

Maryland Deer Population and Management Archive

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2023

[Maryland Weighs Options for Controlling Deer Damage to Crops](#) May 15, 2023

Lancaster Farming

... Though some people fear Maryland is being overrun by deer, that's not the case. The state's deer population is stable, but some areas have too many of the animals, said Brian Eyler, associate director of wildlife and heritage services at the Department of Natural Resources... Under 1,900 crop damage permits issued last year, almost 10,000 deer were killed..,

[Maryland Hunters Harvest 76,687 Deer for 2022-2023 Season](#) February 16, 2023 DNR

News

... The statewide harvest included 29,682 antlered and 42,872 antlerless white-tailed deer, and 1,908 antlered and 2,225 antlerless sika deer. The harvest was 8% higher than the 2021-2022 total of 70,845 deer. The increased harvest is credited to more participation by hunters and favorable weather..,

2022

[Maryland Deer Harvest Up 10% in 2022 Firearm Season](#) December 22, 2022 Maryland

- Maryland.gov

... Hunters reported taking 12,003 antlered deer during the two-week season, up 14% from last year's official total of 10,498. The antlerless harvest increased 6% from 16,086 last year to 17,121 this year. Sika deer represented 450 of the total antlered harvest and 527 of the total antlerless harvest...

[Maryland Reports Strong 2022 Early Deer Season Results](#) November 11, 2022 DNR News

... The early season rebound was largely attributed to improved weather for hunting and increased hunter effort when compared to the previous year. The impacts of [epizootic hemorrhagic disease](#) (EHD) were also less prevalent, although an outbreak in Somerset, Wicomico, and Worcester counties has caused a decrease in the early harvest ...

[Deer caught in the crosshairs as their population grows](#) July 19, 2022 Maryland, Bay Journal

... Pennsylvania's deer population is estimated at 1.5 million, with approximately 50,000 deer-vehicle collisions each year — among the most in the nation. Virginia has between 850,000 and 1 million deer, and Maryland has an estimated 220,000..,

[Maryland Hunters Report Taking 70,845 Deer in 2021-2022 Season](#) February 10, 2022 Maryland Department of Natural Resources News

... deer hunters harvested 70,845 deer during the combined archery, firearms, and muzzleloader seasons, from Sept. 10, 2021 through Feb. 3, 2022... 13% lower than the 2020-2021 total of 81,729 deer..,

[26,569 deer taken in two-week season in Maryland](#) January 14, 2022 Delaware State News

... The harvest was 16% lower than last year's official count of 31,649...

[Maryland Deer Firearms Season Reopens January 7](#) January 3, 2022, Maryland.gov news site

... Hunters are reminded that an antler-point restriction remains in effect. Deer hunters may harvest one antlered white-tailed deer within the yearly bag limit that does not meet the requirement of having at least three points on one antler. Any additional antlered deer taken within the established bag limit must meet the minimum point restriction ...

2021

[Maryland Hunters Take 26,569 Deer in Two-Week Firearms Season](#) December 20, 2021 Maryland.gov news site

... The [Maryland Department of Natural Resources](#) announced that hunters harvested 26,569 deer during the two-week firearms season from Nov. 27 through Dec. 11. The harvest was 16% lower than last year's official count of 31,649...

[Maryland Announces Opening Weekend Deer Firearm Season Results](#) December 5, 2021 TheBayNet.com

... hunters reported 10,419 deer taken on the opening weekend of the [2021 Maryland firearm season](#), Nov. 27-28. The overall harvest was 6% lower than last year's official opening weekend ...

[Maryland's Deer Firearms Hunting Season Set to Open Nov. 27](#) November 21, 2021 The Southern Maryland Chronicle

... an antler-point restriction remains in effect. Deer hunters may harvest one antlered white-tailed deer within the yearly bag limit that does not meet the requirement of having at least three points on one antler...

[Trio Loses Hunting Privileges for Poaching Antlerless Albino Deer](#) July 21, 2021, Maryland, maryland.gov

... In November and December, the Natural Resources Police investigated reports of deer illegally killed near the Blakeslee community in Garrett County. On December 3, 2020, officers learned from concerned citizens that an antlerless albino deer was illegally hunted...

Sika Deer, [Creature Feature](#) February 19, 2021 Maryland, Bay Weekly

... Sika deer have an 18-year lifespan, which is longer than the white-tailed deer... The sub-species introduced here from Japan in 1909 has faint spotting on their back... They have been recorded as having ten distinct sounds..,

Sika Deer, [Creature Feature](#) February 19, 2021 Maryland, Bay Weekly

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[Maryland Hunters Harvest 81,000 Deer during 2020-2021 Season](#) February 16, 2021

Maryland DNR

... deer hunters harvested 81,729 deer during the combined archery, firearms, and muzzleloader seasons, from Sept. 11, 2020 through Feb. 3, 2021. The statewide harvest included 29,242 antlered and 49,033 antlerless white-tailed deer, plus 1,500 antlered and 1,954 antlerless sika deer. The harvest was 3% higher than the 2019-2020 total of 79,457 deer..,

[Hunters oppose commercialization of deer hunting](#) February 1, 2021 Maryland,

MarylandReporter.com

... the idea of legalizing the commercial exploitation of a publicly-owned resource, our wild deer population... We cannot be silent while lawmakers sanction the exploitation of a publicly-owned resource – aka, Public Trust Doctrine – for personal financial gain, violating all ethics of conservation hunting...

[Primitive Deer Hunt begins in Maryland Feb. 1](#) January 26, 2021 Frederick News Post

... The low-tech hunting devices include long bows, flintlock, recurve bows and sidelock percussion muzzleloaders, but not other items such as crossbows, compound bows or drawlocks. Fiber optic sights are allowed on primitive bows or muzzleloaders...

2020

[Deer Harvest up 16% during Maryland Firearms Season](#) December 21, 2020

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December 21, 2020 Maryland DNR

... hunters harvested 31,571 deer during the two-week firearms season from Nov. 28 – Dec. 12. The harvest was 16% higher than last year’s official count of 27,121. Hunters enjoyed good weather compared to the 2019 season, which was hampered by rain, wind, and fog on key days...

[Hunters face charges after illegal killing of albino deer](#) December 11, 2020 Maryland, For The Win

... at the center of the investigation was the shooting of an antlerless albino deer from a vehicle in a private field and leaving the carcass to waste...

[Maryland Reports Early Deer Season 2020 Results](#) December 2, 2020 Southern Maryland News Net

... The harvest was a 7% decrease from last year’s official harvest of 21,098 deer for the same period. The early season harvest decline was attributed to warmer weather during muzzleloader season, and a reported increase in the occurrence of epizootic hemorrhagic disease (EHD) in some counties...

[A bounty for killing deer is wrong. Anne Arundel should end its misguided program](#)

November 22, 2020 Maryland, Capital Gazette

... DNR said: “After discussions with the Office of the Attorney General, it has been confirmed that paying hunters for deer harvested ... is in violation of Natural Resources Article Section 10-404 (e), which prohibits the “exchange” for a game mammal taken from the wild ...

[Maryland county to keep food program thought to violate law](#) November 19, 2020

Washington Post

... a venison food relief program ... the program is likely a violation of law because the county is giving hunters \$50 for each deer, which they say constitutes an “exchange.”

...

[Maryland Reports Early Deer Season 2020 Results](#) December 2, 2020 Southern Maryland News Net

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[Input Sought on Maryland White-tailed Deer Management Plan](#) October 31, 2020

Maryland, The Southern Maryland Chronicle

... “We look forward to this phase of the public process as it always helps inform and improve our ability to manage deer for all Maryland citizens.” The public can view the draft plan and [comment online](#) from Oct. 28 through Nov. 27...

[Maryland Draft Deer Plan](#) October, 2020, Maryland DNR

... The population increased from an estimated 246,000 deer in 1998 to a high of nearly 300,000 individuals in 2002 before declining to an estimated low of 199,000 in 2014. The population was estimated at 207,000 individuals in 2018. Liberal seasons and bag limits enacted for antlerless deer have successfully stabilized and/or reduced deer populations in many areas..,

[Hunting in Maryland shifts toward trophy deer, away from private land](#) October 13, 2020 DelmarvaNow

... Maryland opted to restock white-tailed deer in the first half of the 20th century. Since then, the deer population has increased, reaching almost 300,000 in the early 2000s. It’s averaged about 225,000 over the past few years, according to Brian Eyler, Maryland Department of Natural Resources deer project manager..,

[Montgomery Co.'s annual deer population control efforts will start in September](#)

August 12, 2020 Maryland, WTOP News

... The 24th year of Montgomery County, Maryland's deer population control plan ...
More than 20,000 deer have been killed over the years ...

