



Illinois' 2017-2018 deer seasons conclude with preliminary harvest of 147,535 deer

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SPRINGFIELD, IL – Hunters in Illinois harvested a preliminary total of 147,535 deer during all 2017-18 archery and firearm seasons, which concluded on Jan. 14. The total preliminary deer harvest for all seasons compares with a total harvest for all seasons of 144,303 deer in 2016-17.

During the 2017-18 deer seasons, hunters took 44 percent does and 56 percent males.

Archery: Archery deer hunters in Illinois took a preliminary total of 57,937 deer during the season which began on Oct. 1, 2017 and concluded on Jan. 14, 2018. That compares with the harvest of 53,468 during the 2016-17 archery season.

Youth: Youth deer hunters harvested a preliminary total of 2,372 deer during the three-day Illinois Youth Deer Season (Oct. 7-9, 2017), compared to 3,272 in 2016.

Traditional Firearm Season: Hunters took a preliminary total of 80,021 deer during the Illinois Firearm Deer Season on Nov. 17-19, 2017 and Nov. 30-Dec. 3, 2017, compared with 79,559 deer taken during the 2016 firearm season.

Muzzleloader: Hunters using muzzleloading rifles harvested 3,700 deer during the Muzzleloader-Only Deer Season on Dec. 8-10, 2017, compared with harvest 3,308 in the 2016 muzzleloader season.

Late-Winter Seasons: The 2017-18 Late-Winter Antlerless-Only and Special CWD deer seasons concluded on Jan. 14, 2018, with a combined preliminary harvest total for both seasons of 3,505 deer, compared with a harvest of 4,696 deer taken during those seasons in 2016-17. Season dates for the seven-day Late-Winter and CWD seasons were Dec. 28-31, 2017 and Jan. 12-14, 2018.

There were 15 northern Illinois counties open to the Special CWD Season in 2017-18, while 14 counties were open for the 2016-17 seasons. The Special CWD season is used to assist in slowing the spread of chronic wasting disease in the Illinois deer herd.

There were 22 counties open for the Late-Winter Antlerless Season in 2017-18, two fewer counties than were open for the Late-Winter season in 2016-17. Counties that are at or below their individual deer population 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 2017-18 and harvest results for 2016-17.

2017-2018 Preliminary Deer Harvest

County	Archery	Youth	Firearm	Muzzleloader	LW/CWD	Total
Adams	1269	90	2179	120	-	3658
Alexander	199	10	488	31	-	728
Bond	344	20	658	13	-	1035
Boone	127	3	129	0	22	281
Brown	857	40	1018	78	203	2196
Bureau	654	20	1005	54	-	1733
Calhoun	678	33	813	62	-	1586
Carroll	553	14	685	27	103	1382
Cass	589	19	652	43	-	1303
Champaign	362	10	199	29	-	600
Christian	470	25	551	27	-	1073
Clark	821	25	1145	60	-	2051
Clay	513	35	1112	47	90	1797
Clinton	389	12	694	21	-	1116
Coles	642	13	592	20	-	1267
Cook	121	-	-	-	-	121
Crawford	887	28	1016	23	121	2075
Cumberland	448	22	775	18	-	1263
DeKalb	147	1	107	3	25	283
DeWitt	483	11	316	25	-	835
Douglas	184	6	132	8	-	330
DuPage	37	-	-	-	-	37
Edgar	411	23	562	23	48	1067
Edwards	223	10	415	22	-	670
Effingham	425	31	872	23	-	1351
Fayette	751	33	1544	47	-	2375
Ford	53	2	112	4	-	171
Franklin	1003	36	1350	65	-	2454
Fulton	1621	57	1997	102	269	4046
Gallatin	279	17	448	18	-	762
Greene	812	34	1059	40	-	1945
Grundy	308	3	281	20	66	678
Hamilton	665	31	1175	37	134	2042
Hancock	775	41	1819	85	-	2720
Hardin	441	19	963	63	-	1486
Henderson	258	10	494	31	58	851
Henry	470	12	534	20	-	1036
Iroquois	350	16	517	40	-	923
Jackson	1125	67	2303	90	-	3585
Jasper	577	29	984	52	-	1642
Jefferson	1374	76	2083	112	-	3645
Jersey	482	23	641	20	-	1166
JoDaviess	1022	49	1859	72	318	3320
Johnson	678	33	1587	56	-	