



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2024-2025: COLES COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 510 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1974

Record Harvest: 1,692 (2024)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 1,401

Total 2024-2025 Harvest (all seasons): 1,692

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

Firearm: 1750/1750 **Muzzle:** 278/300

Late Winter: 59

Chronic Wasting Disease Detected: No

Check Station Location: N/A

Late Winter Season in 2025-2026: Yes. Deer Vehicle Accident (DVA) rates (accidents per billion miles driven) are used as an index of deer population size. Counties remain or are added to Late Winter season if DVA rates are above goal, or other factors (excessive crop damage and/or disease issues) are present.

Last year in Late Winter: 2003 - Present

Recent Archery Harvest by Bow Type

Type	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Compound	453	351	373	346	364
Crossbow	373	355	367	412	441
Traditional	1	11	9	8	9
Total	827	717	749	766	814

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
M - Adult	30.4	30.1	31.1	28.6	25.7
M - Yearling	18.4	17.5	16.1	18.3	15.5
M - Fawn	9.5	10.9	9.5	8.3	9.8
F - Adult	35.3	34.6	37.3	39.7	40.7
F - Fawn	6.4	6.9	6.0	5.1	8.3

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