[Tree diversity promotes growth of late successional species despite increasing deer damage in a restored forest](#) April 2, 2020 Maryland, Ecology

... We show that tree diversity can improve growth of late successional species despite exacerbated mammalian herbivore damage. By facilitating the establishment of species with a range of life-history strategies, increased tree diversity may enhance ecosystem multi-functionality in the early stages of forest restoration...

[New Maryland hunting regulations being formed](#) February 16, 2020 Cumberland Times-News

... WHS wants to start a statewide primitive weapon deer hunting season. Hunters would be able to use long bows, recurve bows, flintlock pistols and rifles and sidelock pistols and rifles. Scopes or other modern optics would not be legal... The hunting of coyotes would become legal at any time of the day ...

[Maryland Hunters Harvest nearly 80,000 Deer during 2019-2020 Season](#) February 13, 2020 Maryland DNR News

... deer hunters harvested 79,457 deer during the combined archery, firearms, and muzzleloader seasons, from Sept. 6, 2019 through Jan. 31, 2020... 29,233 antlered and 46,777 antlerless white-tailed deer, plus 1,552 antlered and 1,895 antlerless sika deer. The harvest was 3% higher than the 2018-2019 total of 77,382 deer...

[DNR seeks public comment on proposed primitive-weapon deer hunting season](#)

February 9, 2020 Maryland, Frederick News Post

... a three-day statewide primitive-weapon deer hunting season. Legal hunting devices for this proposed new season would include long bows, recurve bows, flintlock pistols and rifles, and percussion side-lock pistols and rifles... creation of an

urban/suburban deer management zone that would include an unlimited antlerless archery bag limit...

[National parks to curb deer populations in Western Maryland](#) January 29, 2020

Cumberland Times-News

... firearms experts from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, will work under the direction of National Park Service ... Catocin Mountain Park has worked to reduce deer populations in the park since 2010...

2019

[Deer harvest is down again. There's more going on than just bad weather](#) December

30, 2019 Maryland, DelmarvaNow

... a decline of 14 percent [from 2018]... three years in a row of declining kills when the DNR blamed the abundance or scarcity of acorns ... most hunters in our region are already talking about the lack of deer ...

[Deer in Montgomery County, by the numbers](#) December 16, 2019 Maryland, Bethesda Magazine

... the state estimates there are about 207,000 deer in Maryland..,

[Hunters Harvest 27,000 Deer During Firearms Season](#) December 19, 2019 Maryland,

DNR News

... The [Maryland Department of Natural Resources](#) announced that hunters reported taking 27,088 deer during the state's most popular hunt, the two-week firearms season. The total harvest was 14% lower than last year's official count of 31,631. Bad weather on key weekends contributed to the decline in many parts of the state...

[Deer in Montgomery County, by the numbers](#) December 16, 2019 Maryland, Bethesda Magazine

... the state estimates there are about 207,000 deer in Maryland..,

[Maryland Deer Firearms Opening Day Harvest Up 29%](#) December 7, 2019 The

Southern Maryland Chronicle

... hunters reported 8,061 deer taken on the opening day of the 2019 Maryland firearm season, Nov. 30. This represents a 29% increase over last year's Saturday opener. The overall weekend harvest of 9,201 was down 9% from 2018 due to nearly non-stop rain and wind across the state on Sunday...

[Natural Resources Police Put Spotlight on Illegal Hunting Practices](#) November 26,

2019 Maryland, Bay Net

... Four Frederick men face up to \$3,500 in fines after police say they admitted to jacklighting. Officers say they observed two vehicles slowing to a stop along Hoffman Seachrist Nov. 11, after which one of the passengers of the vehicle shone a spotlight across the field into a wooded area...

[A mysterious disease is striking American beech trees](#) November 14, 2019 Maryland,

Science Magazine

... A mysterious disease is starting to kill American beeches ... the fifth most common tree species in southern New England and in New York state ... Its annual nut crop provides food for birds, squirrels, and deer... By 2018, foresters had documented beeches with similar symptoms in 24 counties in eastern Ohio, western Pennsylvania and New York, and Canada's Ontario province...

[Maryland Deer Archery Season Opens September 6](#) Sept. 4 DNR News

... the statewide [bag limit](#) for white-tailed bucks is two deer (no more than one per weapon season). ... An antler-point restriction remains in effect. Deer hunters may harvest one antlered white-tailed deer within the yearly bag limit that does not meet the requirement of having at least three points on one antler...

[Police cut deer free from soccer net in Maryland](#) August 12, 2019 UPI.com

... the fawn did not appear to be injured and wandered off on its own...

Montgomery Parks, [2020 Annual Deer Population Management Operations and Seasonal Park Closures](#) - August 2019, Maryland

...will begin its annual deer population management program in September 2019 into March 2020. Eight park units have been added this year, for a total of 54 parks where archery and/or shotgun managed deer hunting or Park Police-based sharpshooting operations will take place... Initiated 23 years ago ... Over 19,500 deer have been removed from select parks since the inception ...

[Hunting in Maryland shifts toward trophy deer, away from private land](#) October 13, 2020 DelmarvaNow

... Maryland opted to restock white-tailed deer in the first half of the 20th century. Since then, the deer population has increased, reaching almost 300,000 in the early 2000s. It's averaged about 225,000 over the past few years, according to Brian Eyler, Maryland Department of Natural Resources deer project manager.,

[Hunters Harvest 27,000 Deer During Firearms Season](#) December 19, 2019

[Maryland Hunters Harvest 77,000 Deer during 2018-2019 Season](#) February 15, 2019

[Why are Maryland deer hunting numbers down?](#) February 25, 2019 Maryland, Delmarva Daily Times

... The final total for the state was 77,382 deer, down 11 percent from last year. The official explanation of that tally is that it's due to bad weather, rain and ice on numerous key Saturdays of the season ... if the weather kept hunters home, then numbers should be down across the board. They are not...,

[Maine Wildlife Park's 'most excellent moose' has died](#) February 14, 2019 Bangor Daily News

... For nearly 14 years, George the Moose has fascinated visitors to the [Maine Wildlife Park](#) ... found with his sister ... stranded on the banks of the St. John River ... mother nowhere to be found ...

[Maryland Hunters Harvest 77,000 Deer during 2018-2019 Season](#) February 15, 2019
Maryland.gov

... The Maryland Department of Natural Resources reported today that deer hunters harvested 77,382 deer during the combined archery, firearms and muzzleloader seasons, from Sept. 7, 2018, through Jan. 31, 2019. The statewide harvest included 29,699 antlered and 44,249 antlerless white-tailed deer; and 1,609 antlered and 1,825 antlerless sika deer...

[Maryland legislative season kind to hunters, so far](#) February 11, 2018 DelmarvaNow
... Senate Bill 0390 opening Sunday hunting statewide for all the deer season ... House Bill 0619 would add Sundays for deer muzzleloader season. House Bill 0620 would add the second and third Sundays of firearms deer season to the allotted hunting days...

[Public Input Sought on White-tailed Deer Management](#) January 28, 2019 Maryland,
DNR News

The [Maryland Department of Natural Resources](#) is seeking public comment on the state's management of white-tailed deer. The input will be used to help revise the state's [deer management plan](#) for the next 15 years, establishing long-term goals, and identifying specific objectives and strategies for achieving them. Through Feb. 28, the public can provide comments [online](#)...

2018

[Hunters Harvest 31,000 Deer During Firearms Season - Maryland](#) [December 18, 2018](#)

[Maryland Hunters Harvest 86,542 Deer in 2017-2018 Season](#) February 15, 2018

[Natural History: Centuries of Maryland conservation laws in one document](#) December 20, 2018 Maryland Natural Resource Magazine

... Maryland's state law books record the first deer season in 1730, stating: "For the preservation for the breed of deer, no person within the province (friendly Indians

exempted) shall kill any deer between the first day of January and the last day of July. Penalty, 400 pounds of tobacco—one-half to be paid to county schools and one-half to the informer.” ... it became necessary to restrict the killing of deer for three years, beginning 1775, and the season was September and October..,

[Md.'s deer season still popular, although millennial interest fading](#) November 22, 2018
Maryland, The Herald-Mail

.. Washington County has been declining in the last several years... 6,376 deer were killed in the county during archery, muzzleloader and firearms seasons in the 2013-14 year. The number of deer killed in the county has almost steadily declined since then, with 4,593 killed in the three seasons in the 2017-18 year ...

