



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2023-2024: GRUNDY COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 430 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1966

Record Harvest: 1,157 (2007)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 718

Total 2023-2024 Harvest (all seasons): 727

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

Firearm: 1113/1850 **Muzzle:** 132/475

CWD: 43

Chronic Wasting Disease Detected: Yes

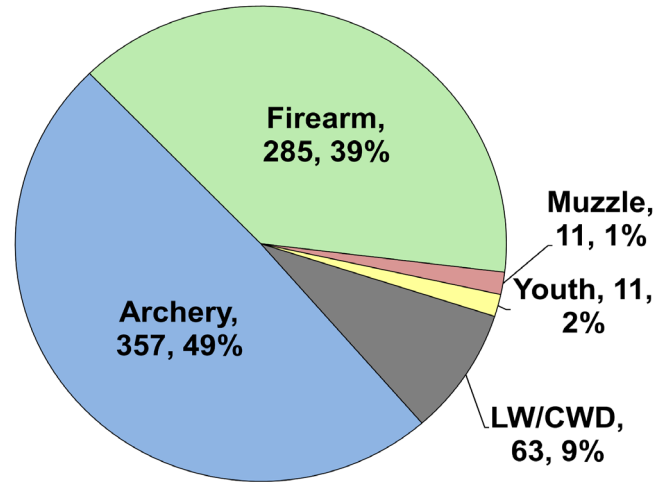
Check Station Location: Gebhard Woods SP

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.

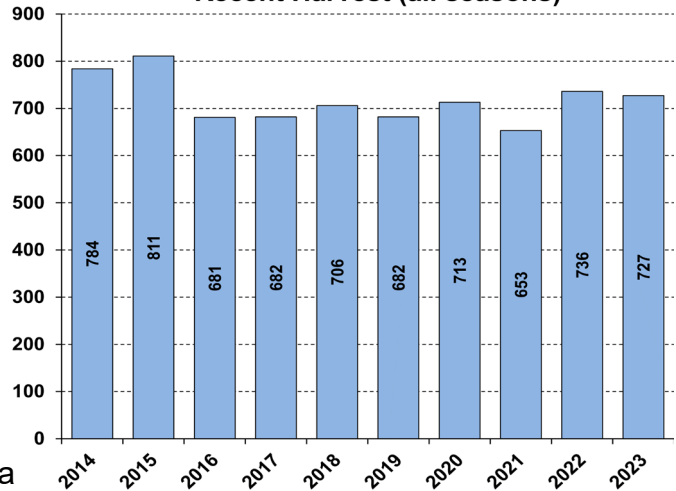
Number tested for CWD in 2023-24: 300

CWD positive deer in 2023-24: 45

IDNR sharpshooting: 105 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 Harvest (all seasons)



Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Compound	220	201	169	191	172
Crossbow	134	157	149	176	184
Traditional	2	7	1	4	1
Total	356	365	319	371	357

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
M - Adult	28.0	25.1	28.7	30.3	32.7
M - Yearling	18.5	20.1	22.6	16.8	21.2
M - Fawn	7.9	10.5	7.7	8.8	7.3
F - Adult	39.9	38.6	35.0	36.1	33.6
F - Fawn	5.7	5.8	6.0	7.9	5.2

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

