

CWD By the Numbers as of Dec. 15, 2023 North Carolina Wildlife Commission

The Wildlife Commission continues to test hunter-harvested deer for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) statewide. As of Dec. 15, 2023, biologists have:

- Collected tissue samples from 25,368 deer
- Received “Not Detected” results from 8,187 of those samples
- Received “Positive” results for five samples (3 Cumberland County, 1 Johnston County, 1 Franklin County)

Biologists expect to receive results on the remaining 17,176 samples in the next four to six weeks and will send out a report on those samples once testing is completed.

The three positive positive samples from Cumberland County this year have come from deer that lived within 8 miles of the initial CWD-positive deer that was detected in Cumberland County last year. This cluster of CWD-positive samples is east of I95 and north of the Cape Fear River.