

Arkansas Deer Population and Management Archive

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2022

[As promised: Arkansas' wolf report](#) December 11, 2022 Arkansas Democrat-Gazette
... I have received reports of at least 12 gray wolves in the state, not counting the private restocking of wolves from Minnesota or old reports of a red wolf killed in the 1950s. It seems that Arkansas has a wolf population of between 75 and 125 ...

[5 Best Whitetail Hunting States in the Southeastern U.S.](#) October 23, 2022 Arkansas, Wide Open Spaces
... a very healthy deer herd estimated around 1.1 million animals and an abundance of public land open to hunting with 3.2 million acres or 9.7% of the state...

2021

[2020-21 Arkansas Deer Summary Report](#) September 15, 2021 FOX16.com
... Hunters interested in scouting a new piece of public hunting land may want to take a look at the recently published [2020-21 Arkansas Deer Summary Report](#) ...

[State hunters killed record tally of deer](#) May 27, 2021 Arkansas, Arkansas Online
... deer hunters killed a record 216,835 deer during the 2020-21 deer seasons ... 103,973 antlered bucks and 99,378 does ... more people might have hunted deer as a result of being off work because of covid-19.,

[Geneticists discover historic legacy of white-tailed deer in Arkansas](#) May 27, 2021 Phys.org

... Unregulated hunting at the turn of the century virtually eliminated white-tailed deer in eastern North America, leading to a restocking effort in the 1930s ... the genetic echoes of historic translocation from Wisconsin remain apparent in Arkansas deer from the southcentral part of the state... those in the northwestern part of the state seemingly represent historic Arkansas populations ...

[Arkansas hunters set record deer harvest at 214,000+](#) January 14, 2021 Magnolia Reporter

... more deer than any season since the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission began keeping harvest records in 1938... the record-breaking year is not solely the result of new hunters joining the ranks... “I know of several people who harvested (or attempted to harvest) more deer than they normally would ... in 1938. That year, hunters checked only 203 deer, statewide..,

[State hunters killed record tally of deer](#) May 27, 2021 Arkansas, Arkansas Online ... deer hunters killed a record 216,835 deer during the 2020-21 deer seasons ... 103,973 antlered bucks and 99,378 does ... more people might have hunted deer as a result of being off work because of covid-19..,

[Deer Harvest Report \(Sex\) 2020 - 2021](#) Arkansas Game and Fish

<u>Sex</u>	<u>Total</u>
	Total: 216,930
Antlered	104,028
Button Buck	13,491
Doe	99,411

[State research contributes to more understanding of chronic wasting disease](#) April 26, 2021 Arkansas, Magnolia Reporter

... results from the 2020-21 chronic wasting disease monitoring effort. The AGFC received 7,808 samples from white-tailed deer and 57 samples from elk during the 2020-21 hunting seasons. Of those samples, 261 white-tailed deer and seven elk tested positive for the disease...

[Public Comment Period for Deer Management Plan/Environmental Assessment](#)

February 11, 2021 Arkansas, publicnow.com

... Pea Ridge National Military Park draft White-tailed Deer Management Plan/Environmental Assessment (DMP/EA) will be available for public review and comment from February 10 to March 12, 2021...the action alternative, proposes to reduce the deer population to 20-35 deer per square mile. Participation by the community is an important part of developing and refining this plan...

2020

[2020 Deer Hunting Forecast](#) August 12, 2020 Outdoor Life

... Estimated population: About 900,000. Fall 2019-'20 harvest: 188,143 ...

[Triple Trophy Award available to deer hunters](#) February 7, 2020 Arkansas, Log Cabin Democrat

... at one point in the 1930s, only 500 deer were estimated to still exist in Arkansas. Unregulated market hunting and subsistence hunting nearly caused them to be completely wiped out...The AGFC introduced deer from other states and relocated deer to game refuges, where deer were protected ...

