



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2024-2025: 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): 714

Total 2024-2025 Harvest (all seasons): 753

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

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

CWD: 103

Chronic Wasting Disease Detected: Yes

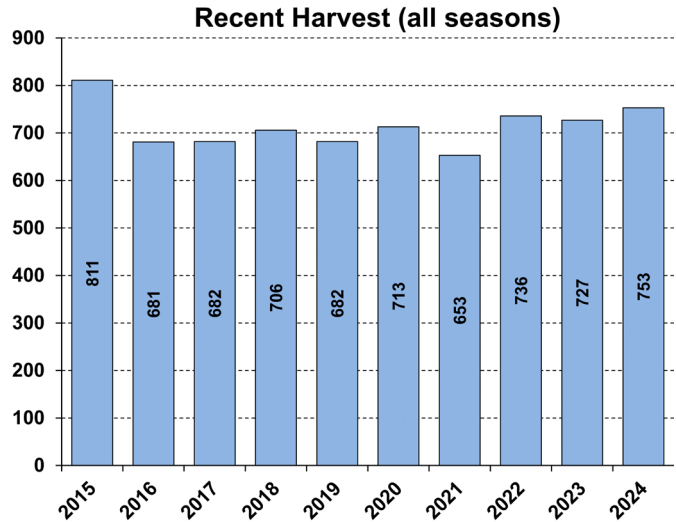
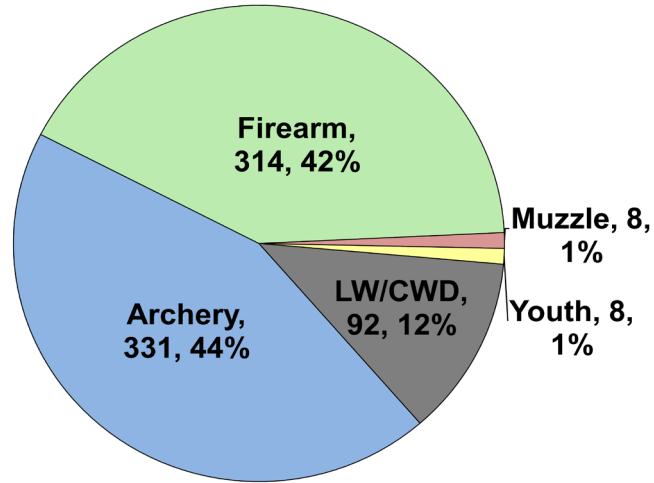
Check Station Location: Gebhard Woods SP

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: 225

CWD positive deer in 2024-25: 74

IDNR sharpshooting: 0 deer were removed via sharpshooting. IDNR has modified its CWD management strategy and will not be sharpshooting in Grundy County anymore.



Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Compound	201	169	191	172	162
Crossbow	157	149	176	184	167
Traditional	7	1	4	1	2
Total	365	319	371	357	331

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
M - Adult	25.1	28.7	30.3	32.7	30.1
M - Yearling	20.1	22.6	16.8	21.2	16.1
M - Fawn	10.5	7.7	8.8	7.3	8.4
F - Adult	38.6	35.0	36.1	33.6	39.2
F - Fawn	5.8	6.0	7.9	5.2	6.2

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

