



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2020-2021: MASON COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 564 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1957

Record Harvest: 1,320 (2004)

Average Harvest (2011-2020): 891

Total 2020-2021 Harvest (all seasons): 976

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

Firearm: 600/600 **Muzzle:** 150/150

2020-2021 Harvest Sex Ratio (all seasons):

58% M:42% F;(49% antlered: 51% antlerless)

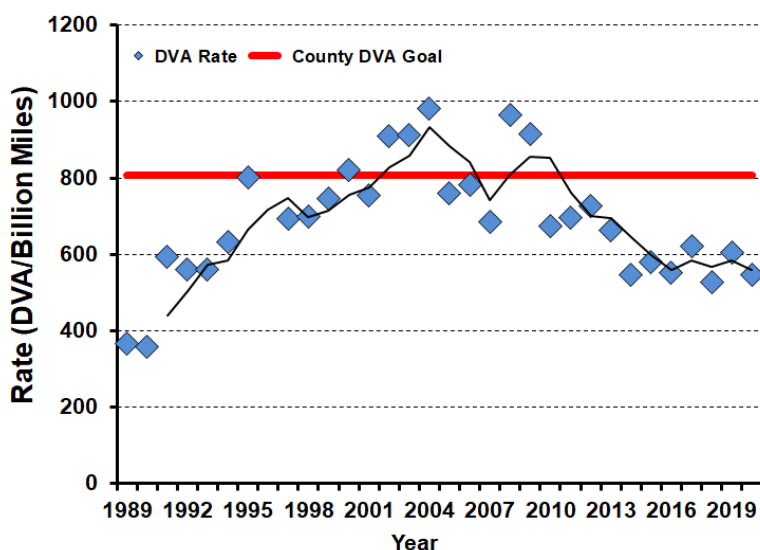
Chronic Wasting Disease Detected: No

Check Station Location: N/A

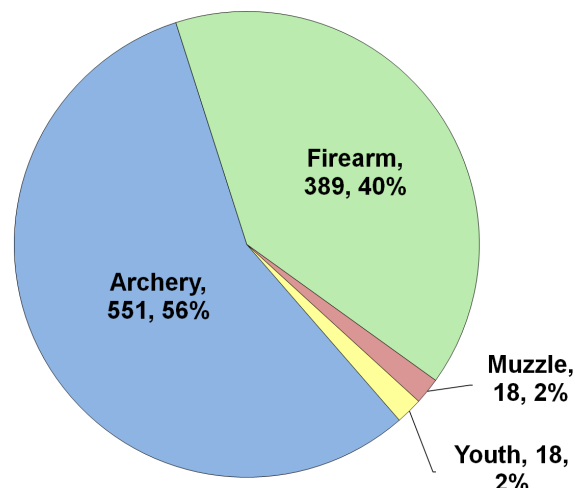
Late Winter/CWD Season in 2021-2022: No.

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.

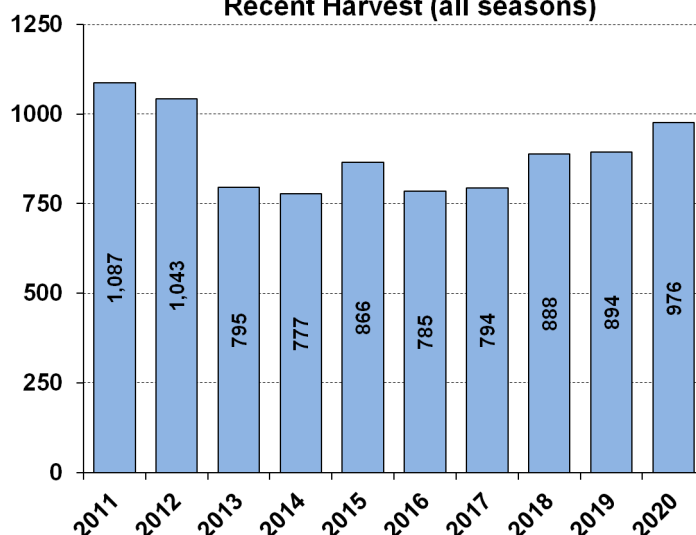
Last year in Late Winter/CWD: 2012



2020-2021 Harvest by Season



Recent Harvest (all seasons)



Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Compound	233	224	235	240	262
Crossbow	71	142	174	249	280
Traditional	4	9	4	8	9
Total	308	375	413	497	551

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
M - Adult	29.8	24.2	26.7	30.1	33.0
M - Yearling	16.8	20.0	19.3	19.4	18.5
M - Fawn	11.1	12.3	10.1	8.6	8.3
F - Adult	31.8	33.9	36.7	35.9	34.1
F - Fawn	7.4	7.3	7.9	6.0	6.0

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