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... "To really see a big increase in your deer population, you need multiple mild winters in a row," said DNR Wildlife Technician Colter Lubben. "Because all a mild winter does is — it gives you one year class." ... The overwhelming majority of deer harvested during hunting season are one-and-a-half, two-and-a-half, and three-and-a-half years old ...