

WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2022-2023: McDONOUGH COUNTY



Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1959

Record Harvest: 2,085 (2009)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 1,507

Total 2022-2023 Harvest (all seasons): 1,617

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

Firearm: 2085/2200 Muzzle: 322/350

Late Winter: 39

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: 2005 - Present

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Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type					
Type	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Compound	367	342	363	331	331
Crossbow	209	228	281	302	296
Traditional	7	7	6	8	4
Total	583	577	650	641	631
Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)					
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
M - Adult	30.8	27.6	29.3	31.3	28.4
M - Yearling	14.4	15.8	13.6	14.5	13.6
M - Fawn	10.2	9.7	8.5	8.6	8.3
F - Adult	37.2	38.3	41.0	38.1	43.2
F - Fawn	9.5	8.6	7.5	7.5	6.4
M - Adult = 2.5 and older; F - Adult = 1.5 and older					