[Maryland hopes to recruit new hunters and promote conservation](#) November 21, 2018
Finger Lakes Times

... wildlife officials in Maryland are encouraging hunting of deer, turkeys and other game ... Most importantly, they say, hunting is a key source of revenue for programs to protect fragile lands and wildlife populations...

[Maryland's deer season starts](#) Saturday November 21, 2018 somdnews

... nearly 50,000 hunters will take to the fields ... vehicle collisions with deer — more than 30,000 in Maryland last year ...

[Hunters may claim tax credit for donated processed venison](#) September 5, 2018
Maryland, Times-News.com

... New this year, Maryland hunters may claim a tax credit for donated processed venison. Hunters who legally harvest a deer and pay to have that deer processed and donated to a nonprofit food sharing program ...

[Maryland Deer Archery Season Opens Sept. 7](#) Sept. 7 September 3, 2018
SMNewsNeet

... For the 2018-19 season, the statewide bag limit for white-tailed bucks has been decreased to two deer...The antlerless deer bag limits differ between deer management

regions. In Region B the antlerless archery limit has been reduced to 15. An antler-point restriction remains in effect...

Howard County, [Public deer hunting in Howard Co. parks starts Sept. 18](#) August 28, 2018 Maryland, WTOP

... he managed hunting program, in place for 20 years ... hunters are allowed to shoot deer while the parks are closed to the general public...

[Last chance to comment on hunting regulations](#) June 19, 2018 Maryland, Delmarva Daily Times

... The biggest change in the package is a reduction in some whitetail deer limits for our area, though it's unlikely most hunters will notice. For example, the whitetail antlerless limit for archery season in our area, Region B, will go from unlimited to 15 for the season, but very few archery hunters take anywhere near that many deer...

[Sika deer up or down at Blackwater? Depends who you ask](#) April 3, 2018 Maryland, Delmarva Daily Times

... For the state of Maryland as a whole there were roughly 2,000 sika taken last year out of a population recently estimated at 15,000 ... an average of 71 deer per square mile on Blackwater, with the sika portion at 55 per square mile. Results also showed roughly two hinds for every stag and one sika fawn for every two hinds. The FLIR ..., [Sika deer up or down at Blackwater? Depends who you ask](#) April 3, 2018 Maryland, Delmarva Daily Times

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[Maryland embraces seasonal deer hunt to keep disease pressure down](#) February 23, 2018 Frederick News Post

... Maryland's deer population ... swelled to more than 300,000 deer 15 years ago ... has been cut by a third ... there are an estimated 200,000 to 225,000 deer in Maryland... It

has been hard, however, to measure if Maryland's declining deer populations has correlated with a decrease in Lyme disease infections ...

[Maryland wildlife agency giveth then taketh bonus buck stamp](#) February 21, 2018

Times-News

... The bonus buck tag was eliminated in Region A ... the 75-100 hunters who bagged the trifecta out West were required to have taken at least one buck with three antler points on one side. With the new rule, one of the two bucks taken in Region A would have to meet that requirement...

[Maryland hunters exceed last year's deer harvest](#) February 16, 2018 Maryland DNR

... Maryland hunters harvested 86,542 deer during the combined archery, firearms and muzzleloader seasons from Sept. 8, 2017, through Jan. 31, 2018 ... 30,247 antlered and 53,135 antlerless white-tailed deer, and 1,423 antlered and 1,737 antlerless sika deer..

[With Howard County hunts continuing, a 'magic bullet' to control deer remains elusive](#)

January 26, 2018 Maryland, Baltimore Sun

... hunters have killed 175 deer through the Department of Recreation and Parks' deer management program, which uses sharpshooters and managed hunts across 16 locations... began in 1998, allow groups of eight to 50 hunters to participate in bow and shotgun hunting on parkland ...

[Legislation affecting Maryland hunters](#) January 19, 2018 delmarvanow.com

... HB007/SB0182. This bill would give hunters a \$50 tax credit for each deer donated to the Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry (FHFH) ... What this bill truly does is allow farmers to shoot deer, which are a public resource, and get paid for it via unlimited tax credits...

2017

[Maryland Firearm Deer Hunting Season Reopens Jan. 5](#) December 27, 2017 Southern Maryland News Net

... The antler point restriction remains in effect for the coming hunting season. Deer hunters may harvest up to two antlered white-tailed deer within the yearly bag limit that do not meet the requirement of having at least three points on one antler. Any additional antlered deer taken within the established bag limit must meet the minimum point restriction...

[Dismal success rates for Shore gun hunters during deer season](#) December 16, 2017 Maryland, Delmarva Daily Times

... the counties that had major problems from EHD in their whitetails, all showing big declines from the kill in 2016. Somerset County saw a 16.8 percent decrease in buck harvest and an 8.3 percent drop in antlerless take. Dorchester County saw a 31.3 percent decrease in antlered deer kill ...

[Maryland Hunters Harvest 34,000 Deer during Firearm Season](#) December 15, 2017 Southern Maryland News Net

... Maryland hunters reported taking 34,412 deer during the state's most popular hunt, the two-week firearm season. The total was similar to last year's official harvest of 35,002...

[Washington County reports 837 deer kills on opening weekend](#) December 4, 2017 Maryland, Herald-Mail Media

... Washington County's harvest was up about 5 percent from last year... Of the [state] total of 13,514 deer harvested, 6,242 were antlered and 7,272 were antlerless... On average, Maryland hunters harvest between 80,000 and 90,000 deer each season...

[Md. reports opening weekend deer harvest](#) December 1, 2017 Maryland, Cumberland Times News Homepage

... Hunters reported harvesting 13,514 deer on the opening weekend of the 2017 Maryland firearm season ... includes 6,242 antlered and 7,272 antlerless deer, with sika deer accounting for 201 of the antlered and 188 of the antlerless totals...

[22,000 Deer Harvested during Early Season](#) November 9, 2017 Maryland, Southern Maryland News Net

... the early portion of the archery and muzzleloader seasons by harvesting an estimated 22,199 deer in September and October, an 11 percent increase from last year's official harvest of 19,923...

[Appellate Court Finds Bow Hunting in Montgomery County Parks Isn't Animal Cruelty](#) November 1, 2017 Maryland, BethesdaMagazine.com

... A three-judge panel noted [in an opinion](#) written by Judge Donald Beachley that bow hunting is legal in Maryland and found that the park system's pilot program is also permissible, as long as hunters follow all relevant laws and regulations...

[Appeals Court Hears Case Accusing Officials of Animal Cruelty for Bow-Hunting Program](#) October 5, 2017 Maryland, BethesdaMagazine.com

... she doesn't believe the archery program counts as "hunting," in the legal sense ... MNCPPC established the archery program to help control the deer population ... Cohn filed her lawsuit about two years ago in Montgomery County Circuit Court... appealed her case to the Maryland Court of Special Appeals ...

[Montgomery Parks Schedules Closures for Deer Hunts](#) September 8, 2017 Maryland, BethesdaMagazine.com

... sharpshooters and archers ... annual deer management program ... More than 17,000 deer have been killed since the program began 21 years ago ...

[Research reveals globe-trotting history of sika deer](#) May 9, 2017 Maryland, Phys.Org

... sika deer were introduced to Maryland in the early 1900s when Clement Henry released five or six deer on James Island... the deer originated in Japan ... an estimated

12,000 today ... sika deer are mostly digestive, as sika are more grazers—able to eat a wider array of food than the white-tailed deer ...

[Hunters oppose Md. and W.Va. parks' deer-control plan](#) May 2, 2017 Maryland, heraldmailmedia.com

... hunters attending the meeting said they don't think there are as many deer as the park service believes... "We're seeing fewer (deer) all the time," ... Where they once filled feeders every week, now they fill them every month, they said...

[NPS proposes plan to control deer population with sharpshooting, euthanasia](#) April 17, 2017 Maryland and West Virginia, WJLA

... to reduce the population of deer that threatens Harpers Ferry and Chesapeake & Ohio (C&O) Canal national historical parks... [details of the plan](#) ... comment until May 16, 2017 ...

[Three western Maryland National Parks finish operations to reduce the deer populations](#) March 28, 2017 Your 4 State

... Officials with the Monocacy National Battlefield said they were able to "cull" 265 white-tailed deer...

[Maryland Deer Season 2016 Results](#) February 20, 2017 Delmarva Daily Times

... a take of 85,193 deer. Within that total hunters killed 29,042 antlered and 53,318 antlerless white-tailed deer, along with 1,284 antlered and 1,549 antlerless sika deer. The total also included 7,684 deer taken on the limited Sundays open for hunting across the state...

