

# Hunters in Illinois harvested a preliminary total of 144,150 deer during 2016-17 seasons

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*Deer hunting wrapped up on Jan. 15*

SPRINGFIELD, IL. Hunters in Illinois harvested a preliminary total of 144,150 deer during all 2016-17 seasons, which concluded Jan. 15. The total preliminary deer harvest for all seasons compares with a total harvest for all seasons of 155,229 in 2015-16.

During this year's deer seasons, hunters took 44 percent does and 56 percent males.

A breakdown of Illinois deer hunting seasons is as follows:

**Archery:** Archery deer hunters in Illinois took a preliminary total of 53,479 deer during the season which began on Oct. 1, 2016 and concluded on Jan. 15, 2017. That compares with the harvest of 56,767 during the 2015-16 archery season.

**Youth:** Young deer hunters harvested 3,259 deer during the 2016 Illinois Youth Deer Season conducted on Oct. 8-10, 2016, compared with 2,850 deer harvested during the 2015 youth hunt.

**Traditional Firearm Season:** Hunters took a preliminary total of 79,429 deer during the 2016 Illinois Firearm Deer Season on Nov. 18-20 and Dec. 1-4, 2016, compared with 86,847 deer taken during the 2015 firearm season.

**Muzzleloader:** Hunters using muzzleloading rifles harvested 3,297 deer during the 2016 Muzzleloader-Only Deer Season on Dec. 9-11, 2016, compared with 2,403 in 2015.

**Late-Winter Seasons:** The 2016-17 Late-Winter Antlerless Only and Special CWD deer seasons concluded on Jan. 15, with a combined preliminary harvest total for both seasons of 4,686 deer, compared with a harvest of 6,362 deer taken during those seasons in 2015-16. Season dates for the Late-Winter and CWD seasons were Dec. 29, 2016-Jan. 1, 2017 and Jan. 13-15, 2017.

There were 14 northern Illinois counties open to the Special CWD Season in 2016-17, the same counties that were open for the 2015-16 seasons. The Special CWD season is used to assist in slowing the spread of chronic wasting disease in the Illinois deer herd.

There were 24 counties open for the Late-Winter Antlerless Season in 2016-17. Four counties open previously for the late-winter season were closed for 2016-17 because they had reached deer population goals, while one county was added to the late-winter hunt. Counties that are at or below their individual goal for two consecutive years may be removed from the late-winter season.

The tables below provide a county-by-county summary of preliminary deer harvest results for 2016-17 and harvest results for 2015-16.

## **2016-2017 Preliminary Deer Harvest**

<b>County</b>	<b>Archery</b>	<b>Youth</b>	<b>Firearm</b>	<b>Muzzleloader</b>	<b>LW/CWD</b>	<b>Total</b>
Adams	1202	89	2358	105	-	3754
Alexander	166	12	421	28	-	627
Bond	328	28	571	14	-	941
Boone	117	1	121	2	37	278
Brown	821	59	967	57	231	2135
Bureau	634	29	998	64	-	1725
Calhoun	634	53	792	46	-	1525
Carroll	541	26	747	26	103	1443
Cass	530	21	683	27	-	1261
Champaign	295	15	228	15	-	553
Christian	425	42	608	26	-	1101
Clark	756	43	998	51	156	2004
Clay	518	37	1089	31	79	1754

Clinton	315	15	626	7	-	963
Coles	527	17	549	19	-	1112
Cook	108	-	-	-	-	108
Crawford	779	30	950	27	96	1882
Cumberland	363	32	708	24	-	1127
DeKalb	177	6	139	2	29	353
DeWitt	429	17	335	15	-	796
Douglas	133	6	138	7	-	284
Dupage	35	-	-	-	-	35
Edgar	370	27	566	19	86	1068
Edwards	209	18	412	17	-	656
Effingham	422	39	806	26	-	1293
Fayette	654	63	1501	43	-	2261

Ford	43	5	124	4	-	176
Franklin	966	51	1265	60	-	2342
Fulton	1492	86	2010	92	334	4014
Gallatin	254	19	468	22	-	763
Greene	652	51	1055	40	-	1798
Grundy	295	6	300	13	72	686
Hamilton	632	37				