[Partnership benefits area wildlife](#) April 7, 2020 Arkansas, Arkansas Democrat-Gazette

... maintaining open habitat for quail, deer, rabbits and migratory birds ... At 15,542 acres, Petit Jean River Wildlife Management Area represents the largest remaining expanse of bottom-land hardwood forest in the Arkansas River Valley...

[AGFC looking for deer stand research assistants](#) September 29, 2020 Arkansas, Stuttgartdailyleader.com

...Hunters can help the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission's wildlife management efforts through the AGFC's free Deer Hunting Observation Survey available through the AGFC app. The app is available through both the iTunes app store and the Google Play store...

[Rut habits](#) November 8, 2020 Arkansas, Arkansas Online

... The average peak of the rut in Arkansas is Nov. 11 ... the rut occurs during mid-October in eastern North Carolina, and in the first week of November in North Carolina Piedmont. It's around Thanksgiving in the mountains of western North Carolina..,

2019

[Arkansas deer harvest passes 140,000](#) November 30, 2019 KARK

... Arkansas hunters have already checked more deer than the total harvest for any year before 1995 ...The total harvest is slightly lower than at this point in the last two seasons ... about 43 percent of the harvest has been does. A decade ago, nearly twice as many bucks would be harvested as does ...

[Deer harvest seeing major increase in Arkansas](#) November 27, 2019 KAIT8.com

... hunters have checked more deer with state officials this year than any time in the past 25 years... abundant food available for deer from oak trees. Soft mast also produced well this year ...

[Modern gun deer season hits state](#) November 9, 2019 Arkansas, Arkansas

Democrat-Gazette

... "Opening weekend of modern gun deer season in Arkansas is a historical event," Meeker said. "We will harvest between 35,000 and 40,000 deer on Saturday and Sunday. That's a pretty significant percentage of our total deer harvest, which we expect will be over 200,000." Hunters checked 210,065 deer during the 2018-19 deer seasons. Of that total, 156,843, or 74.7%, were killed during the modern gun season...

[Game and Fish notices decline in deer hunting among youth](#) November 8, 2019

Arkansas, KATV

... "We've experienced something like a 15 percent decline in resident hunters over the past five years. We're seeing a lower participation by youth, the average age of our hunters is increasing."...

[Arkansas Game & Fish Say Deer Corn Could Be Doing More Harm Than Good](#)

September 29, 2019, 5news online.com

... Unlike natural food sources, corn does not have enough nutritional value to deer. Also, commercially sold "deer corn" does not meet the requirements as corn sold for livestock or human consumption, said the warning. A post by A.G.F.C. said, "In some cases, corn that couldn't pass inspection for cattle or swine " ...

[Logging helps wildlife on WMAs](#) September 12, 2019 Arkansas Democrat-Gazette

... A forest of old-age hardwoods is certainly magnificent to behold, but its value as wildlife habitat is limited. The tall, thick canopy of mature oaks shades the ground below. Without sunlight hitting the forest floor, other plants don't grow, which means there is little on the forest floor for deer, squirrels, wild turkeys, bobwhite quail and songbirds to eat...

[Deer forecast good](#) September 22, 2019 Arkansas, Arkansas Democrat-Gazette

... In the 2018-19 deer seasons, hunters killed 210,065 deer... 97,607 antlered bucks, and 13,717 button bucks ... Doe kills have exceeded our buck kills for five consecutive seasons ... "Arkansas county has a pretty good ratio of deer habitat compared to the amount of total acreage," ... low deer densities within the 1.5-million acre Ozark National Forest ...

[Deer herd grew from near extinction to millions](#) May 12, 2019 Arkansas, Arkansas Democrat-Gazette

... by 1946, biologists estimated there were nearly 32,000 whitetails in the state... an estimated 40,000 deer by 1950. In the 10 years that followed, the population increased to an estimated 200,000 animals. By 1972, when the population had reached 300,000, deer had spread to nearly every part of the state...

2018

[Food plots enhance property for deer](#) April 16, 2019 Arkansas, Arkansas

Democrat-Gazette

... Various broadleaf herbaceous plants make up a majority of a deer's diet throughout the growing season. [Iron-clay cowpeas](#), [Quail Haven soybeans](#), and Roundup Ready soybeans are three types of legumes that meet this broadleaf category well that deer will find quite attractive on your property...

