North Dakota Deer Season 2013: Hunting Forecast October 4, 2013 Outdoor Life

... The 2012 deer season saw the hunter success rate bounce back from an all-time low of 51 percent in 2011 to 63 percent... Severe winters in 2008, 2009, and 2010 continued to have a noticeable effect on the number of whitetail deer ...

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... The deer population is still reeling from three consecutive brutal winters from 2008-10 that knocked back numbers across North Dakota. Randy Kreil, wildlife division chief for the North Dakota Game and Fish Department, said those three winters resulted in a lot of adult mortality in deer coupled with low fawn production the following springs... This year, several states like South Dakota and Nebraska are reporting similar EHD outbreaks, but North Dakota whitetail have not been affected....

<u>Deer success rates improve after all-time low</u> in 2011 March 21, 2013 North Dakota, Dickinson Press-by Royal McGregor

... NDGF Department wildlife chief Randy Kreil said deer population took a hit undergoing three tough winters in 2008, 2009 and 2010... after dropping the number of licenses issued to its lowest since 1988 — hunters found more success in the field... average success rate per year is around 70 percent...