Maryland, [85,193 Deer Harvested During 2016-2017 Hunting Season](#) February 16, 2017 Maryland.gov

... Maryland hunters harvested 85,193 deer during the combined archery, muzzleloader and firearm seasons (Sept. 9, 2016-Jan. 31, 2017), according to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. The harvest exceeded the 2015-2016 total by more than 1,000 deer...

[A win for hunters as bad deer regulation proposals axed](#) February 13, 2017 Maryland, Delmarva Daily Times

... several lawmakers were advancing the Farm Bureau's deer eradication agenda. SB953 ... and HB1111 ... [called for greatly extended firearm deer seasons](#) that would have included the present two week season, two new weeks in early November and all of January....

[4 men charged with deer poaching in Maryland](#) February 1, 2017 Maryland, ABC2 News... Public tips and posts on Snapchat led officers to arrest two men Friday with killing five deer in one night in Frederick County...

[Lawmaker, backed by Farm Bureau, pushes unwise deer regs](#) January 30, 2017 Maryland, Delmarva Daily Times

... Maryland Rep. Johnny Mautz ... increased rifle use for crop damage permits and an extreme lengthening of the deer season... the deer population peaked way back in 2002, that the population is declining and the annual kill is also declining, due in large part to increased bag limits and increased antlerless deer harvests ...

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[Maryland embraces seasonal deer hunt to keep disease pressure down](#) Frederick News Post

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[Maryland 85,193 Deer Harvested During 2016-2017 Hunting Season](#) February 16, 2017

[Fort Meade adds additional deer cull to stem population](#) January 28, 2017 Maryland, CapitalGazette.com

... in response to a population measure of 32 deer per square mile ...The base said the "target goal for a herd is approximately 12 to 18 ... Two USDA marksmen ... will conduct the cull ...

[Delegate seeks input on deer management issues along Eastern shore](#) January 19, 2017 Maryland, My Eastern Shore

... first proposal originated from the farm bureau ... would allow the holder of a crop damage permit who has received a shooter proficiency card from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources to harvest deer with a rifle on their property... expand the hunting firearm season two weeks ...

Antietam, [State OKs deer reduction plan for Antietam battlefield](#) January 12, 2017 Maryland, Washington Post

... sharpshooters from the Agriculture Department's Wildlife Services unit to kill 243 deer ...

2016

[Feeding deer corn in the winter](#) December 24, 2016 Maryland, Carroll County Times
... studies have shown that it takes two to four weeks of feeding on a new food source for deer to establish the microorganisms necessary to obtain nutrients from that food. The time and energy it takes to convert to new microorganisms uses precious fat reserves that could have been spared if the deer had fed continually on natural winter browse...

[Deer reduction underway at Monocacy Civil War battlefield in Md.](#) December 23, 2016 Maryland, Delaware 105.9
... federal sharpshooters have begun killing white-tailed deer ...

[DNR Releases Maryland Deer Stats](#) December 18, 2016 Maryland, WCBC

... Maryland hunters reported taking 35,078 deer during the state's most popular hunt, the two-week firearm season. The total was 12 percent greater than last year's harvest of 31,304 ...

[Maryland firearm deer hunt tally up 12 percent from 2015](#) December 15, 2016 WMDT ... Experts attribute the increase to better weather and the opportunity to hunt on Sundays....

[Md. deer harvest jumps over last year](#) December 2, 2016 Maryland, Herald-Mail Media ... 13,488 deer on Saturday and Sunday — a 24 percent increase over last year's estimate of 10,859. DNR officials said the nice weather likely contributed to the high number ...

[Deer Poacher Pleads Guilty](#) November 25, 2016 Maryland, Southern Maryland News Net

... sentenced to two days in jail, two years of supervised probation and a two-year suspension of his hunting privileges for trespassing on private property... fined \$1,500 for hunting at night ...

[Deer hunting season opens Saturday](#) November 23, 2016 Maryland, Baltimore Sun ... The statewide bag limit per hunter is one antlered white-tailed deer and three sika deer, of which no more than one may be antlered...

[With deer kills down, some possible causes & solutions](#) November 11, 2016 Maryland, Delmarva Now

... another report of the kill decreasing again this year... There are certainly isolated places where the deer numbers are still too high, but statewide, particularly on highly pressured public land, it may be time to start scaling back the deer kill and rebuilding our herds...

Howard County, [Additions to 2016-2017 Deer Management Program Announced](#) October 17, 2016 Maryland, Patch.com

... Howard County Department of Recreation & Parks has announced its fall/winter schedule for managing deer through sharpshooting... noise-suppressed rifles ...

[Two Men Charged For Illegal Deer Hunting](#) October 9, 2016 Maryland, CBS Baltimore ... allegedly killing nearly a dozen deer in the middle of the night and dumping the carcasses. The two suspects face 73 counts of illegal deer hunting ... could result in fines of more than \$50,000 along with jail time...

[Federal government sharpshooters will shoot deer at 2 Civil War battlefields](#) October 4, 2016 Maryland, Richmond.com

... The Agriculture Department sharpshooters plan to kill 243 deer at Antietam National Battlefield and 278 at Monocacy National Battlefield from December through March under a program the park service approved in 2014 ... the first of a multi-year deer reduction plan ...

[Maryland moves to ban spear hunting, restrict air guns](#) September 26, 2016 Washington Times

... banning spear-hunting for big game... limit deer hunting with air guns to the modern firearm season ...

[Maryland Deer Archery Season Opens September 9](#) September 8, 2016 Southern Maryland News Net

... The antler point restriction remains in effect for the coming hunting season. Deer hunters may harvest up to two antlered white-tailed deer within the yearly bag limit that do not meet the requirement of having at least three points on one antler. Any additional antlered deer taken within the established bag limit must meet the minimum point restriction...

[Lake Lingore considering bow hunt to control deer population](#) October 29, 2016 Maryland, Frederick News Post

... The Maryland Department of Natural Resources estimates the rural deer population in areas that could be hunted at 214,000, down 81,000 from its peak in 2003, said George Timko, who has worked at DNR for 24 years...

[Commissioners hear public comments on proposed rifle hunting](#) February 12, 2016

Maryland, My Eastern Shore MD

... Danny Callahan, of Denton, a retired game warden for the Maryland Natural Resources Police and an avid hunter, said a rifle shot can travel 300 yards or more, three times farther than the average shotgun shot... Other people argued rifles are not any more dangerous than shotguns ...

[Deer hunting law debated with delegation](#) Friday March 26, 2016 Maryland, Frederick News-Post

... During the 2015 General Assembly, state lawmakers relaxed the law to allow farmers to hunt deer with a rifle south of I-70 ... once state regulations implementing the bill took effect, the state allowed any and all hunters in the zone to use rifles ...

[Deer poaching restitution bill becomes Md. law](#) June 1, 2016 Maryland, Cumberland Times News Homepage

... mandating significant amounts of financial restitution for illegally killing deer in Maryland ... A buck with antlers scoring more than 150 points brings a restitution of \$5,000 to \$10,000 and 80 hours of community service... A deer without antlers brings a restitution of \$300 to \$500 and 40 hours of community service...

[Maryland Enacts Some of Nation's Stiffest Poaching Penalties](#) June 9, 2016 Field and Stream

... a new law, which went into effect on June 1, restitution for a B&C-sized buck is \$5,000 to \$10,000, plus 80 hours of community service... Iowa has similar maximum penalties ... The average minimum fine among Southeastern, Midwestern, and Northeastern states in 2015 was \$354 per deer ...

[Embracing 9 of the Non-Native and Invasive Species that We Love to Hunt and Fish](#)

February 22, 2016 Maryland, Outdoor Life

...The sika is a deer species native to Japan and other parts of Asia, but they are doing quite well in parts of coastal Maryland, in a few other places in the U.S. ... Sika were released on Assateague Island off Maryland's Dorchester County in the 1920s. Today there are more than 10,000 sika deer in eastern Maryland ...

[For hunters, good news from Annapolis](#) January 11, 2016 Maryland, Delmarva Daily Times

... the Poaching Restitution Act of 2016 ... The act would more strongly define poaching and state policy in law; set mandatory restitution payments for poached whitetails and

sika deer ranging from \$2,000 to \$20,000 based on the Boone and Crocket antler scoring system ...

[Poaching deer in Maryland could become quite expensive](#) January 27, 2016 Maryland, Cumberland Times News Homepage

... Legislation recently introduced at the Maryland General Assembly proposes restitution of up to \$20,000 for people convicted of illegally killing deer on private land...

[Maryland deer harvest declines 3 percent](#) February 11, 2016 buckmasters.com

... The harvest of 84,022 deer represents a 3 percent decrease from last year's total of 86,883. Biologists attribute the decline to reduced deer numbers in some rural areas and poor weather conditions which impeded hunting...