[Holiday Deer Hunt starts on Wednesday](#) December 25, 2018 Arkansas, Magnolia

Reporter

... "Many of the hunters who have been chasing bucks during the rut will switch their attention and take a doe or two, which helps us from a herd management perspective." The large number of does that is typically taken during the holiday deer hunt helps balance the buck-to-doe ratio in the state, which helps maintain a healthy deer herd...

[Deer hunters ready to fire modern guns](#) November 9, 2018 Arkansas, Arkansas

Democrat-Gazette

... deer were nearly extirpated in the early 1900s because of unregulated hunting. Through restocking and conservative management, deer herds recovered to such abundance that hunters have taken more than 200,000 deer per year for nearly a decade... [Ralph Meeker, the Game and Fish Commission's deer project leader]

[Big timber blunders and public access](#) September 9, 2018 Arkansas, Russellville

Courier

... we could form a club and lease a large tract of land and manage it as our own wildlife management area. Lease fees were anywhere from \$1 an acre to \$1.50, and all was good. Fast forward a couple of years and greed got the best of "big timber," as they decided to raise the price each and every year and most now exceed \$6 per acre...

[AGFC hears broad slate of proposed hunting regulations](#) March 25, 2018 Arkansas, Arkansas Online

... Prohibiting taking deer with handguns that have barrels shorter than 4 inches, that are chambered for straight-wall cartridges smaller than .357, and bottleneck-case cartridges smaller than .22-cal. Allowing the use of certain big-bore air rifles to take whitetailed deer ... Legal air rifles for taking deer must be at least .40-caliber ...

[Mountain Lions roam our woods](#) February 4, 2018 Arkansas, El Dorado News-Times
... we can conclusively state that we have somewhere around 20 to 30 cougars in our state, and based on this recent sighting of a female with three cubs, we have a breeding population. I hope the Game and Fish Commission will take notice and admit the obvious ...

[Reforestation the Delta](#) January 21, 2018 January 21, 2018 Arkansas, Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette
... One of the largest expanses of forested wetlands in the world was once the 24 million acres of hardwoods along the lower Mississippi River. Fewer than 5 million forested acres survive in the area once known as the Big Woods. Vast expanses of cypress, oak, hickory and sweetgum trees that were hundreds of years old provided habitat for everything from deer to bears..

[2018 Arkansas Deer Forecast](#) October 25, 2018 Game & Fish
... In 2017-18, Arkansas hunters killed 205,310 deer... in the late 1980s when our deer herd was estimated at nearly 500,000, which seemed astronomically high at the time. Now we're estimated to have more than 1 million deer ... The 3-point rule, adopted statewide in 1998, requires a legal buck to have at least three points on at least one antler..

Year	Anterless	Antlered	Total
2013	107,247	105,952	213,199
2014	104,052	104,023	208,075
2015	108,124	104,274	212,398
2016	93,386	108,684	202,070

2017	111,627	93 592	205,219
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[Black Powder Offers Early Shot at Whitetails](#) October 17, 2018 Arkansas,
www.fox16.com

... "Our total deer harvest has kind of stabilized to a little over 200,000 a year ... We're expecting a similar number this year. We've had some odd weather, a fairly wet spring and a short, dry summer, and it's starting to rain again." [Ralph Meeker, the AGFC's deer program coordinator] ...

[Outlook good for modern gun deer hunt](#) November 6, 2018 Arkansas,
Arkansas Democrat-Gazette

... "Summer was a good one for people and deer. "Not too hot. Not overly wet." ... This year's acorn crop is "decent to low," ... white-tail harvest has been just more than 200,000 deer for six consecutive seasons...

[Deer harvest surpasses 200,000 for sixth straight year](#) January 12, 2018 Arkansas,
Buckmasters Online

... the consistent harvest numbers from recent years are a good indication that Arkansas deer populations are beginning to stabilize... we're back to similar harvests from the four or five years prior to last...

