



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2022-2023: CLAY COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 469 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1970

Record Harvest: 2,560 (2007)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 1,882

Total 2022-2023 Harvest (all seasons): 2,205

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

Firearm: 3058/3100 **Muzzle:** 347/475

Late Winter: 45

Chronic Wasting Disease Detected: No

Check Station Location: N/A

Late Winter Season in 2023-2024: Yes. Deer Vehicle Accident (DVA) rates (accidents per billion miles driven) are used as an index of deer population size. Counties remain or are added to Late Winter season if DVA rates are above goal, or other factors (excessive crop damage and/or disease issues) are present.

Last year in Late Winter: 2005 - Present

Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Compound	348	394	399	338	316
Crossbow	203	248	344	326	329
Traditional	11	11	9	7	6
Total	562	653	752	671	651

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
M - Adult	26.5	26.6	26.8	27.4	26.0
M - Yearling	17.4	17.5	14.5	15.3	15.1
M - Fawn	11.9	9.4	10.7	12.5	11.3
F - Adult	35.9	39.0	39.9	36.0	38.3
F - Fawn	10.5	7.5	8.1	8.8	9.3

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

