



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2024-2025: DEKALB COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 634 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1960

Record Harvest: 659 (2005)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 346

Total 2024-2025 Harvest (all seasons): 429

Permits issued/quota 2024-2025 (excludes landowner; archery and youth are statewide):

Firearm: 618/1500 **Muzzle:** 56/275

CWD: 43

Chronic Wasting Disease Detected: Yes

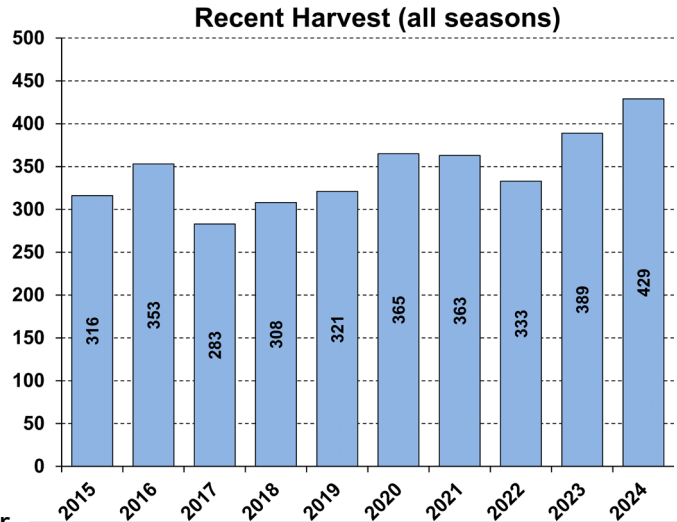
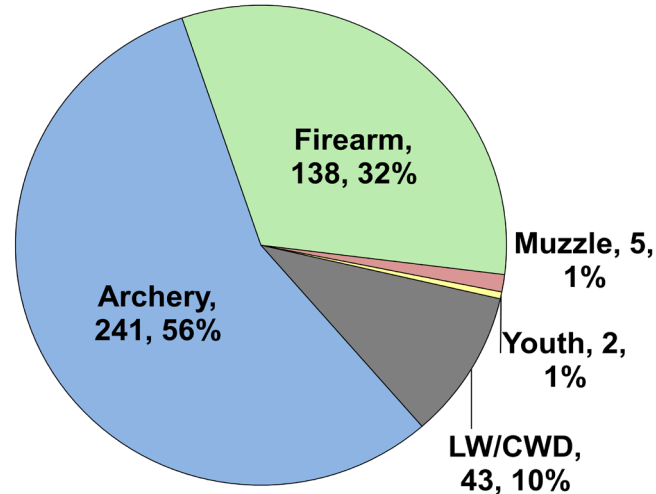
Check Station Location: Shabbona Lake SP

CWD Season in 2025-2026: 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 2024-25: 187

CWD positive deer in 2024-25: 13

IDNR sharpshooting: 35 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 Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Compound	99	102	87	110	110
Crossbow	114	109	96	131	129
Traditional	2	1	3	1	2
Total	215	212	186	242	241

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
M - Adult	26.3	25.9	28.5	28.3	31.4
M - Yearling	23.8	22.0	20.4	27.2	19.7
M - Fawn	10.1	13.5	12.3	8.7	10.3
F - Adult	33.2	33.3	29.7	29.6	32.6
F - Fawn	6.6	5.2	9.0	6.2	6.0

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

