

WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2022-2023: CHRISTIAN COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1966

Record Harvest: 1,337 (2011)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 1,124

Total 2022-2023 Harvest (all seasons): 1,147

Permits issued/quota 2022-2023 (excludes landowner; archery and youth are statewide):

Firearm: 1496/1500 Muzzle: 269/270

Chronic Wasting Disease Detected: No

Check Station Location: N/A

Late Winter/CWD Season in 2023-2024: 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

Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Compound	283	245	229	226	230
Crossbow	243	301	341	302	301
Traditional	3	0	7	1	6
Total	529	546	577	529	537
Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%) 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022					
M - Adult	29.7	27.3	28.3	30.1	29.6
M - Yearling	18.7	20.2	17.5	19.4	18.3
M - Fawn	10.7	7.5	8.1	8.7	8.2
F - Adult	36.5	38.2	40.6	36.3	38.3
F - Fawn	6.0	6.9	5.5	5.6	5.7

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



