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... the state's deer herd is declining ... peak about 15 years ago... LaBonte said at its peak, the state deer herd was about 120,000... said the state herd is down to about 100,000 deer... Because of [more] acorns, and a milder winter, does may be well-fed, fat and happy. That could mean healthier fawns ...