



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2022-2023: STEPHENSON COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 565 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1957

Record Harvest: 1,829 (2007)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 1,317

Total 2022-2023 Harvest (all seasons): 1,031

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

Firearm: 2193/3250 **Muzzle:** 211/525

CWD: 30

Chronic Wasting Disease Detected: Yes

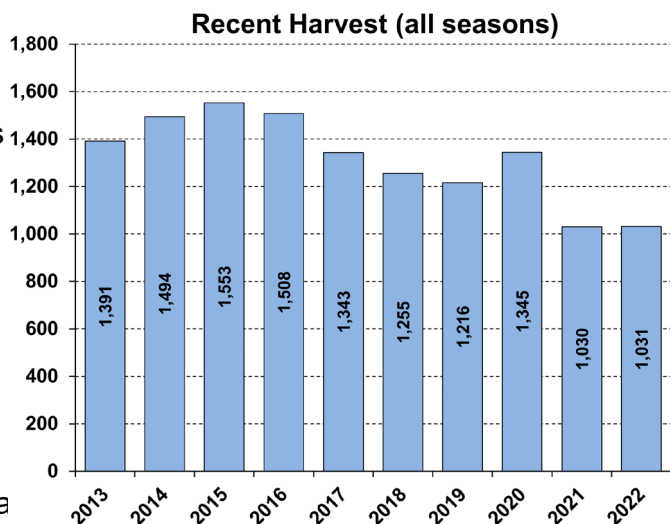
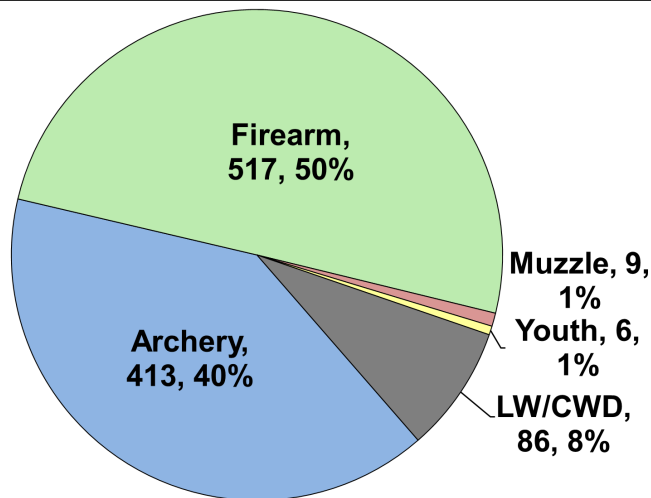
Check Station Loc: Stephenson Co. Fairgrounds

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: 454

CWD positive deer in 2022-23: 38

IDNR sharpshooting: 166 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	251	274	251	166	170
Crossbow	205	258	296	237	238
Traditional	5	0	5	4	5
Total	461	532	552	407	413

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
M - Adult	21.2	30.7	27.4	26.8	28.5
M - Yearling	20.3	19.4	17.9	19.9	18.0
M - Fawn	9.4	8.5	9.7	8.8	10.7
F - Adult	41.7	35.0	39.8	36.8	35.6
F - Fawn	5.6	6.5	5.1	7.6	7.2

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

