Wildlife of Florida Factsheet: White-Tailed Deer

The University of Florida, IFAS Extension, provided these estimates for the Florida deer population.

Year Population 2014 700,000 1985 100,000 1930 - 20,000 1940 1700s 20,000

In the 1700s, unregulated deer hide trade and a deer-removal campaign caused historic populations to be reduced to 20,000. A deer removal campaign to eradicate cattle-fever tick reduced the population to 20,000 [from 1930 to 1940]