



# WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2023-2024: CALHOUN COUNTY



Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources

**County Size:** 284 square miles

**Year Opened to Deer Hunting:** 1957

**Record Harvest:** 3,255 (2006)

**Average Harvest (previous 10 years):** 1,659

**Total 2023-2024 Harvest (all seasons):** 1,670

**Permits issued/quota 2023-2024** (excludes landowner; archery and youth are statewide):

**Firearm:** 1700/1700 **Muzzle:** 270/270

**Chronic Wasting Disease Detected:** No

**Check Station Location:** N/A

**Late Winter/CWD Season in 2024-2025:** No. Deer Vehicle Accident (DVA) rates (accidents per billion miles driven) are used as an index of deer population size. Counties are closed to Late Winter/CWD season if DVA rates remain below goal, unless other factors (excessive crop damage and/or disease issues) are present.

**Last year in Late Winter/CWD:** 2014

## Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

| Type         | 2019       | 2020       | 2021       | 2022       | 2023       |
|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Compound     | 492        | 495        | 408        | 335        | 363        |
| Crossbow     | 386        | 487        | 370        | 396        | 439        |
| Traditional  | 13         | 14         | 12         | 16         | 11         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>891</b> | <b>996</b> | <b>790</b> | <b>747</b> | <b>813</b> |

## Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

|              | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|--------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| M - Adult    | 34.2 | 31.5 | 27.5 | 33.7 | 32.6 |
| M - Yearling | 12.8 | 12.0 | 12.4 | 12.1 | 15.3 |
| M - Fawn     | 7.2  | 7.4  | 10.1 | 6.5  | 8.1  |
| F - Adult    | 38.2 | 41.5 | 40.4 | 41.9 | 37.1 |
| F - Fawn     | 7.6  | 7.7  | 9.6  | 5.8  | 6.8  |

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

