



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2023-2024: EFFINGHAM COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 480 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1971

Record Harvest: 1,864 (2023)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 1,567

Total 2023-2024 Harvest (all seasons): 1,864

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

Firearm: 2700/2700 **Muzzle:** 335/340

Late Winter: 65

Chronic Wasting Disease Detected: No

Check Station Location: N/A

Late Winter Season in 2024-2025: 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: 2003 - Present

Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Compound	398	376	369	316	330
Crossbow	220	313	327	293	286
Traditional	2	2	8	3	3
Total	620	691	704	612	619

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
M - Adult	25.4	25.2	27.6	22.4	27.8
M - Yearling	18.5	18.5	17.9	17.0	18.5
M - Fawn	9.1	10.0	11.8	11.1	8.2
F - Adult	38.8	37.8	35.1	39.5	38.5
F - Fawn	8.2	8.5	7.6	10.0	7.0

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

