

Historic Deer Population in the South

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... The deer population increased from about 303,500 in the mid-forties to about 2,405,000 at the present time and the kill increased from about 60,133 in 1950 to 274,184 in 1967 in the 11 Southern States on which data are available.... p. 3

Table 1.—History and status of deer restoration in the South

State	Year restocking program started	Source of deer	Percent of State open to hunting prior to restocking	Percent of State open to hunting now	Before restocking		Now	
					Deer population	Deer kill	Deer population	Deer kill
Alabama	¹ 1945 ² (1925)	Alabama Wisconsin N. Carolina	16	100	(1940) 15,000	(1950) 4,000	350,000	20,000
Arkansas	1945 (1940)	Arkansas Wisconsin	—10	99 +	25,000	(1950) 4,112	250,000	21,750
Florida	1948 (1938)	Florida Wisconsin Texas	90?	90	33,000	(1950) 6,000	300,000	40,000
Georgia	1950 (1928)	Georgia Wisconsin Texas	10	90	(1940) 3,000	(1950) 8,000	150,000	20,000
Kentucky	1946	Kentucky Wisconsin	0	75	(1950) 2,000	0	65,000	8,000
Louisiana	1948 (1920's)	Louisiana Wisconsin Texas	30	95	(1947) 67,000	5,000	200,000	32,500
Mississippi	1944 (1937)	N. Carolina Mexico	30	95	(1941) 2,500	507	275,000	30,000
North Carolina	1944 (1937)	Wisconsin N. Carolina	—50	70	(1944) 50,000	(1950) 15,000	370,000	39,000
South Carolina	1951	S. Carolina	40	70	(1950) 80,000	(1950) 10,000	170,000	30,000
Tennessee	1947	Wisconsin Tennessee	0	75	(1946) 1,000	0	75,000	8,000
Virginia	1938	Wisconsin Pennsylvania	50	97	(1938) 25,000	(1951) 7,514	200,000	24,934
Total			29	87	303,500	60,133	2,405,000	274,184

¹ Year when major effort was begun.

² Year when initial restocking started.