[Mountain Lions roam our woods](#) February 4, 2018 Arkansas, El Dorado News-Times
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[Bring back the gray wolf](#) December 30, 2018 Arkansas, NWAOnline
... there are mountain lions in the state, but the 100 or so that are here are too few to be influential in our ecosystem...

[Still a lot of deer season left for Arkansas hunters](#) November 20, 2018
HarrisonDaily.com

... the peak of rut occurs earlier in the western portion of the state, with most counties having peak conception dates between Oct. 28 and Nov. 21. However, in the east side of the state, it is much more common to see the peak of rut occur between Nov. 22 and Dec. 14 ...

[Rut habits](#) November 8, 2020 Arkansas, Arkansas Online

... The average peak of the rut in Arkansas is Nov. 11 ... the rut occurs during mid-October in eastern North Carolina, and in the first week of November in North

Carolina Piedmont. It's around Thanksgiving in the mountains of western North Carolina...

2017

[Antlerless Hunt Offers Head Start To Deer Season](#) October 11, 2017 Arkansas, Booneville Democrat

... "In the 1940s and 1950s, the focus was on protecting does because the goal was to bring back populations from near extinction," ... by the 1980s, deer managers saw the need to begin stabilizing the population ... too many does ... prolongs the rut ... many fawns dropped later in the summer ... will have a lower survival rate." ...

[Arkansas 2016-17 deer harvest](#) November 5, 2017 Arkansasonline.com

... in 2016-17, Arkansas hunters killed 202,070 deer... significantly less than 2012-13, when we killed a record 213,487 ... nearly 70 percent of the state's 313,000 licensed hunters killed a deer during the 2016-17 deer seasons, and that each hunter killed a statistical average of 1.2 deer... Zone 12, a rural, heavily forested area of lowlands and river valleys, traditionally contributes the largest number of deer to our annual deer kill...

[Hunt for deer begins in state](#) November 11, 2017 Arkansas, Arkansas Online

... Of the 202,070 deer that hunters reported killing in the 2016-2017 deer seasons, about 70 percent were killed during the modern gun season, Meeker said. Of those, he said 35,000-40,000 were killed during the opening weekend, more than any other weekend...

From Arkansas Game and Fish Commission

Deer Harvests By Sex

2016-2017 season

Antlered	94799
Button Buck	13891

2016

[Deer harvest numbers concerning](#) November 6, 2016 Arkansas, Russellville Courier
... through Oct. 31 there were 39,791 deer killed. Last year through the same date, that number was 49,627, or a 9,866 difference... fewer does killed so far this year... an inverse relationship to harvest numbers and temperatures... reports of "unprecedented" acorns this year ...

[Arkansas landowner seeking a foothold for blight-resistant chestnuts](#) May 26, 2016 High Plains Journal

... A desire to attract deer has led a St. Francis man to try and build an orchard of a hybrid tree whose breeders hope can bring chestnuts, in some form, back to North American shores... American Chestnut trees by the millions were felled more than a century ago when an invasive blight swept through the country...

[Arkansas Deer Hunters Top 200,000 in Harvest](#) January 8, 2016 Sporting Life Arkansas
... With seven weeks of archery hunting remaining, hunters have taken 208,951 deer... The high mark was set in the 2012-13 season with 213,487 ...

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2015

[2014-15 Arkansas Deer Hunt Totals Pass 200,000](#) January 8, 2015 ArkansasMatters

... deer checked by hunters in Arkansas have pushed past 200,000. Seven more weeks of archery hunting remain. The high mark was set in the 2012-13 season with 213,487 deer logged. ...

[Arkansas hunters harvest more than 200,000 deer, with time left for bow hunters](#)

January 11, 2015 Magnolia Reporter

... Acorns have been plentiful and native vegetation has remained palatable with many deer staying back in woods to feed instead of venturing out for hunters to see. The acorns that were plentiful earlier may be running low in some areas...

