



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2022-2023: FORD COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 486 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1974

Record Harvest: 260 (2005)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 181

Total 2022-2023 Harvest (all seasons): 204

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

Firearm: 325/325 **Muzzle:** 81/100

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: Never

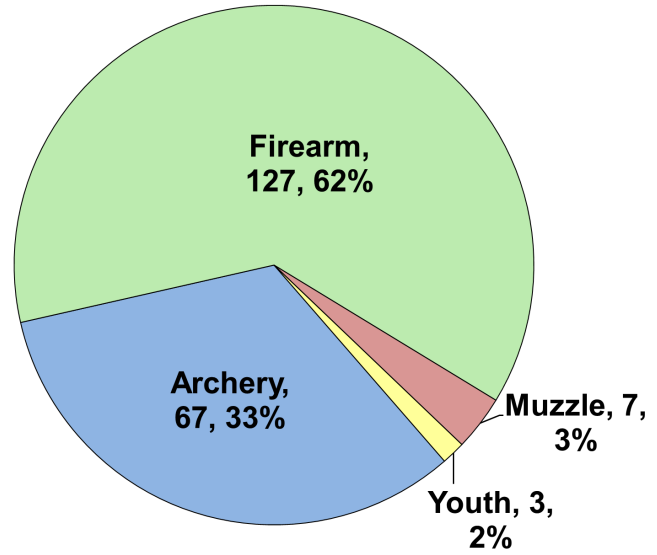
Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Compound	27	32	28	26	23
Crossbow	23	27	34	25	44
Traditional	0	0	0	0	0
Total	50	59	62	51	67

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
M - Adult	31.3	32.6	42.5	43.0	46.6
M - Yearling	18.6	22.9	21.2	21.8	21.6
M - Fawn	4.7	9.7	5.2	8.5	4.4
F - Adult	35.5	29.1	29.5	24.2	22.5
F - Fawn	6.4	5.7	1.6	2.4	4.9

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



Recent Harvest (all seasons)

