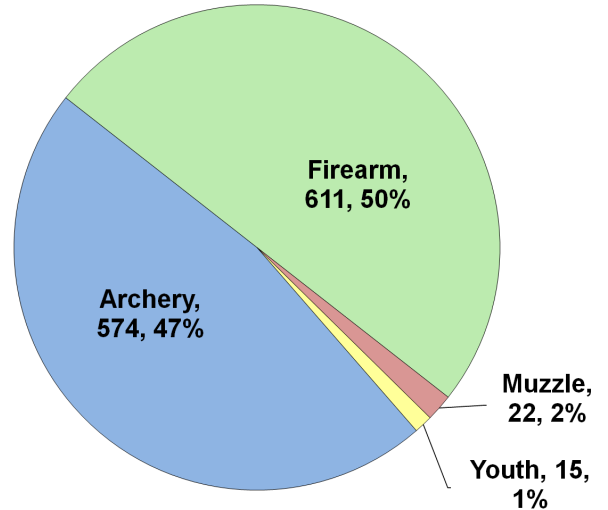
Check Station Location: N/A

Late Winter/CWD Season in 2021-2022: No.

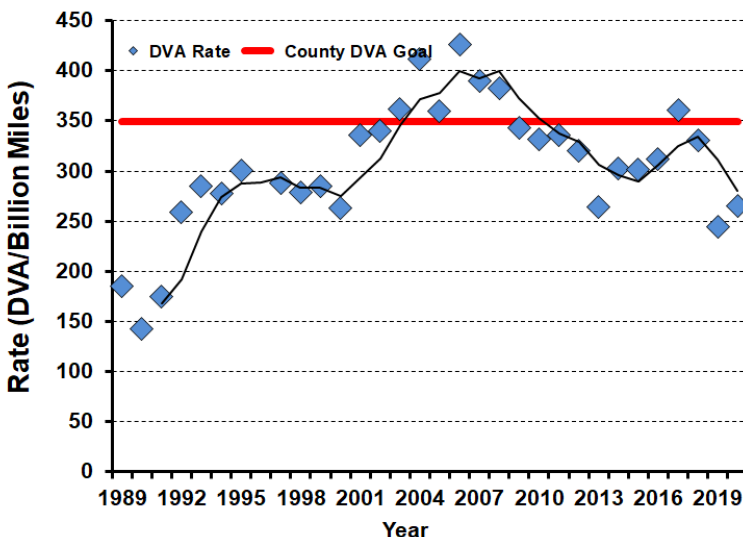
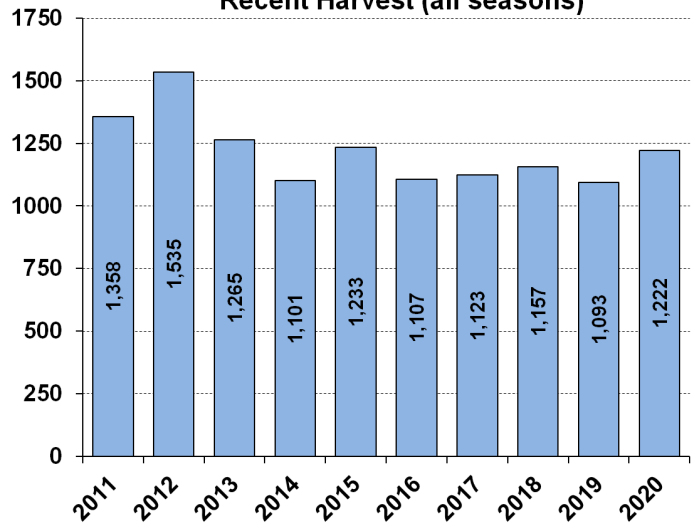
Deer Vehicle Accident (DVA) rates (accidents per billion miles driven) are used as an index of deer population size. Counties are closed to Late Winter/CWD season if DVA rates remain below goal, unless other factors (excessive crop damage and/or disease issues) are present.

Last year in Late Winter/CWD: 2014

2020-2021 Harvest by Season



Recent Harvest (all seasons)



Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Compound	403	320	300	250	257
Crossbow	72	137	186	232	310
Traditional	7	3	4	11	7
Total	482	460	490	493	574

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
M - Adult	21.2	21.0	21.0	26.6	24.1
M - Yearling	19.2	19.9	20.7	20.9	16.0
M - Fawn	10.1	10.8	11.1	9.4	12.1
F - Adult	38.9	38.6	38.3	36.5	40.0
F - Fawn	8.2	7.7	7.4	6.6	7.7

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