



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2024-2025: 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): 186

Total 2024-2025 Harvest (all seasons): 213

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

Firearm: 325/400 **Muzzle:** 87/100

CWD: 15

Chronic Wasting Disease Detected: Yes

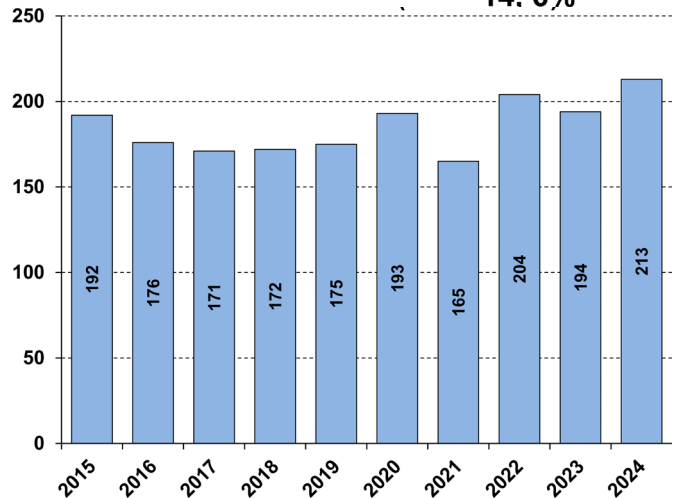
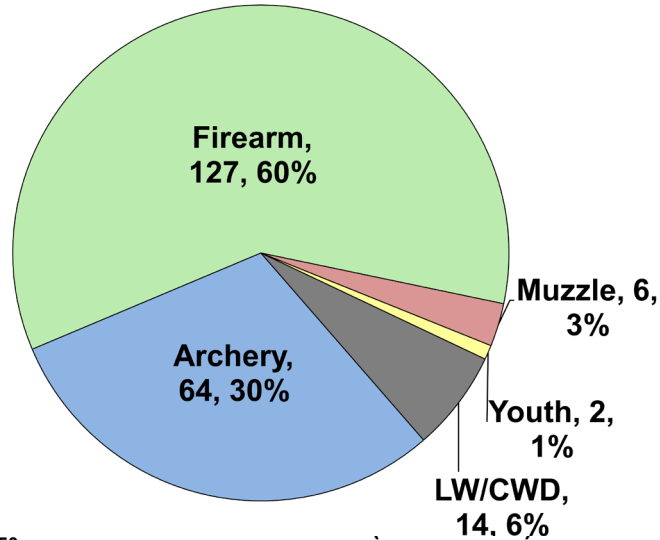
Check Station Location: IDNR Office, 301 S Date St., Gipson City, IL 60936

Late Winter/CWD Season in 2025-2026: Yes. CWD was detected in this county in 2023. CWD season allows for extra hunter harvest to reduce deer density and disease transmission.

Number tested for CWD in 2024-25: 12

CWD positive deer in 2024-25: 2

IDNR sharpshooting: 0 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	28	26	23	28	25
Crossbow	34	25	44	34	39
Traditional	0	0	0	1	0
Total	62	51	67	63	64

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
M - Adult	42.5	43.0	46.6	48.5	35.7
M - Yearling	21.2	21.8	21.6	15.5	21.6
M - Fawn	5.2	8.5	4.4	4.6	9.4
F - Adult	29.5	24.2	22.5	29.9	31.0
F - Fawn	1.6	2.4	4.9	1.5	2.3

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

