



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2023-2024: LAKE COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 470 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1964

Record Harvest: 607 (1995 and 1996)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 338

Total 2023-2024 Harvest (all seasons): 315

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

No firearm hunting except Chain-O-Lakes SP

Chronic Wasting Disease Detected: Yes

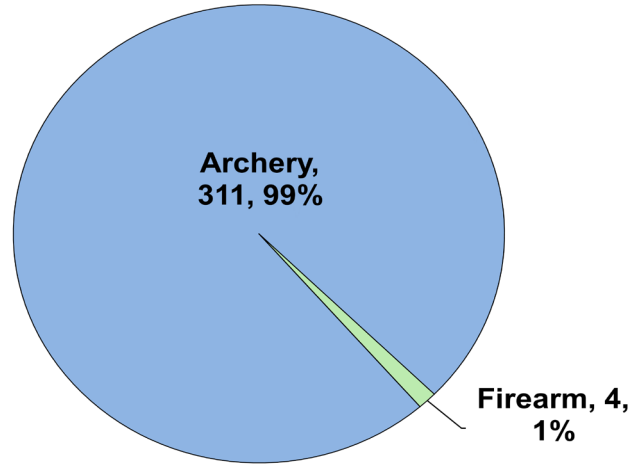
Check Station Location: Use McHenry Co. Check station

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.

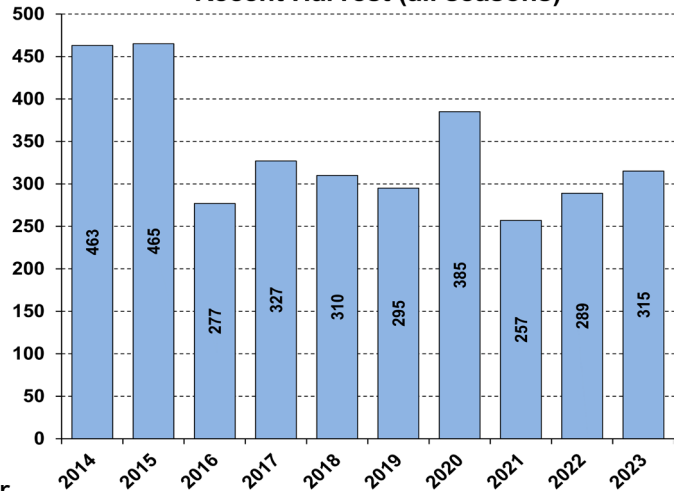
Number tested for CWD in 2023-24: 235

CWD positive deer in 2023-24: 2

IDNR sharpshooting: 8 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	182	218	143	166	171
Crossbow	107	163	107	118	139
Traditional	1	3	4	2	1
Total	290	384	254	286	311

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
M - Adult	37.3	33.0	33.1	38.8	38.7
M - Yearling	29.5	22.3	26.1	23.9	27.9
M - Fawn	3.4	7.5	5.1	5.5	5.4
F - Adult	25.8	33.8	34.2	28.7	26.3
F - Fawn	4.1	3.4	1.6	3.1	1.6

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

