

## WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2022-2023: COLES COUNTY



Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources

1,800



Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1974

**Record Harvest:** 1,610 (2011)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 1,287

Total 2022-2023 Harvest (all seasons): 1,541

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

Firearm: 1689/1750 Muzzle: 263/300

Late Winter: 35

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: 2003 - Present

Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type					
Туре	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Compound	417	433	453	351	373
Crossbow	262	334	373	355	367
Traditional	2	2	1	11	9
Total	681	769	827	717	749
Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)					
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
M - Adult	34.6	29.6	30.4	30.1	31.1
M - Yearling	18.8	18.4	18.4	17.5	16.1
M - Fawn	9.4	9.1	9.5	10.9	9.5
F - Adult	36.6	35.9	35.3	34.6	37.3
F - Fawn	6.7	7.1	6.4	6.9	6.0
M - Adult = 2.5 and older; F - Adult = 1.5 and older					



