

# Hunters in Illinois harvested 54,452 deer during the first weekend of the 2016 firearm season

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SPRINGFIELD - Hunters in Illinois harvested a preliminary total of 54,452 deer during the first weekend of the Illinois Firearm Deer Season on Nov. 18-20. Hunters took 57,870 deer during the first firearm weekend in 2015.

Illinois' seven-day Firearm Deer Season will conclude on Dec. 1-4.

Other deer hunting opportunities in the weeks ahead include:

- Muzzleloader-Only Deer Season on Dec. 9-11;

- Late-Winter Antlerless-Only and CWD Deer Seasons (first segment) in select counties only on Dec. 29, 2016-Jan. 1, 2017;
- Late-Winter Antlerless-Only and CWD Deer Seasons (second segment) in select counties only on Jan. 13-15, 2017;
- Archery Deer Season continues through Jan. 15, 2017 (archery is closed Dec. 1-4 in counties open for Firearm Deer Season)

Reminder: A new rule allows hunters with a valid Illinois firearm deer permit to use archery equipment during firearm season on private land only; archery permits are not valid during the firearm season, except in those counties closed to firearm deer hunting.

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

A table of preliminary Illinois firearm deer harvest totals by county for the first weekend of the 2016 season, and comparable totals for 2015, is below:

<b>County</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
ADAMS	1562	1642
ALEXANDER	335	283
BOND	499	390
BOONE	74	87
BROWN	738	645
BUREAU	715	704

CALHOUN	565	482
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CARROLL	502	529
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CASS	491	475
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CHAMPAIGN	142	165
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CHRISTIAN	434	420
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CLARK	723	715
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CLAY	761	784
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CLINTON	427	457
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COLES	389	388
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CRAWFORD	673	656
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CUMBERLAND	483	494
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DEKALB	80	79
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DEWITT	256	192
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DOUGLAS	123	105
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EDGAR	452 387
EDWARDS	317 282
EFFINGHAM	624 589
FAYETTE	11571050
FORD	90 72
FRANKLIN	910 807
FULTON	13931344
GALLATIN	322 296
GREENE	771 660
GRUNDY	238 214
HAMILTON	807 786
HANCOCK	11591079
HARDIN	694 605
HENDERSON	375 372

HENRY 479 404

IROQUOIS 384 326

JACKSON 15861562

JASPER 670 675

JEFFERSON 14041276

JERSEY 460 444

JODAVIESS 13681306

JOHNSON 12131166

KANE 15 18

KANKAKEE 122 125

KENDALL 51 67

KNOX 831 820

LAKE 4 5

LASALLE 534 537

LAWRENCE 429 375

LEE 419 359

LIVINGSTON 281 293

LOGAN 289 256

MACON 170 170

MACOUPIN 995 967

MADISON 513 444

MARION 10931051

MARSHALL 421 382

MASON 325 305

MASSAC 418 367

MCDONOUGH 545 597

MCHENRY 186 168

MCLEAN 411 363

MENARD 249 238

MERCER 536 605

MONROE 733 704

MONTGOMERY681 551

MORGAN 526 508

MOULTRIE 151 134

OGLE 582 538

PEORIA 736 639

PERRY 839 814

PIATT 65 75

PIKE 14191346

POPE 12391096

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