



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2020-2021: WILL COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 849 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1976

Record Harvest: 1,435 (2007)

Average Harvest (2011-2020): 1,151

Total 2020-2021 Harvest (all seasons): 1,174

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

Firearm: 1178/1450 **Muzzle:** 253/350 **CWD:** 57

2020-2021 Harvest Sex Ratio (all seasons):

63% M: 37% F;(56% antlered: 44% antlerless)

Chronic Wasting Disease Detected: Yes

Check Station Location: Des Plaines Game Propagation Center

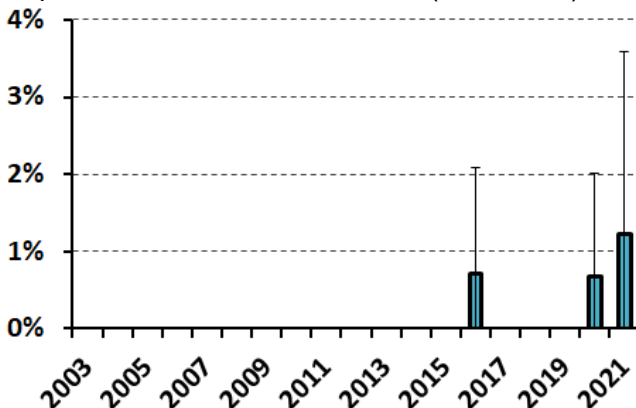
Late Winter/CWD Season in 2021-2022: Yes.

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

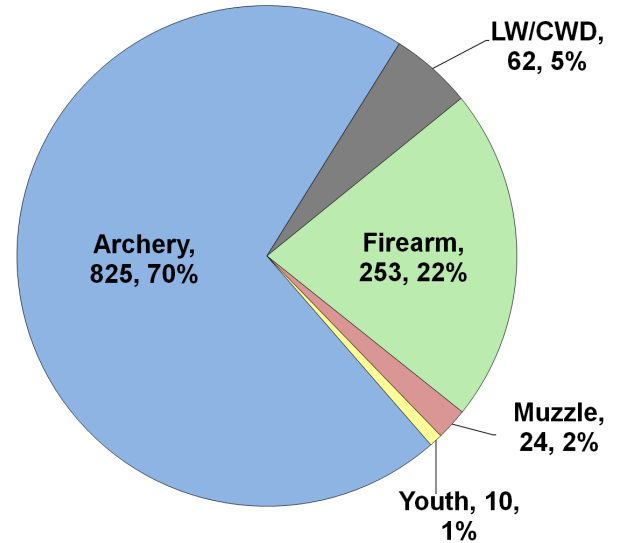
Number tested for CWD 2020-2021: 277

CWD positive deer 2020-2021: 3

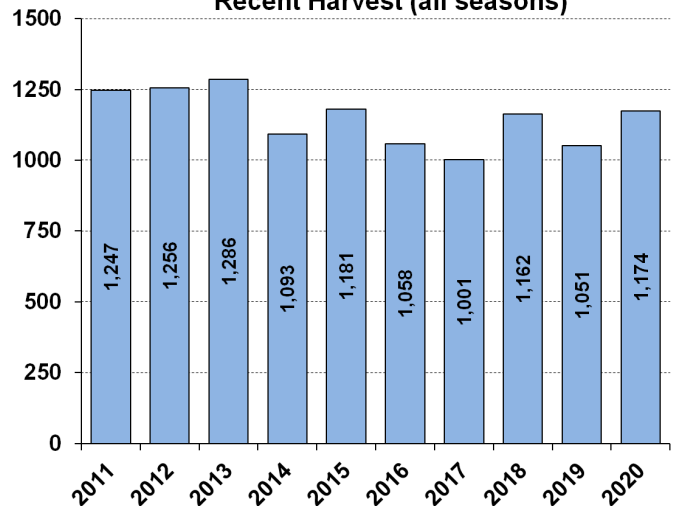
IDNR sharpshooting: 68 deer were removed via sharpshooting which is used to supplement hunter harvest, allows localized deer reductions in known CWD positive areas to reduce transmission rates and environmental contamination. Through these efforts CWD prevalence has remained low (see below).



2020-2021 Harvest by Season



Recent Harvest (all seasons)



Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Compound	613	476	468	378	385
Crossbow	109	217	326	348	433
Traditional	12	12	12	6	7
Total	734	705	806	732	825

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
M - Adult	23.5	23.1	25.4	31.4	32.3
M - Yearling	20.3	23.2	19.5	24.5	19.9
M - Fawn	9.9	9.5	8.4	7.1	7.9
F - Adult	37.1	35.7	39.6	31.8	34.8
F - Fawn	7.5	5.5	6.6	5.1	5.1

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