



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2024-2025: BOONE COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 282 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1960

Record Harvest: 634 (1995)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 318

Total 2024-2025 Harvest (all seasons): 381

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

Firearm: 635/1350 **Muzzle:** 63/300

CWD: 33

Chronic Wasting Disease Detected: Yes

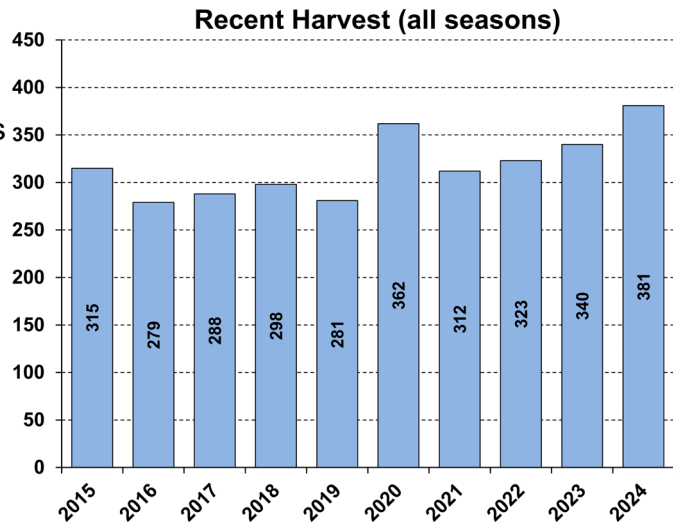
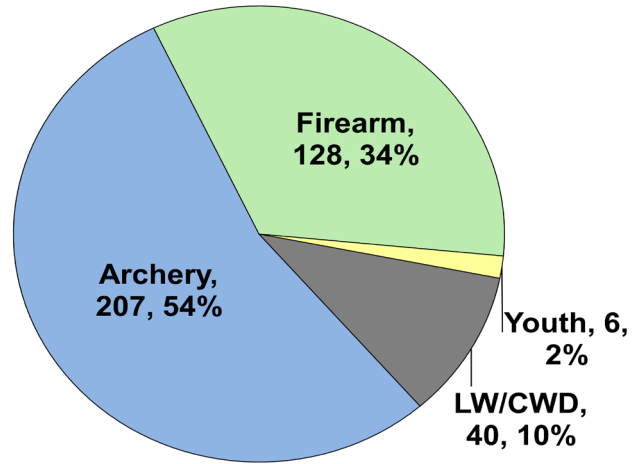
Check Station Location: Boone Co. Fairgrounds

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: 108

CWD positive deer in 2024-25: 24

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



Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Compound	88	88	78	95	96
Crossbow	93	87	99	105	108
Traditional	1	1	0	3	3
Total	182	176	177	203	207

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
M - Adult	24.6	33.3	33.4	37.1	34.9
M - Yearling	24.9	24.0	26.6	26.2	25.3
M - Fawn	9.4	9.3	8.4	8.5	8.8
F - Adult	34.0	25.6	27.2	23.8	23.8
F - Fawn	7.2	7.7	4.3	4.4	7.2

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

