

Hunters Harvest Nearly 219,000 White-Tailed Deer in Ohio in 2012-2013

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COLUMBUS, OH – Deer-archery season ended Feb. 3, bringing the white-tailed deer season to a close. Hunters harvested 218,910 white-tailed deer during Ohio’s 2012-2013 hunting seasons for all implements, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). Hunters checked 219,748 deer in 2011-2012, a difference of less than 1,000 deer this season.

“Ohio has become one of the nation’s top destinations for hunting white-tailed deer,” said ODNR Director James Zehringer. “We would like to thank the nearly 500,000 outdoorsmen and outdoorswomen that participated during this hunting season. It is their efforts in the field that help us provide some of the best outdoor recreational opportunities in the country.”

The Ohio counties that reported the most checked deer for all implements during the 2012-2013 season: Coshocton (7,413), Licking (6,928), Tuscarawas (6,813), Muskingum (6,457), Guernsey (6,151), Harrison (5,365), Knox (5,288), Ashtabula (4,974), Carroll (4,825) and Belmont (4,731). The top seven counties remained unchanged from last season.

Hunters continue to support alternate methods to report deer kills. Since the deer season began on Sept. 29, 2012, 44 percent of hunters phoned in their report, 40 percent reported online and 16 percent traveled to a license agent’s location.

Ohio's first modern day deer-gun season opened in 1943 in three counties, and hunters checked 168 deer. Deer hunting was allowed in all 88 counties in 1956, and hunters harvested 3,911 deer during the one-week season.

The white-tailed deer is the most popular game animal in Ohio and is frequently pursued by generations of hunters. Ohio ranks eighth nationally in annual hunting-related sales and 10th in the number of jobs associated with the hunting-related industry. Each year, hunting has an \$859 million economic impact in Ohio through the sale of equipment, fuel, food, lodging and more. For more information on deer and deer hunting, visit wildohio.com.

Editor’s Note: A list of all white-tailed deer checked by hunters during the 2012-2013 hunting season 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: 4,111 (4,208); Allen: 1,110 (1,037); Ashland: 3,149 (2,894); Ashtabula: 4,974 (4,645); Athens: 4,387 (4,385); Auglaize: 986 (731); Belmont: 4,731 (4,785); Brown: 2,933 (3,086); Butler: 1,498 (1,583); Carroll: 4,825 (4,751); Champaign: 1,453 (1,614); Clark: 862 (930); Clermont: 3,141 (3,304); Clinton: 1,007 (1,015); Columbiana: 3,893 (3,843); Coshocton: 7,413 (7,972); Crawford: 1,236 (1,110); Cuyahoga: 713 (692); Darke: 1,004 (819); Defiance: 1,911 (1,757); Delaware: 1,901 (1,943); Erie: 719 (689); Fairfield: 2,608 (2,741); Fayette: 302 (282); Franklin: 879 (846); Fulton: 980 (846); Gallia: 3,370 (3,435); Geauga: 2,131 (2,422); Greene: 1,105 (1,073); Guernsey: 6,151 (6,432); Hamilton: 2,175 (2,256); Hancock: 1,338 (1,189); Hardin: 1,306 (1,145); Harrison: 5,365 (5,717); Henry: 750 (723); Highland: 3,250 (3,304); Hocking: 4,206 (4,348); Holmes: 4,565 (4,747); Huron: 2,298 (2,200); Jackson: 3,440 (3,233); Jefferson: 4,161 (4,119); Knox: 5,288 (5,374); Lake: 1,004 (836); Lawrence: 2,672 (2,959); Licking: 6,928 (7,276); Logan: 2,094 (2,284); Lorain: 2,460 (2,424); Lucas: 677 (707); Madison: 452 (550); Mahoning: 2,034 (1,890); Marion: 901 (830); Medina: 1,978 (2,031); Meigs: 3,832 (4,000); Mercer: 804 (625); Miami: 961 (827); Monroe: 3,478 (3,727); Montgomery: 804 (676); Morgan: 3,597 (3,513); Morrow: 1,936 (1,898); Muskingum: 6,457 (6,631); Noble: 3,513 (3,936); Ottawa: 379 (416); Paulding: 1,194 (1,127); Perry: 3,477 (3,553); Pickaway: 1,044 (1,049); Pike: 2,262 (2,367); Portage: 2,280 (2,702); Preble: 1,205 (999); Putnam: 786 (733); Richland: 3,878 (4,038); Ross: 3,559 (3,742); Sandusky: 794 (766); Scioto: 2,821 (2,887); Seneca: 1,923 (1,609); Shelby: 1,294 (1,009); Stark: 2,597 (2,181); Summit: 1,417 (1,494); Trumbull: 3,553 (3,310); Tuscarawas: 6,813 (6,953); Union: 961 (996); Van Wert: 638 (646); Vinton: 3,395 (3,177); Warren: 1,605 (1,634); Washington: 4,091 (4,223); Wayne: 2,108 (1,948); Williams: 2,096 (2,099); Wood: 863 (705) and Wyandot: 1,670 (1540). Total: 218,910 (219,748).