Deer hunters deal with new normal November 23, 2011 Missouri

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... [in 2006] hunters shot 235,000 deer [in 2011] 190,089.[in 2010} 188205. ... "There's no question that we have fewer deer in places than we did even five or six years ago," said Jason Sumners, the deer biologist for the Missouri Department of Conservation. "We've had liberal regulations to reduce numbers in areas where deer were causing problems and as a result, there are fewer does in the population.... " ... some hunters ... say They're seeing all bucks," ... Missouri deer herd is still healthy and numbers an estimated 1.4 million.

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... MDC regulates Missouri's deer population in rural areas through the hunter harvest, making private landowners and hunters the primary stewards of the state's 1.4 million deer ... says Bob Pierce, extension fisheries and wildlife specialist at MU ... Antler-point restrictions have been implemented in some areas of the state to increase doe harvest and lower deer densities...