

[Lowcountry's love affair with deer roars back into season](#) August 21, 2012 South Carolina

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... The statewide herd is estimated at 725,000 -- down from 1 million a decade ago. Habitat change is the main reason for the decline -- even though the top deer-hunting counties still produce harvest rates in excess of 15 deer per square mile ...

[SC lawmakers consider bill allowing nighttime coyote shooting](#) March 22, 2012 South Carolina, WSOC Charlotte

... In the past decade, the white tail deer population has fallen by 30 percent. That's largely because more than half of the fawns born in the state are killed by coyotes. The decline in the deer population has had an impact on hunting, which is big business in South Carolina. In fact, hunters have been pressing lawmakers to allow more killing of coyotes.

South Carolina Deer, [Deer season to begin Aug. 15](#) ,, August 11, 2012 The Times and Democrat

... According to Dr. Charles Ruth, the S.C. Department of Natural Resource ... deer population ... peaked in the late 1990s at about 1 million animals ... current figures being about 750,000 deer ... timber-management activities stimulated significant growth in South Carolina's deer population beginning in the 1970s, considerable acreage is currently in even-aged pine stands that are greater than 10 years old, a situation that does not support deer densities at the same level as younger stands in which food and cover are more available.... "Relative to the SRS study, it is difficult to say what impact coyotes are having across the state...

