

Hunters in Illinois harvested 54,452 deer during the first weekend of the 2016 firearm season

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SPRINGFIELD - Hunters in Illinois harvested a preliminary total of 54,452 deer during the first weekend of the Illinois Firearm Deer Season on Nov. 18-20. Hunters took 57,870 deer during the first firearm weekend in 2015.

Illinois' seven-day Firearm Deer Season will conclude on Dec. 1-4.

Other deer hunting opportunities in the weeks ahead include:

- Muzzleloader-Only Deer Season on Dec. 9-11;
- Late-Winter Antlerless-Only and CWD Deer Seasons (first segment) in select counties only on Dec. 29, 2016-Jan. 1, 2017;
- Late-Winter Antlerless-Only and CWD Deer Seasons (second segment) in select counties only on Jan. 13-15, 2017;
- Archery Deer Season continues through Jan. 15, 2017 (archery is closed Dec. 1-4 in counties open for Firearm Deer Season)

Reminder: A new rule allows hunters with a valid Illinois firearm deer permit to use archery equipment during firearm season on private land only; archery permits are not valid during the firearm season, except in those counties closed to firearm deer hunting.

For details on deer hunting, open counties, and other information, check the IDNR website at <https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/hunting/Pages/DeerHunting.aspx>

A table of preliminary Illinois firearm deer harvest totals by county for the first weekend of the 2016 season, and comparable totals for 2015, is below:

County	2015	2016
ADAMS	1562	1642
ALEXANDER	335	283
BOND	499	390
BOONE	74	87

BROWN	738	645
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BUREAU	715	704
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CALHOUN	565	482
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CARROLL	502	529
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CASS	491	475
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CHAMPAIGN	142	165
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CHRISTIAN	434	420
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CLARK	723	715
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CLAY	761	784
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CLINTON	427	457
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COLES	389	388
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CRAWFORD	673	656
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CUMBERLAND	483	494
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DEKALB	80	79
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DEWITT 256 192

DOUGLAS 123 105

EDGAR 452 387

EDWARDS 317 282

EFFINGHAM 624 589

FAYETTE 11571050

FORD 90 72

FRANKLIN 910 807

FULTON 13931344

GALLATIN 322 296

GREENE 771 660

GRUNDY 238 214

HAMILTON 807 786

HANCOCK 11591079

HARDIN	694	605
HENDERSON	375	372
HENRY	479	404
IROQUOIS	384	326
JACKSON	1586	1562
JASPER	670	675
JEFFERSON	1404	1276
JERSEY	460	444
JODAVIESS	1368	1306
JOHNSON	1213	1166
KANE	15	18
KANKAKEE	122	125
KENDALL	51	67
KNOX	831	820

LAKE	4	5
LASALLE	534	537
LAWRENCE	429	375
LEE	419	359
LIVINGSTON	281	293
LOGAN	289	256
MACON	170	170
MACOUPIN	995	967
MADISON	513	444
MARION	1093	1051
MARSHALL	421	382
MASON	325	305
MASSAC	418	367
MCDONOUGH	545	597

MCHENRY 186 168

MCLEAN 411 363

MENARD 249 238

MERCER 536 605

MONROE 733 704

MONTGOMERY681 551

MORGAN 526 508

MOULTRIE 151 134

OGLE 582 538

PEORIA 736 639

PERRY 839 814

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