



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2023-2024: FORD COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 486 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1974

Record Harvest: 260 (2005)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 181

Total 2023-2024 Harvest (all seasons): 194

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

Firearm: 325/325 **Muzzle:** 76/100

Chronic Wasting Disease Detected: Yes

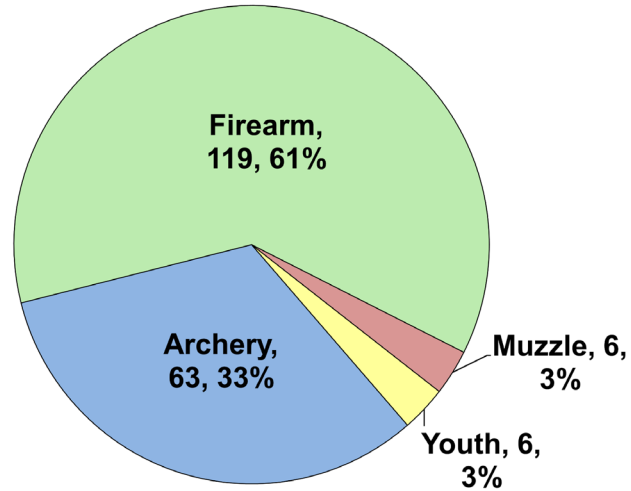
Check Station Location: N/A

Late Winter/CWD Season in 2024-2025: Yes. CWD was detected in this county in 2023. CWD season allows for extra hunter harvest to reduce deer density and disease transmission.

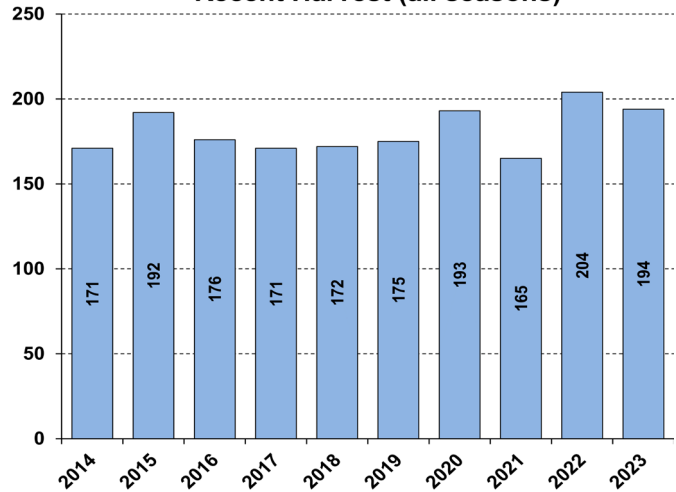
Last year in Late Winter/CWD: Never.

Number tested for CWD in 2023-24:

CWD positive deer in 2023-24: 1



Recent Harvest (all seasons)



Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

| Type | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Compound | 32 | 28 | 26 | 23 | 28 |
| Crossbow | 27 | 34 | 25 | 44 | 34 |
| Traditional | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Total | 59 | 62 | 51 | 67 | 63 |

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

| | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|--------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| M - Adult | 32.6 | 42.5 | 43.0 | 46.6 | 48.5 |
| M - Yearling | 22.9 | 21.2 | 21.8 | 21.6 | 15.5 |
| M - Fawn | 9.7 | 5.2 | 8.5 | 4.4 | 4.6 |
| F - Adult | 29.1 | 29.5 | 24.2 | 22.5 | 29.9 |
| F - Fawn | 5.7 | 1.6 | 2.4 | 4.9 | 1.5 |

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