[Md. wildlife officials are very conceiving](#) January 28, 2016 Maryland, Cumberland Times News Homepage

... There is so much baiting of deer by bow and muzzleloader hunters in ... Maryland that it can be difficult for someone with a bear permit to find a place to legally hunt. It's not legal to bait bears...

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[The Maryland General Assembly has passed a bill raising deer-poaching penalties to up to \\$10,000](#) April 8, 2016 The Republic

... The bill would mandate fines of \$5,000 to \$10,000, plus 80 hours of community service, for poaching any deer that scores above 150 inches ...

[Fines for illegally killing Maryland deer may skyrocket after June 1](#) April 14, 2016

Cumberland Times News Homepage

... If the deer has no antlers, the minimum fine will be \$300 and the maximum fine will be \$500. If the deer has antlers, and those antlers are determined by the Boone & Crockett Club's scoring system to be 150 or fewer points, the minimum fine will be \$2,000 and the maximum fine will be \$5,000...

[The mating system of white-tailed deer under Quality Deer Management](#)

MM Turner, CS Deperno, W Booth, EL Vargo... - ... of Wildlife Management, 2016

...Using 8 microsatellite loci and tissue samples harvested from hunter-killed deer at Chesapeake Farms in Chestertown, Maryland, we evaluated 731 deer. The ≥ 3.5 age class dominated mating at Chesapeake Farms, with 41% of paternity. However, together, the 1.5- and 2.5-year-old age classes accounted for more than half of paternity (59%). No evidence of polyandry was detected. Our results indicate the interaction between the sex ratio and age structure, fostered by strategies that balance the sex ratio and extend the male age structure, facilitate breeding by younger males...

2015

[23,000 Deer Harvested in Maryland during Early Hunting Season](#) November 18, 2015

Southern Maryland News Net

... an estimated 23,048 deer during September and October — five percent higher than last year's harvest of 21,965... biologists attribute the increased harvest to a scarcity of acorns across most of the state, causing deer to move more ...

[Bad idea: Selling meat from Md.'s wild deer](#) February 22, 2015 Maryland, Cumberland

Times News Homepage

... Senate Bill 748 would make it legal for people who kill deer via crop damage permits to sell the venison. Hooo boy! ... Putting a price on the head of a wild animal can be perilous to the critter's future...

[Biologist clarifies Md. deer harvest](#) January 18, 2015 Maryland, Cumberland Times-News

... In 1999 (15 years ago) the harvest was 77,660. Twenty years ago (1994) the harvest was 50,871. So substantially more deer are being harvested today with fewer hunters. Maryland's peak harvests (100,000+) were just 5-6 years ago and coincided with the economic recession. The increase in harvest during those years was most likely related to people being out of work and wanting venison for their freezer...

[Drop in deer harvest during firearm season](#) January 6, 2015 Maryland, My Eastern Shore MD

... According to preliminary data released by the state Department of Natural Resources, deer hunters in Maryland reported bagging 34,053 deer during the Nov. 29-Dec. 13 shotgun season. This is about 7 percent less than the 2013 total of 36,572... A total of 22,422 antlerless white-tailed deer were killed during the two-week firearm season — more than double the number of antlered white-tails (10,518). ...

[Fewer hunters in Kent, statewide report bagging deer during firearm season](#) December 28, 2015 Maryland, My Eastern Shore

... The harvest of sika deer in 2015 declined; hunters reported 390 antlered and 581 antlerless deer, compared to 471 antlered and 670 antlerless in 2014. The bag limit for antlerless sika deer was increased in 2014 in response to rising agricultural damage complaints...

[Government sharpshooters kill 119 deer in Md. national park](#) March 9, 2015 Maryland, Washington Post

... Sharpshooters from the U.S. Agriculture Department's Wildlife Services division ... eliminated 1,087 deer from the park since 2010...

[Hunters take aim at potential legislation](#) February 6, 2015 Maryland, capitalgazette.com

... The 2014 Deer Population Management Report. that lists ideas to maintain and cull regional deer populations that may be out of control... Deer population has been declining for about a decade ... Hunters argue that compliance oversight on the DMP's could lead to "wholesale" harvesting of regional deer populations ... DNR also floated the ideas of commercial sale of venison ...

[Ideas aimed at killing more Maryland deer](#) January 18, 2015 Maryland, Cumberland Times News Homepage

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[Maryland Deer Archery Season to Open September 11](#) September 5, 2015 Southern Maryland News Net... a [statewide bag limit](#) for bucks of one per weapon season ... [antler point restriction](#) mandates that hunters may not harvest more than two white-tailed deer within the yearly bag limit that have two or fewer points on each antler present...

[Md. deer biologist reacts to Outdoor Editor Mike Sawyers' column](#) January 15, 2015 Maryland, Cumberland Times News Homepage

... DNR makes decisions regarding deer seasons and bag limits largely based on annual female harvest and deer population estimates. The general rule is to harvest 30-35 percent of the female population to stabilize the herd, and over 40 percent to reduce it...

[Plan to increase Allegany County deer herd](#) July 22, 2015 Maryland, Cumberland Times News Homepage

... there are hunters in Allegany County who believe that the deer population between Westernport and Orleans has dwindled to an alarming number... After one season of hunters not using bait, the number of deer carrying over into the next year should be significant...

2014

[2013-14 Deer Season Results Released](#) February 15, 2014 Maryland, smnewsnet.com

... Maryland hunters harvested 95,863 deer during the archery, muzzleloader and firearm seasons combined (September 6, 2013 through January 31, 2014). The harvest shows a 10 percent increase over last year's total of 87,541. Biologists attribute the higher numbers to multiple factors including more hunters participating and better hunting conditions, with deer actively searching for acorns that were scarce in most locations...

[A sika deer in full view](#) June 29, 2014 Maryland, Delmarva Now

... They were originally released on James Island, at the mouth of the Little Choptank River, just over 100 years ago and spread from there to fill lower Dorchester County and much of the Lower Shore ... never hooked around to populate the northern side of the river ... there's a good chance I have two sika on the place. Happy day! ...

[As blue law fades, Sunday hunting moves forward](#) April 8, 2014 Maryland, The Baltimore Sun

... hunting generally has been prohibited on Sundays in Maryland since the early 18th century ... In 2003, the General Assembly made it possible for some rural Maryland counties to allow Sunday hunting on private land... Steuart Pittman, who handles legislative matters for the Maryland Horse Council, says his organization's main concern is public safety during deer season. "People who ride horses, hike, bird-watch, mountain-bike ... stay home when the hunters are out," ...

[As It Turns Out, Deer Munching on Plants is Good for the Environment](#) April 11, 2014

Maryland, Care2.com

... The latest study, [published this month in the journal Proceedings of the Royal Society B](#) ... The researchers, a team from the Smithsonian, chose a Maryland forest as their setting and planted 140 3x3 plots of saplings ... After three years, the researchers discovered that the plots with higher diversity were the ones the deer had grazed. The researchers believe that the deer acted, in a sense, as instinctual gardeners...

[Bill Would Ease Deer Hunting In Montgomery County](#) July 18, 2014 Maryland, WAMU

... The General Assembly this year passed its own version of a bill that cuts the distance archery hunters must be from occupied buildings to 100 yards from the previous 150...

[Calvert's deer harvest rises dramatically](#) February 15, 2014 Maryland, Bay Net

... "Our deer harvest rebounded to levels closer to what they were before last year's significant decline," stated Brian Eyler, DNR deer project leader. Eyler attributed the spike to more hunters, better weather conditions and deer actively searching for acorns...

[Catoctin Mountain Park Announces Area Closures. Deer Reduction Activities](#) March 10,

2014 Maryland, PressReleasePoint.com

... Deer herd reduction is being carried out by qualified federal employees on Tuesday and Wednesday March 11- 12, since public hunting is not permitted in Catoctin Mountain Park....

[County lawmakers want to join Sunday deer hunting bill](#) February 8, 2014 Maryland,

Frederick News-Post

... A bill already in the Maryland General Assembly aims to allow deer hunting in Allegany, Garrett and Washington counties on certain Sundays ... Representatives from

the equestrian community also doubted Sunday hunting's effectiveness as a tactic for controlling deer counts... a public meeting scheduled for Monday at Winchester Hall...

[Deer Archery Season to Open September 5](#) August 20, 2014 Maryland, Southern Maryland News Net

... New this year, in Region A hunters may take only two antlerless deer for the license year. Also new, an antler point restriction institutes that a hunter may not harvest more than two white-tailed deer within the yearly bag limit that have two or fewer points on each antler present. ...

