



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2023-2024: MASON COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 564 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1957

Record Harvest: 1,320 (2004)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 875

Total 2023-2024 Harvest (all seasons): 1,007

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

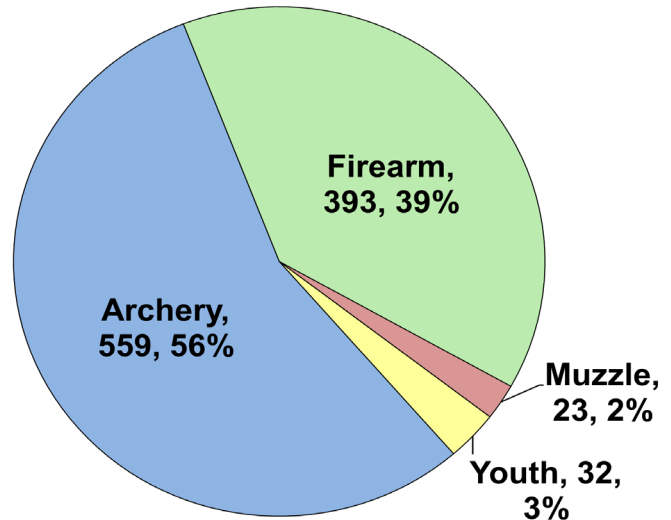
Firearm: 600/600 **Muzzle:** 175/175

Chronic Wasting Disease Detected: No

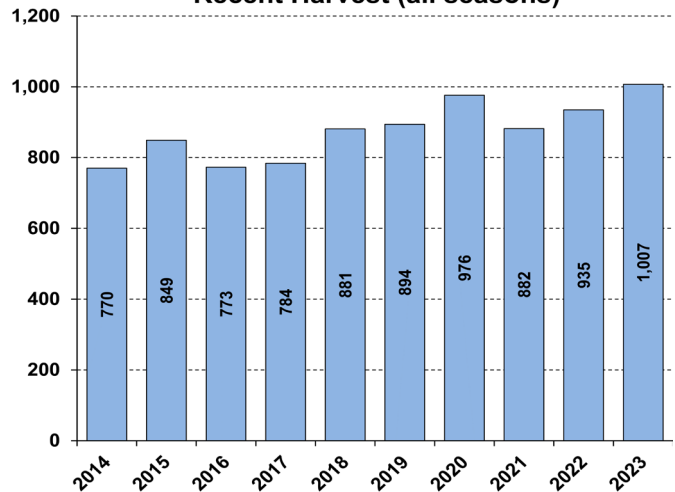
Check Station Location: N/A

Late Winter/CWD Season in 2024-2025: No. Deer Vehicle Accident (DVA) rates (accidents per billion miles driven) are used as an index of deer population size. Counties are closed to Late Winter/CWD season if DVA rates remain below goal, unless other factors (excessive crop damage and/or disease issues) are present.

Last year in Late Winter/CWD: 2012



Recent Harvest (all seasons)



Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Compound	240	262	220	226	227
Crossbow	249	280	276	288	327
Traditional	8	9	8	4	5
Total	497	551	504	518	559

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
M - Adult	30.1	33.0	33.2	33.3	35.6
M - Yearling	19.4	18.5	18.7	18.5	19.1
M - Fawn	8.6	8.3	9.8	8.9	8.1
F - Adult	35.9	34.1	31.4	33.3	31.6
F - Fawn	6.0	6.0	6.9	6.1	5.7

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

