



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2022-2023: DEKALB COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 634 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1960

Record Harvest: 659 (2005)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 335

Total 2022-2023 Harvest (all seasons): 333

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

Firearm: 599/1500 **Muzzle:** 67/275

CWD: 29

Chronic Wasting Disease Detected: Yes

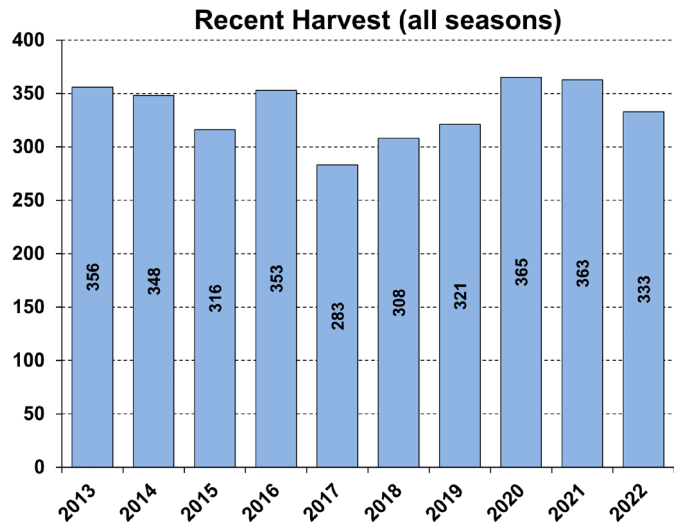
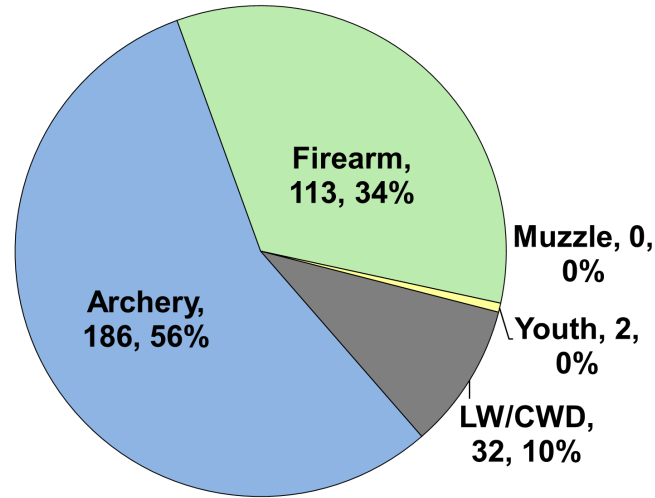
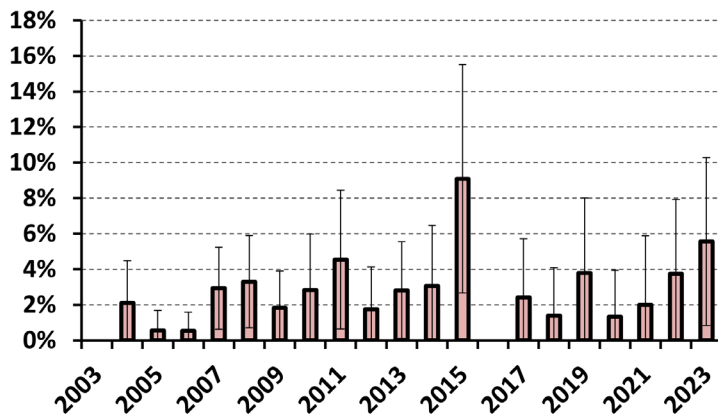
Check Station Location: Shabbona Lake SP

CWD Season in 2023-2024: Yes. CWD has and continues to be detected in this county. CWD season allows for extra hunter harvest to reduce deer density and disease transmission.

Number tested for CWD in 2022-23: 117

CWD positive deer in 2022-23: 6

IDNR sharpshooting: 24 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.



Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Compound	89	88	99	102	87
Crossbow	67	90	114	109	96
Traditional	4	2	2	1	3
Total	160	180	215	212	186

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
M - Adult	22.5	32.4	26.3	25.9	28.5
M - Yearling	24.6	23.4	23.8	22.0	20.4
M - Fawn	11.1	8.7	10.1	13.5	12.3
F - Adult	35.3	32.4	33.2	33.3	29.7
F - Fawn	5.8	3.1	6.6	5.2	9.0

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