Deer Baiting, House Bill 860 February 16, 2014 Maryland, [WildlifeRescueInc](#)

Update: This bill was withdrawn in early March

... This Wednesday there is a hearing on a Statewide House Bill (860) that will make it illegal for the 98% of all Marylanders who do not hunt to feed the deer. Even if you are feeding birds, squirrels, ducks or any other animals, you can be charged with a misdemeanor and fined up to \$500.00 plus court costs since the deer eat a lot of the same food! Hunters will be able to legally bait and feed deer to kill them. We will not be able to feed deer for non-lethal birth control projects. There is no other state in our country that has such a law. Most prohibit hunters from shooting deer over bait and feed.

Delegate David Frazier-Hidalgo the main sponsor of the bill has stated that this bill is for neighbors to report neighbors who are feeding the deer. So if you have a problem with a neighbor, they could just call the Natural Resources Police and say you are feeding the deer just to get even with you. The same Natural Resources Police who are very understaffed and cannot respond to much more serious violations like illegal hunting, poaching and trespassing. When asked if he had any data or evidence to justify his claim that this will help reduce the deer population, he did not. And since this bill cannot be enforced, all it will do is create major headaches for an already overburdened court system, so it needs to be pulled now.

[Deer kill up in Allegany, but drops off in Garrett](#) February 22, 2014

Maryland, Cumberland Times-News

... Maryland hunters harvested 95,863 deer during the archery, muzzleloader and firearm seasons from Sept. 6 through Jan. 31... 30,998 antlered and 62,164 antlerless white-tailed deer ...

[Expanded Sunday Hunting Regulations Put On Hold](#) September 23, 2014 Maryland,

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[How many deer on Green Ridge?](#) April 12, 2014 Maryland, Cumberland Times-News

... 20 to 30 deer per square mile on the Green Ridge State Forest ... The study showed a ratio of three does for every buck and a ratio of one fawn for every two does... the density of 20 to 30 deer per square mile found on the Green Ridge is about the same number found statewide ...

[Hunting season puts venison on Maryland tables](#) December 28, 2014 Maryland, Cecil

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... From the 2009-10 hunting season, when 100,663 were killed, until 2012-13, the number of deer harvested declined every year. In 2013-14, 95,863 deer were harvested — nearly 10,000 more than the previous season...

[Md. DNR backs off on expanded Sunday hunting](#) September 5, 2014 Maryland,
Beaumont Enterprise

... The Maryland Horse Council objected in August to the DNR's plan to implement the rules as "emergency regulations." The group requested a hearing before a legislative committee on whether the DNR's action was proper...

[Muzzleloader Deer season to reopen December 20th](#) December 6, 2014 Maryland, Bay
Net

... new this year, an antler point restriction has been established for white-tailed deer hunting... hunters may harvest up to two antlered deer with two or fewer points on each antler. Any additional antlered deer taken within the legal seasons and bag limits must have at least three points on one antler...

[National Park Service OKs deer kill at Civil War battlefields](#) September 23, 2014 The
Daily Record

... The National Park Service is giving its approval to a plan that would have government sharpshooters kill more than 2,800 white-tailed deer at three Civil War battlefields in Maryland and Virginia over the next five years...

[NRP Charges Two Pennsylvania Hunters with Baiting Deer](#) September 28, 2014
Maryland, newstweeters.com

... Two Pennsylvania men were charged today with illegal deer hunting on state land in Washington County, the Maryland Natural Resources Police reported... In addition to the baiting charge, the hunters were issued warnings for having permanent tree stands and blinds in a Wildlife Management Area... If found guilty, each hunter faces a maximum fine of \$1,500...

[Oh, deer GPS collar tracks one buck's intrepid journey](#) December 18, 2014 Maryland,
DC Military

... “The last GPS point we have on the St. Mary’s County side is at 8 p.m.,” Swift said. “The next point shows up at 10 p.m. in Calvert County. Sometime between those two hours, that buck swam 1.5 miles across the Patuxent River.” Once on the other side, the deer moved through Jefferson Patterson Park and trekked over to Calvert Cliffs, where he spent the rutting season...

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[Permits allow hunting on farmers’ fields to control crop-eating deer](#) December 31, 2014 Maryland, Gazette Net

... farmers with crop loss or damage can contact their county Department of Natural Resources representative who sends a technologist or a biologist to evaluate the property... Each permit allows for a certain number of deer to be killed based on the department’s assessment...

[Permits Allow Hunting on Md. Farmers' Fields to Control Crop-Eating Deer](#) December 18, 2014 Maryland, Southern Maryland Online

... Based on the acreage, crops, damage, and the status of surrounding farms, the department issues a certain number of permits to the farmer... “Permits are for antlerless deer only,” ... Does are the primary targets for deer management because removing one doe essentially eliminates three deer for the next year ...

[Plan targeting 2,800 battlefield deer progresses](#) August 1, 2014 Maryland, Washington Post

... The National Park Service tentatively approved a plan Friday that envisions government sharpshooters killing more than 2,800 white-tailed deer at three Civil War battlefields in Maryland and Virginia over the next five years to curb damage to plants and trees... [Open for public comment until September 3.](#)

[Plentiful acorns, erratic weather mean less opportunity for Harford deer hunters](#) December 19, 2014 Maryland, Carroll County Times

... "Whenever we have a good acorn year, our deer harvest drops because deer do not move as much in search of food... the harvest is down about 12 percent right now," " Brian Eyler, deer project leader ... Natural resources officials estimated a deer population of 227,000 when the 2014 deer hunting season began in September...

[Signs of a poor deer season are upon us](#) December 9, 2014 Maryland, Cumberland Times News Homepage

... the Allegany County harvest from the early muzzleloader season and from the bow season through the end of October was down 18 percent...

[Sunday Hunting Expanded in Western Maryland](#) May 21, 2014 Your 4 State

... "Frederick County was allowed to increase the days of Sunday hunting for deer only. In Washington, Garrett, and Allegany Counties, they increased the days for Sunday hunting but for deer, plus other game species that are allowed to be hunted in those counties," ...

[USDA shooters kill 156 deer in 5th year of reduction program at Md.'s Catoctin Mountain Park](#) April 4, 2014 Maryland, The Republic

... The program has eliminated 968 deer ... The program aims to kill more than 2,000 deer over 15 years...

[Western Maryland Sunday hunting challenged](#) August 12, 2014 Cumberland Times News Homepage

... The equine group is seeking a hearing before a joint committee of the General Assembly on whether the DNR properly added Sunday hunting opportunities this fall for white-tailed deer, other mammals and some game birds as an “emergency” provision, without a 30-day window for public comment...

[Western Maryland Sunday hunting expansion bills get blessing of governor](#) May 15, 2014 Cumberland Times News Homepage

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[Worcester Among Leaders In Deer Harvest](#) December 30, 2014 Maryland, The Dispatch

... Maryland hunters took over 34,000 deer during the popular two-week firearm season ... total harvest was down about seven percent compared to last year’s two-week total of 36,572 total deer harvested, a decline blamed largely on significant rain and wind ...

[‘Deer Wars Bill’ awaits Md. governor’s signature](#) April 27, 2014 Maryland, Cumberland Times News Homepage

... a war against deer in Charles and St. Mary’s counties, a war that the deer and deer hunters will lose. The bill, with the intent to reduce crop damage, requires: Department of Natural Resources to establish a program to train rifle shooters to kill deer (currently,

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[Beitzel shoots down 3-point deer bill](#) March 11, 2013 Maryland, Cumberland Times-News

Legislation that would have required deer hunters in Garrett County to take only bucks with at least three antler points on one side was withdrawn Monday by its sponsor, Delegate Wendell Beitzel... Based upon statistics from the DNR that a low number of fawns were being brought into the deer population in recent years, QDM [Quality Deer Management] officials in Garrett County requested that Beitzel withdraw the bill...

[Deer are waiting but are hunters ready?](#) November 19, 2013 Maryland, Carroll County Online

... According to statistics provided by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, annual purchases of regular residential hunting licenses — which include deer and a small amount of turkey and squirrel hunting — have declined from 91,524 in 2003, to 77,488 in 2012...

[Deer co-op starts near Hancock](#) July 28, 2013 Maryland, Cumberland Times-News

... We have recently formed a Quality Deer Management Association cooperative in Washington County, in the Hancock and Big Pool area.... While I loved my upbringing in the outdoors, I want to leave behind a healthier deer herd than the one I hunted growing up in Western Maryland, and I truly believe that QDM is the vehicle to take us there...

