

# Muzzleloader Deer Hunters Harvest more than 21,000 Deer during 2013 Season

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**COLUMBUS, OH** – Successful hunters checked 21,555 white-tailed deer during the 2013 muzzleloader season, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). Muzzleloader season concluded on Tuesday, Jan. 8.

The 2013 harvest total represents a 12 percent increase over the 2012 season, when hunters checked 19,251 deer. The muzzleloader harvest was 17,375 deer in 2011.

Counties reporting the highest number of deer checked during the 2013 muzzleloader season include: Guernsey (821), Coshocton (813), Tuscarawas (784), Muskingum (751), Belmont (739), Carroll (683), Harrison (677), Licking (675), Jefferson (619) and Knox (520).

Deer-archery season remains open through Sunday, Feb. 3. More information provided by ODNR Division of Wildlife about Ohio deer hunting can be found in the 2012-2013 Hunting and Trapping Regulations or at [wildohio.com](http://wildohio.com). Hunters can also share photos by clicking on the Photo Gallery tab online.

Hunters are encouraged to donate any extra venison to organizations assisting Ohioans in need. The ODNR Division of Wildlife is collaborating with Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry (FHFH) to help pay for the processing of donated venison. Hunters who donate deer are not required to pay the processing cost as long as the deer are taken to a participating processor. To see which counties are involved in this program, go to [fhfh.org](http://fhfh.org).

**Editor's Note:** A list of white-tailed deer checked by hunters during the 2013 muzzleloader hunting season, Jan. 5-8, is shown below. The first number following the county's name shows the harvest numbers for 2013, and the 2012 numbers are in parentheses.

Adams: 347 (336); Allen: 88 (77); Ashland: 310 (294); Ashtabula: 422 (374); Athens: 510 (457); Auglaize: 51 (87); Belmont: 739 (577); Brown: 305 (273); Butler: 110 (131); Carroll: 683 (418); Champaign: 118 (132); Clark: 61 (75); Clermont: 212 (239); Clinton: 78 (76); Columbiana: 441 (331); Coshocton: 813 (722); Crawford: 95 (103); Cuyahoga: 6 (5); Darke: 62 (62); Defiance: 107 (140); Delaware: 152 (140); Erie: 56 (42); Fairfield: 211 (216); Fayette: 27 (26); Franklin: 44 (46); Fulton: 50 (58); Gallia: 337 (333); Geauga: 126 (154); Greene: 95 (67); Guernsey: 821 (612); Hamilton: 79 (89); Hancock: 102 (111); Hardin: 110 (141); Harrison: 677 (569); Henry: 34 (68); Highland: 318 (278); Hocking: 445 (384); Holmes: 406 (388); Huron: 177 (173); Jackson: 361 (282); Jefferson: 619 (465); Knox: 520 (470); Lake: 59 (41); Lawrence: 230 (220); Licking: 675 (639); Logan: 182 (179); Lorain: 197 (162); Lucas: 41 (31); Madison: 35 (50); Mahoning: 197 (154); Marion: 54 (65); Medina: 159 (146); Meigs: 482 (466); Mercer: 48 (52); Miami: 65 (61); Monroe: 511 (422); Montgomery: 57 (41); Morgan: 460 (340); Morrow: 150 (143); Muskingum: 751 (638); Noble: 444 (389); Ottawa: 40 (37); Paulding: 83 (122); Perry: 375 (333); Pickaway: 83 (71); Pike: 217 (216); Portage: 158 (176); Preble: 131 (87); Putnam: 30 (56); Richland: 360 (290); Ross: 362 (388); Sandusky: 66 (72); Scioto: 268 (276); Seneca: 149 (142); Shelby: 101 (95); Stark: 268 (192); Summit: 56 (52); Trumbull: 321 (231); Tuscarawas: 784 (581); Union: 94 (92); Van Wert: 41 (91); Vinton: 392 (309); Warren: 142 (139); Washington: 442 (462); Wayne: 177 (139); Williams: 110 (166); Wood: 57 (40) and Wyandot: 126 (136). **Total: 21,555 (19,251).**