

[Sweeping changes in deer hunting proposed by F&W Board](#) March 1, 2019 Vermont
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... Fortin was reluctant to estimate the current deer population in Vermont, primarily because the current winter has been particularly hard for deer and is still not over... Back in the early 1980s, the cost of one severe winter cut the deer herd by about one half, with more than 60,000 deer dead and wasted in deer yards...

[Deer Hearings May 21 and June 4](#) April 26, 2019 Vermont, Bennington Banner

... "The winter of 2019 was severe in central and northeastern Vermont, and substantial population reductions are expected in those regions. The winter was more moderate or even mild in other parts of the state, and little change is expected in the deer populations in those areas..,

[Hunters can take more deer](#) ... August 8, 2019 Vermont, VTDigger12h

... Louis Porter, commissioner of the Department of Fish and Wildlife, told committee members that the size of the state's deer herd has been on the rise in recent years, despite a downtick last year due to the harsh winter... the total number of deer a hunter can take per season will increase from three to four under the new rule ...,

[The cold in the light of day](#) February 12, 2021 Vermont, Rutland Herald

... Back in the winter of 1979-80, if memory serves me, Vermont saw about half of its deer population starve because of prolonged, below-freezing temperatures and deep snow... The estimates at the time were some 60,000 deer perished during that winter..,