[Deer harvests up compared with last year](#) November 10, 2013 Maryland, Baltimore Sun
.. 28,023 deer during September and October — 26 percent higher than last year's below-average harvest of 22,283 for the period. Last year's low harvest was attributable to an abundant acorn crop, which resulted in deer moving less in search of food ...

[Deer hunting: private vs. public lands](#) November 24, 2013 Maryland, Frederick News-Post

... Frederick County leads all other Maryland counties in total number of harvested deer reported with 7,634 of the 87,541 deer harvested in Maryland during the combined deer hunting seasons for 2012-2013. Most of the deer taken in Frederick County each fall are harvested on private land... Private lands typically have less hunting pressure than public lands... Baiting deer is legal on private land ...

[Deer tally from Md. firearm season up 2 percent](#) December 19, 2013 Maryland, Washington Post

... The agency reported a preliminary tally Thursday of nearly 37,000. That's up from just over 36,000 in 2012...

[Early numbers are in for deer](#) November 13, 2013 Maryland, Maryland Community Newspapers Online

... According to just-released figures from Maryland's Department of Natural Resources, 28,023 deer were killed during the early muzzleloader and archery seasons during September and October compared to only 22,283 from this same time last year ... 15,436 deer were taken during the early part of the archery season (9,780 with vertical

bows and 5,656 with crossbows), while 12,436 were checked in during the muzzleloader season ...

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[Maryland two-week firearm deer season begins with excellent hunting weather](#)

November 29, 2013 Herald-Mail Media

... The 2012-13 deer harvest from the archery, muzzleloader and firearm seasons was down by about 11 percent from 2011-12, falling from 98,029 to 87,541, according to the Maryland Annual Deer report.... The report predicted "the harvest will remain lower for the foreseeable future," due, in part, to the high numbers harvested in recent years...

[Md.'s Firearm Deer Season Opens](#) November 29, 2013 Maryland, NBC Washington

... Maryland's total deer harvest last year dropped below 90,000 for the first time in a decade...

[Monocacy National Battlefield Deer Cull](#) September 4, 2013 Maryland, "Natural World" Through My Camera

... The public meeting held on August 28, 2013 to review and provide input to the proposed Whitetail Deer Management Plan was very lightly attended. I would estimate that less than twenty individuals ... Cost for sharpshooters is \$195,800... review the full proposal here:

<http://parkplanning.nps.gov/documentsOpenForReview.cfm?parkID=173&projectID=354>
[57](#)

[Park Service Proposes Shooting Deer In Three National Battlefield Parks](#) August 13, 2013 Maryland, WAMU

... In a draft plan, the service says that it hopes to include the use of sharpshooters as part of an initiative to control the deer population at the Maryland battlefields of Antietam and Monocacy and the Virginia battlefield of Manassas. As part of the plan, non-lethal means such as enclosures and nonsurgical reproductive control could be used ... Public comments will be accepted until September 27, 2013. [Read the plan and see how to comment.](#)

[Price increase for hunting licenses introduced in Md.](#) February 9, 2013 Maryland, Delmarva Now

... SB619, formally called the Wildlife Management and Sustainability Act of 2013 ... The only increase for a Maryland resident is \$12.50 more for the general license. Non-resident hunters see only \$20 increases on the full season and three-day licenses...

[Sika deer hunting at Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge, Maryland](#) November 30, 2013 examiner.com

... Originally native to Eastern Asia, the sika Deer was first introduced into the eastern United States as an ornamental animal meant to roam parklands, but has since thrived ... smaller and darker than the commonly seen whitetail deer reside in thick marshes ...

[Survey asked Allegany, Garrett hunters about antler point restriction](#) December 21, 2013 Maryland, Cumberland Times-News

... The survey found support for antler restrictions from 56 percent of deer hunters living in Garrett County, 65 percent in Allegany County, and 69 percent by those who reside elsewhere in the state but hunt deer in one of the two western counties. There was

notably less support for antler restrictions when landowners were surveyed, as only 40 percent in Garrett County and 41 percent in Allegany supported mandatory antler restrictions...

[Westover Hunter Finds Grisly Dead Deer Dumping Site](#) December 7, 2013 Maryland, WBOC

... You can see the hooves of a dead deer sticking out of the grass. The deer weren't harvested. They seem to be shot and left to rot. ..

2012

[Allegany County buck kill down 60 percent since 2001](#) December 22, 2012 Maryland, Michael A. Sawyers Cumberland Times-News

... we like deer. We like watching and photographing them all year long. We like hunting them ... Brian Eyler, who leads the deer management program for Maryland, says he isn't worried ... Eyler said the buck harvest in the county is likely to bounce right back in 2013... the state does not want to return to the days when that many whitetails roamed the woods of Almost Maryland.

[Cougars in Eastern Woods Give Many Pause](#) January 17, 2012 Maryland, Southern Maryland Online

The Cougar Rewilding Foundation (easterncougar.org) ...

Cougars ... are rare east of the Rocky Mountain front. Breeding cougars are making their way back into Nebraska and the Dakotas; cougars have been spotted up north across the Canadian border and as far east as Connecticut. But these random animals are what are known as "dispersing" young males that are basically looking for love in all the wrong places. Females are unlikely to travel far from their home ...

[Deer firearm season begins Saturday in Maryland](#) November 23, 2012 Baltimore Sun

... The deer population throughout the state has stabilized in the past five years despite the challenges still faced by management programs in Maryland's more human populated areas such as Baltimore, Howard and Montgomery counties.,, He is quick to add that "we're a lot better off than we were five or 10 years ago, but we still have a lot of deer." Eyler said that the change started to occur when the focus was shifted toward loosening the reins on the bag limits for antlerless, or female, deers...

[Deer harvest during firearm season drops in Kent, statewide](#) December 26, 2012

Maryland, My Eastern Shore

According to preliminary results released by the state Department of Natural Resources, hunters in Maryland bagged 36,088 deer during the two-week shotgun season that ended Dec. 8. This is 13 percent less than the 41,421 deer taken during the 2011 firearm season... Maryland's firearm deer season reopens Jan. 4-5 for white-tailed and sika deer in Region B only....

[Deer hunting in Maryland is about to change](#) March 18, 2012 Carroll County Times

... The new deer hunting regulations being proposed by Maryland Department of Natural Resources (MDDNR) will reduce the number of antlered deer a hunter may harvest from two per weapon season to one per weapon season statewide, for a total of three bucks per season... MDDNR offers this rationale for the change. The change would simplify the regulations and is anticipated to result in a modest reduction in buck harvest...

[Deer hunting in Maryland is about to change](#) March 18, 2012 Carroll County Times

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[DNR hears public, revises plan](#) March 18, 2012 Maryland, Annapolis Capital

... when Maryland's Department of Natural Resources (DNR) said it wanted to increase the cost of hunting licenses, they faced stiff opposition... the DNR ... agreed to scale back the rate increases... For resident hunters the basic license will increase nearly 60 percent, from \$24.50 to \$40.

[Changes in hunting regulations proposed](#) March 31, 2012 Maryland, Baltimore Sun

... proposals include extending the archery season for white-tailed and sika deer, as well as the fox hunting season, and reopening the river otter season in Allegany and Garrett counties. They also would change the bag limits for white-tailed deer ... It would reduce the overall buck bag limit to three per year (down from nine), or one per weapon season (bow season, muzzleloader season and firearm season)...

[DNR revises proposed hunting fees](#) March 7, 2012 Maryland, Cumberland Times-News

... the base resident adult license will still allow the hunting of small game, turkeys and deer during the firearms season, but cost \$40 instead of \$24.50.... the entire hunting package that now costs a resident \$45.50 will be priced at \$72, but not the \$95 that was initially being proposed. Nonresident fees would increase as well. The base license that now sells for \$130 would be \$160.

[Fewer deer taken in this year's two-week firearm hunting season](#) December 15, 2012 Maryland, Baltimore Sun

... hunters took more than 36,000 deer during the two-week firearm season ... Brian Eyler, deer project leader for the DNR, said last month that officials hoped for a harvest of between 40,000 and 50,000 of the state's minimum estimated population of about 230,000 deer... nasty weather on the .. the traditional first weekend of the firearm deer-hunting season — as well as the plentiful acorn crop ...

[Maryland preliminary deer firearm season results announced](#) December 14, 2012, ABC2 News

Hunters reported taking 36,088 deer during the statewide, two-week firearm deer season, which ended on December 8. This harvest represents a 13 percent decline compared to the 41,421 deer taken during the 2011 firearm season...

