



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2022-2023: LEE COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 729 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1957

Record Harvest: 1,542 (2005)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 1,085

Total 2022-2023 Harvest (all seasons): 1,128

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

Firearm: 1764/2400 **Muzzle:** 229/435

CWD: 96

Chronic Wasting Disease Detected: Yes

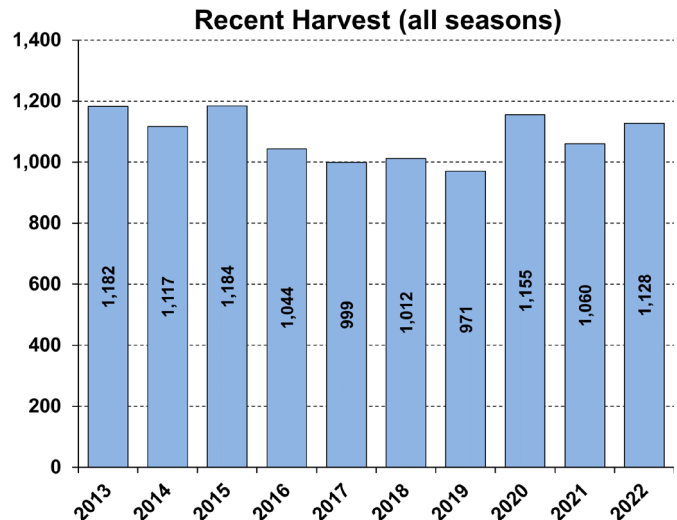
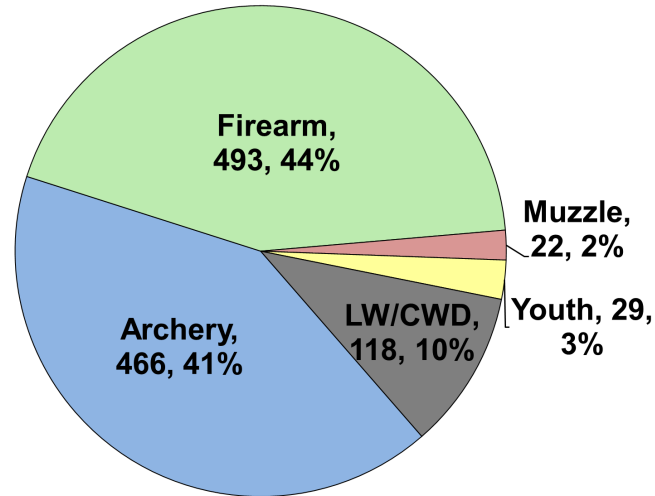
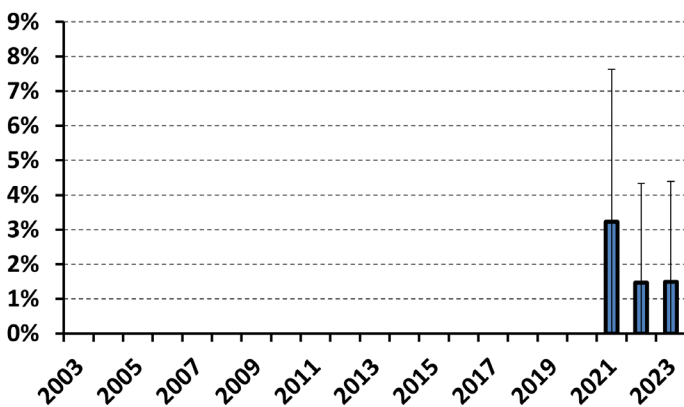
Check Station Location: N/A. Hunters are encouraged to use neighboring check stations.

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: 84

CWD positive deer in 2022-23: 1

IDNR sharpshooting: 14 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	219	217	229	198	205
Crossbow	179	218	269	264	256
Traditional	3	2	6	5	5
Total	401	437	504	467	466

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
M - Adult	21.7	23.2	24.8	23.5	23.1
M - Yearling	20.1	22.2	19.4	22.2	21.5
M - Fawn	11.0	10.6	11.9	11.4	12.1
F - Adult	36.6	37.9	38.0	37.3	36.5
F - Fawn	7.0	6.1	5.8	5.7	6.6

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