

Hunters Harvested 47,147 Deer During Opening Weekend of Illinois Firearm Season

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SPRINGFIELD, Ill. – Hunters in Illinois harvested a preliminary total of 47,147 deer during the first weekend of the Illinois Firearm Deer Season Nov. 20-22 compared with 50,173 deer taken during the first firearm weekend in 2019. Illinois' seven-day Firearm Deer Season will conclude Dec. 3-6.

Other deer hunting opportunities in the weeks ahead include:

- Muzzleloader-Only Deer Season, Dec. 11-13;
- Late-Winter Antlerless-Only Dec. 31, 2020 – Jan. 3, 2021 and Jan. 15-17, 2021;
- CWD Deer Season (in select counties only), Dec. 31, 2020 – Jan. 3, 2021 and Jan. 15-17, 2021; and
- Archery Deer Season continues through Jan. 17, 2021 (archery deer hunting is closed Dec. 3-6 in counties open for Firearm Deer Season).

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