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[Maryland DNR releases results of 2011'12 deer hunting season](#) February 10, 2012 By Andrew Koch-WGMD News

Maryland deer hunters harvested 98,029 deer during the 2011-2012 bow, muzzleloader and firearm seasons combined. This figure is similar to last year's harvest of 98,663 deer. The antlered harvest increased 3 percent to 34,416 this year, while the antlerless harvest declined 3 percent to 63,613 deer. The harvest totals include 2,657 sika deer; a 4 percent decrease from last year's total for this species. "Deer harvest results this year were the fourth highest on record and similar to last year,"

[Maryland encourages residents to create wildlife habitats](#) June 10, 2012 WTOP

Maryland natural resources officials and the National Wildlife Federation are pushing for more residents to slow the loss of wildlife habitats... birds, butterflies, frogs, ducks, deer, owls, wild turkeys and a coyote or two. Residents must look to provide food, water, cover and a place for wildlife to raise their young, David Mizejewski, a naturalist with the National Wildlife Federation, said.... "With all the development going on, the wildlife are pushed into ever-declining wildlife areas," Mizejewski said. "It doesn't have to be that way."

[Maryland hunting regulations ready for public review](#) February 25, 2012 Cumberland Times-News

... Allow bowhunters in Region B to harvest unlimited number of antlerless deer during season. • Liberalize the movement of carcasses and parts of deer killed within the chronic wasting disease management area in Allegany County ... Comments may be made online via www.dnr.state.md.us or in person by attending public meetings.

[Md. Hunters Kill 98000 Deer](#) February 8, 2012 Maryland, CBS Local

Hunters killed 98,663 deer during the 2010-2011 season... DNR Deer Project Leader Brian Eyler says data show the state's deer herd is healthy and abundant.

[Number of deer taken in first week of firearm season down](#) December 1, 2012

Maryland, Baltimore Sun (blog)

According to Brian Eyler, Deer Project Leader for the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, colder than normal temperatures and windy conditions, as well as an abundance of acorns ... 15,829 whitetails taken compared to 17,613 last year. Of the whitetails taken, 6,759 were antlered and 9,070 were without antlers. Last year, 7,552 antlered deer and 10,061 antlerless were taken...

[Oh deer: farmers blame wildlife for crop losses](#) April 30, 2012 Maryland, WBAL

Baltimore

Wildlife caused an estimated \$10 million in crop losses last year, according to Maryland farmers ... Deer were blamed for more than three-quarters of the damage... Maryland farmers spent an estimated \$410,000 last year on preventative measures such as fences, repellents and devices to scare away wildlife.

[Proposed rise in fee has some hunters up in arms](#) February 25, 2012 Maryland, Baltimore Sun

With many hunters focusing mostly on deer, the cost of management, research and catching poachers has skyrocketed ... lawmakers who soon are expected to vote on the first increase in hunting license fees in more than two decades ... Since 1989, hunters have paid a basic \$24.50 fee and \$6 for each stamp needed ... the current number of in-state hunters (a little more than 80,000) is relatively stable, it represents a "a major decline" in the hunting population since its height of about 180,000 in the 1970s.

[Rules may change for Shore hunters](#) March 10, 2012 Maryland, Delmarva Daily Times

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2011

[Calvert Prepares to Thin the Herd](#) July 28, 2011 Maryland, Bay Net

Hunters harvested over 1800 deer during that same period. Utilizing deer management permits, local the DNR has estimated Calvert's deer population to be roughly 7,525. The DNR is recommending jurisdictions use a blend of lethal and nonlethal actions and consider reproductive control measures in order to downsize the deer population. Timko admitted the measures will not appeal to all citizens since some individuals "believe they [deer] should be managed like Bambi."

[Comment on the Deer Management Plan for Monocacy National Battlefield](#) (by July 1) June 11.

2011 MarylandDustin Rhodes, a Washington, D.C. resident who works for a branch of Friends of Animals, a nonprofit animal advocacy operation, said his organization wants to see the deer left alone. "We're taking the stance of leaving the deer alone, even if it means starving deer," Rhodes said. "We believe there's a lot of science that says if left to their own devices, the herd will control its population. We believe that a lot of the problems of deer come from the measures designed to thin the herds." The meeting is the first step in a process that could take until 2014

to see a plan implemented, according to the information presented at the meeting. According to Susan Trail, the park superintendent, no additional meeting dates have been set. To comment [comment period ended July 1] on the deer plan, visit

<http://parkplanning.nps.gov/battlefielddeerplan>, or write to National Park Service, Three Battlefields Deer Management Plan, c/o Ed Wenschhof, Antietam National Battlefield, P.O. Box 158, Sharpsburg, MD, 21782.

[Deer harvest up in Allegany, down in Garrett](#) December 20, 2011 Maryland, Cumberland Times-News

... Statewide, 41,421 deer were killed from Nov. 26 through Dec. 11. "Nearly half of the annual deer harvest occurs during this period and a large portion of the harvest consists of female deer," Eyler said [heads the deer project for the wildlife service] ... The deer were in good physical condition ... Public meetings will be conducted in March to establish hunting regulations for the next two years.

[Deer kill numbers up slightly on Shore](#) December 14, 2011 Maryland, Delmarva Daily Times ... "Ideally we're trying to maintain the population, so what we'd like to see is the harvest stay fairly consistent. The antler harvest is a good indicator of what the population is doing, because the bag limit stays pretty much the same every year," said Eyler [Brian Eyler, deer project head for the Maryland Department of Natural Resources] ... some area hunters say they just didn't see as many deer in the woods this season.

[Deer killed by two dogs off leash at Great Falls](#) December 10, 2011 Maryland, WJLA

The National Park Service reports that off-leash dogs have killed at least three deer in the last week as witnessed by park staff and visitors. And they have a stern warning for dog owners allowing their pets to go off leash in the parks. ... the park service is warning that dogs harassing wildlife animals may be put down on site.

[DNR has new regs to prevent spread of deer disease](#) September 7, 2011 Houston Chronicle.

Maryland

Maryland's Department of Natural Resources has implemented new regulations to help stop the spread of chronic wasting disease in deer. The regulations ban the use of bait and limit the movement of deer carcasses ...

[Living with Wildlife](#) October 11, 2011 Maryland Maryland Department of Natural Resources -Maryland.gov

Feeding wildlife is not illegal in Maryland, unless you are baiting certain game species while hunting (see [Maryland Hunting and Trapping Guide](#) for regulations).

[Loch Raven needs rules, but not deer hunters](#) June 28, 2011 Maryland Baltimore Sun

I am a hike leader for The Mountain Club of Maryland and we recently have been required to carry an individual permit for each hike with us and be ready to present it to a ranger if asked. We gladly do this in the spirit of cooperation to help the ...more emphasis on other ways to manage deer and promote forest growth, aside from hunting, need to be taken seriously and fully implemented.

[Maryland deer kill totals up slightly](#) January 6, 2011 genemuellerfishing.com

... they managed to shoot an estimated 41,421 deer — a 2 percent increase from last year's kill of 40,694 deer for the same period. This year's total included 14,302 antlered deer and 27,119 antlerless deer. Sika deer totals were 455 antlered and 549 antlerless...

[Road bias for deer density estimates at 2 national parks in Maryland](#) September 22, 2011 Wildlife Society Bulletin, William J. McShea, Chad M. Stewart, Laura Kearns, Scott Bates

Estimating the population density of deer is an essential task for public agencies that plan a herd reduction... Many of these surveys are conducted along public roads due to limited resources and

accessibility, which may violate a critical assumption of distance sampling and potentially introduce sampling bias. We used infrared cameras to confirm deer activity with respect to survey roads ... Although density estimation using DISTANCE can account for most sources of error introduced by use of public roads, our data indicate bias is likely to occur in landscapes with high road densities and long sight distances....

[Sharpshooters kill 192 deer at Maryland national park](#) April 29, 2011 Management 1340 WGAU

The National Park Service says sharpshooters killed 192 white-tailed deer at Catoclin Mountain Park near Thurmont in the second year of a herd-reduction program.

[Sharpshooters take aim at more deer to reduce herd in Catoclin Mountain Park](#) November 14, 2011 Maryland, The Republic

... The National Park Service says it's beginning the third annual round of shooting Monday to reduce the number of white-tailed deer in the park ... Sharpshooters killed a total of 425 deer in the first two years of the program ...

Population Estimate

[Maryland Draft Deer Plan](#) October, 2020, Maryland DNR

... The population increased from an estimated 246,000 deer in 1998 to a high of nearly 300,000 individuals in 2002 before declining to an estimated low of 199,000 in 2014.

The population was estimated at 207,000 individuals in 2018. Liberal seasons and bag limits enacted for antlerless deer have successfully stabilized and/or reduced deer populations in many areas..,

