

[Texas Deer Season 2012: Hunting Forecast](#), October 3, 2012

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... Most areas experienced a low fawn crop last year as to be expected but we had very few reports of any significant adult mortality related to the drought and there are still 3.3 million deer in Texas ... The Texas Hill Country, known for higher deer populations, has also received pretty good rains ...

[Outlook favorable for deer season](#) November 7, 2013 Texas

Bandera County Courier

...Dry conditions in 2011 resulted in a significant decline in fawn production, down to 29 percent for the statewide estimate, a 24 percent departure from the long term average. Fawn crops bounced back in 2012 at 47 percent and Cain anticipates survey results will show a higher fawn crop this year. In fact, Cain is hearing reports from landowners as well as TPWD biologists of fawn production in the 60 to 80 percent range in the Hill Country and similar reports of good fawn production in other areas of the state...

[Texas Deer Population in 2012](#) June 16, 2013 Texas, Lubbock Online

... Alan Cain, TPWD's white-tailed deer program leader, said the 2012 estimate for the Texas whitetail herd was 3.69 million animals. For the last eight years, he said, statewide fawn survival has averaged just 44 percent annually. That's nearly 800,000 animals. During the catastrophic drought of 2011, statewide fawn survival was 29 percent, but only 5 percent of the fawns survived in the Western Rolling Plains Region...

[Drought may still take toll on habitat, wildlife](#) March 14, 2012 Texas, Houston Chronicle

This past year was brutal ... White-tailed deer in the western Edwards Plateau were especially hard hit... The result was ugly. Few does dropped fawns ... the combination of drought-scorched habitat weakening deer and an outbreak of insect-transmitted EHD (epizootic hemorrhagic disease) and bluetongue (a viral disease), which raced through the stressed population, was "Mother Nature taking a razor and just cutting,"

[Prospects Good for Texas Deer](#) October 23, 2012 Brownwood News

... "Despite the drought of 2011 deer appeared to come through the season in fair shape ... " said Alan Cain, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department white-tailed deer program

leader... "Although we had a few dry spells during mid-summer, I'm seeing and hearing reports of deer appearing in good body condition ... In fact, range conditions look good across most of the state ...

[Texas Deer abundant as hunting season opens](#) October 30, 2012 Texas, Your Houston News

"Despite the drought of 2011 deer appeared to come through the season in fair shape ... Couple the results of good management, lower harvest in 2011 and some late winter and spring precipitation and the stage is set for a good deer season in 2012... Texas, with 3.3 million white-tailed deer, boasts the largest population in the nation...

[TPWD reports strong first half for deer season](#) December 1, 2012 Texas, San Angelo Standard Times

... Alan Cain, whitetail deer program leader for the TPWD, reports that first half results are been very good. "Summer and early fall rains were beneficial, and we are seeing good-bodied deer for the most part. And antler development has been better than average ... Doe and yearling deer went into this season in relatively good condition, but in order to keep this pattern going, it needs to rain,"