



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2022-2023: MCHENRY COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 611 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1963

Record Harvest: 1,592 (1995)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 968

Total 2022-2023 Harvest (all seasons): 953

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

Firearm: 1261/3400 **Muzzle:** 206/550

CWD: 53

Chronic Wasting Disease Detected: Yes

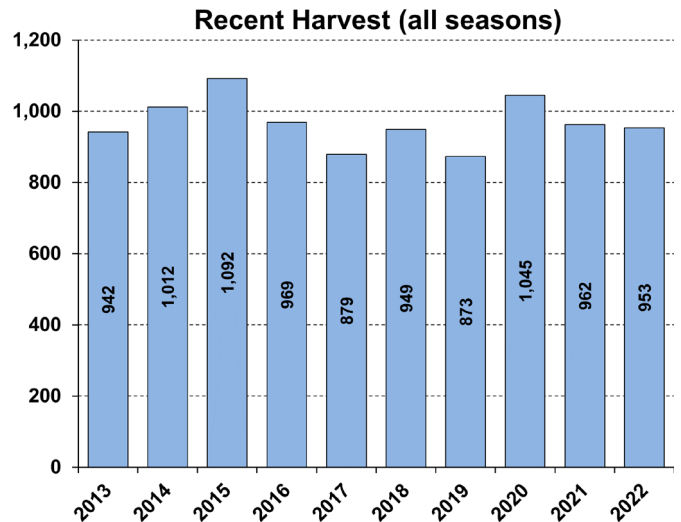
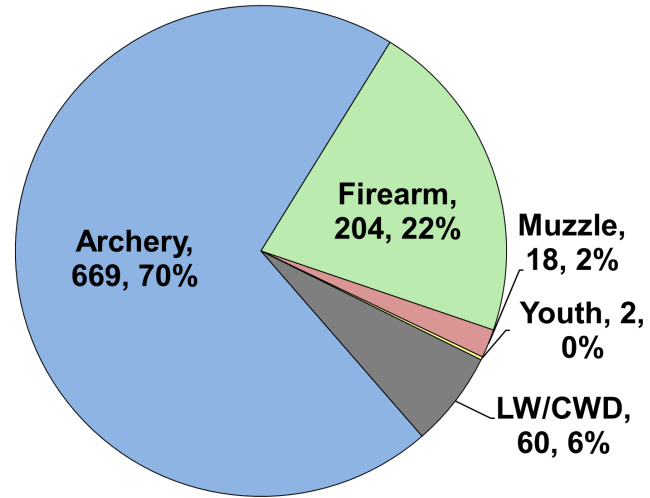
Check Station Location: Volo Bog SP

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: 499

CWD positive deer in 2022-23: 50

IDNR sharpshooting: 120 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	365	376	418	350	362
Crossbow	185	194	233	282	301
Traditional	12	12	11	12	6
Total	562	582	662	644	669

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
M - Adult	24.6	34.1	30.7	30.0	31.7
M - Yearling	26.0	25.9	23.3	26.6	24.4
M - Fawn	6.5	8.1	9.2	9.0	7.7
F - Adult	35.5	28.3	31.2	29.6	30.3
F - Fawn	4.3	3.6	5.6	4.7	6.0

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

