



WHITE-TAILED DEER SUMMARY 2024-2025: LEE COUNTY

Forest Wildlife Program, Illinois Department of Natural Resources



County Size: 729 square miles

Year Opened to Deer Hunting: 1957

Record Harvest: 1,542 (2005)

Average Harvest (previous 10 years): 1,126

Total 2024-2025 Harvest (all seasons): 1,493

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

Firearm: 2141/2400 **Muzzle:** 243/435

CWD: 120

Chronic Wasting Disease Detected: Yes

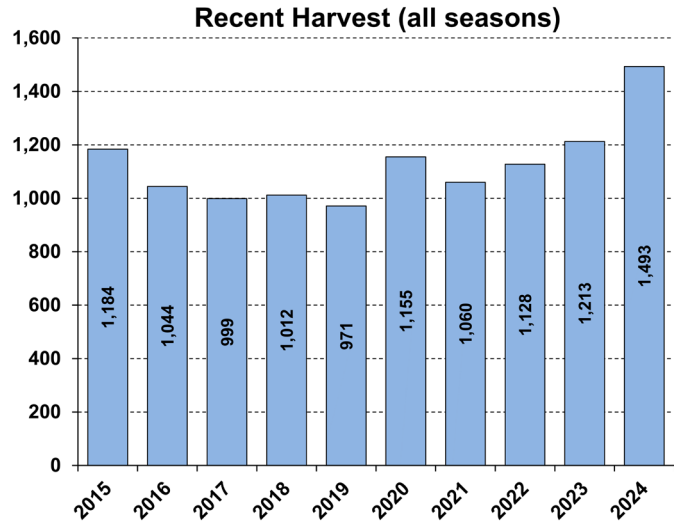
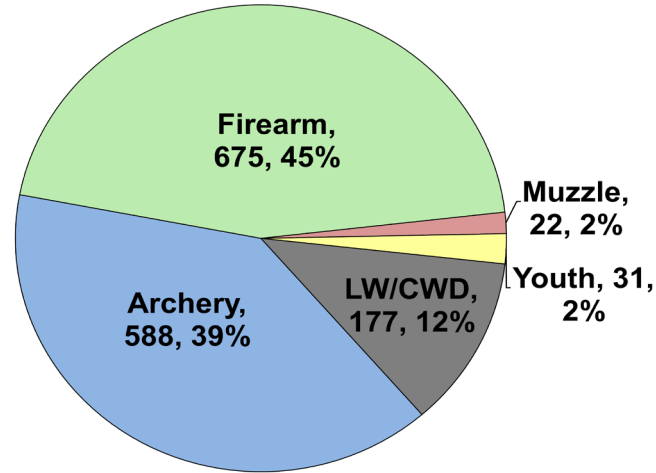
Check Station Location: N/A. Hunters are encouraged to use neighboring check stations.

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: 163

CWD positive deer in 2024-25: 13

IDNR sharpshooting: 26 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	229	198	205	223	234
Crossbow	269	264	256	301	351
Traditional	6	5	5	5	3
Total	504	467	466	529	588

Age/Sex Composition of Recent Harvest (%)

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
M - Adult	24.8	23.5	23.1	29.4	24.1
M - Yearling	19.4	22.2	21.5	22.8	18.1
M - Fawn	11.9	11.4	12.1	9.3	9.5
F - Adult	38.0	37.3	36.5	33.5	40.7
F - Fawn	5.8	5.7	6.6	4.9	7.5

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

