



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2022-2023: LAKE COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 470 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1964

Record Harvest: 607 (1995 and 1996)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 349

Total 2022-2023 Harvest (all seasons): 289

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

No firearm hunting except Chain-O-Lakes SP

Chronic Wasting Disease Detected: Yes

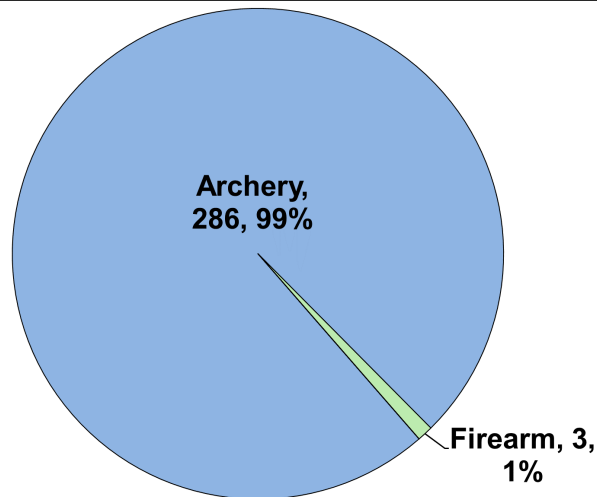
Check Station Location: Use McHenry Co. Check station

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.

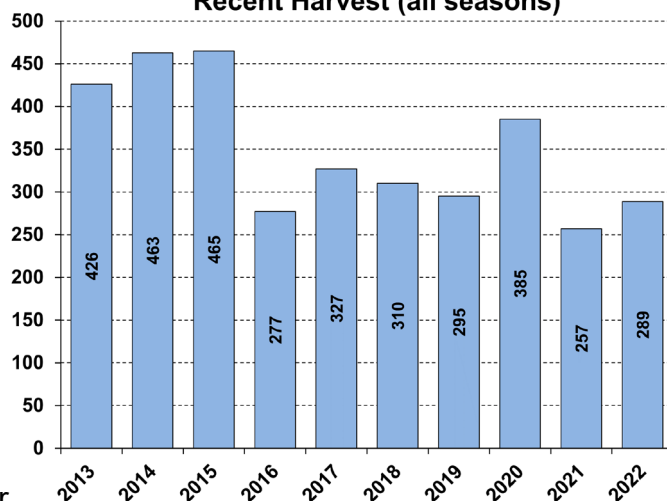
Number tested for CWD in 2022-23: 240

CWD positive deer in 2022-23: 1

IDNR sharpshooting: 13 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 Harvest (all seasons)



Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Compound	221	182	218	143	166
Crossbow	87	107	163	107	118
Traditional	1	1	3	4	2
Total	309	290	384	254	286

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
M - Adult	23.2	37.3	33.0	33.1	38.8
M - Yearling	26.5	29.5	22.3	26.1	23.9
M - Fawn	5.5	3.4	7.5	5.1	5.5
F - Adult	30.7	25.8	33.8	34.2	28.7
F - Fawn	2.3	4.1	3.4	1.6	3.1

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

