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... By 1909, the white-tailed deer was declared extinct in the state ... In 1922, 800 acres of land was set aside and a massive corral was built on the land to create The Theodore Roosevelt Game Preserve. Some 200 white-tailed deer were purchased by the state of Ohio from residents. A decade later, 1,000 deer were released into the wild from the preserve to begin repopulating the state, according to Gilbert.

By 1943, there were enough deer that the first official hunt since 1903 was held in Adams, Pike and Scioto counties, where hunters killed 168 bucks. By 1995, the deer population rose to an estimated 550,000. By 2007, there were about 675,000 white-tailed deer in Ohio ...