



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

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



**County Size:** 634 square miles

**Year Opened to Deer Hunting:** 1960

**Record Harvest:** 659 (2005)

**Average Harvest (previous 10 years):** 338

**Total 2023-2024 Harvest (all seasons):** 389

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

**Firearm:** 664/1500 **Muzzle:** 67/275

**CWD:** 46

**Chronic Wasting Disease Detected:** Yes

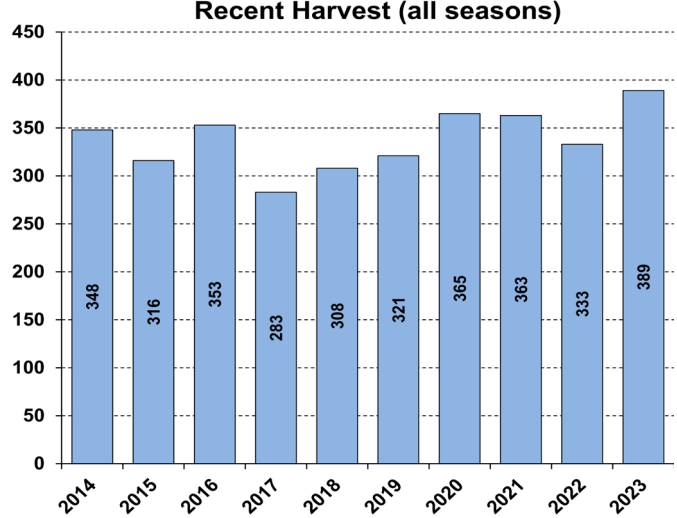
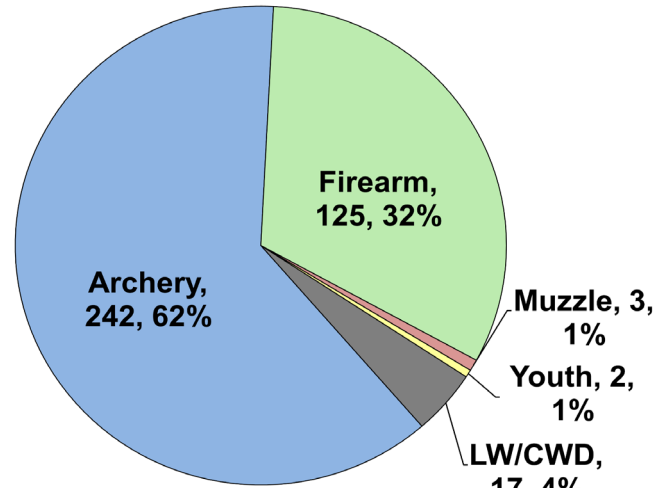
**Check Station Location:** Shabbona Lake SP

**CWD Season in 2024-2025:** 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 2023-24:** 156

**CWD positive deer in 2023-24:** 11

**IDNR sharpshooting:** 48 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	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Compound	88	99	102	87	110
Crossbow	90	114	109	96	131
Traditional	2	2	1	3	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>242</b>

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

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
M - Adult	32.4	26.3	25.9	28.5	28.3
M - Yearling	23.4	23.8	22.0	20.4	27.2
M - Fawn	8.7	10.1	13.5	12.3	8.7
F - Adult	32.4	33.2	33.3	29.7	29.6
F - Fawn	3.1	6.6	5.2	9.0	6.2

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