[2014-15 deer season not quite a record](#) February 14, 2015 Arkansas, Log Cabin Democrat

... this year's hunt will end with a total around 210,000 or so. The record was set two years ago – 213,487 deer checked in the 2012-2013 season. Last year also reached that plateau – 213,215 deer were checked in the 2013-2014 season...

[500,000 on hunt for deer](#) November 13, 2015 Arkansas, Arkansas Online

... Of the 208,075 deer that hunters checked in the 2014-2015 deer seasons, nearly 70 percent were killed during the modern gun season... Arkansas offers more than 3 million acres of public hunting in the Ozark and Ouachita national forests. About 25 percent of Arkansas' deer hunters pursue their game on public land.

[A layman's and an expert's view on deer numbers](#) December 9, 2015 Arkansas, El Dorado News Times

... one of the best things to ever happen to the deer herd in the area I and my family and friends hunt ... is the three-point rule. Before the 1998-99 deer season, AGFC implemented the rule, which requires that a buck have three points on at least one side of its antlers to be legal... after the three-point rule went into effect, we almost immediately started seeing more and bigger bucks ...

[AGFC director talks of agency's 100th year](#) December 31, 2015 Arkansas, Arkansas Online

... the AGFC owns 24,000 acres of lakes, 400,000 acres of wildlife management areas ... About 200 deer were harvested legally in Arkansas in 1938, and more than 192,000 were harvested during the 2011-12 season. For the past three years, we've harvested over 200,000 deer. We're on pace to again surpass the 200,000 mark...

[AGFC should look at size of deer herd](#) December 21, 2015 Arkansas, El Dorado News-Times

... Each summer, we learn from the official sources that the state's deer herd is strong and plentiful, but hunters in the woods tell us that's not the case... It's not in the Game and Fish Commission's interest to explain that the state's deer herd is shrinking, but it is a responsibility... The Game and Fish Commission should rein in the annual bag limit in South Arkansas from six to four deer...

Deer Harvests By Sex: From Arkansas Game and Fish Commission

2014-2015 season

Antlered	89618
Button Buck	14406
Doe	104051

Total 208,075

[Arkansas deer hunters again take more than 200,000 deer](#) April 8, 2015 Knoxville News Sentinel

... 208,075 deer were tagged during the 2014-15 deer season - just more than 5,000 short of the state's record deer harvest...

[Camera tells tale of deer visits](#), dry conditions October 15, 2015 Arkansas, Arkansas Online

... An extended drought has made the woods in the southern half of the state dry and brittle... We've seen this before, notably in 1997, when conditions were so bad in the Ouachitas that hunters in south Sebastian County wondered if the Game and Fish Commission would suspend modern gun deer season...

[Controlled burn scheduled for Cave Springs](#) February 10, 2015 Arkansas, NWA Online

... Forested areas treated by prescribed fire not only provide for added fire safety... more likely to host healthy trees, less susceptible to disease and insects. When the forest floor is opened by a prescribed burn, turkey, white-tailed deer, and quail habitats are often the first to benefit...

[Deer Hunters top 200,000 Harvest Mark Again](#) April 17, 2015 Arkansas, Ammo Land

... Arkansas hunters tagged 208,075 deer during the 2014-15 season, just short of totals for the previous two years...

[Flood-prone regions closed to deer hunting](#) December 15, 2015 Arkansas, Arkansas Online

... High water on the White, Cache, St. Francis and Black rivers has forced the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission to temporarily close deer season in portions of eastern Arkansas...

[Food plots give boost to deer, other wildlife](#) June 20, 2015 Arkansas, The Cabin
... biologists suggest white clover as a basic. It's a natural in Arkansas and is a perennial. Legumes in several forms are extensively used for Arkansas food plots. So are several members of the brassica family like turnips and kale. Growing in popularity is chicory...

[In numbers, last deer season was near the top](#) April 11, 2015 Arkansas, Log Cabin Democrat
... The notion of killing female deer, does, is wrong took far too long to diminish in Arkansas, and it has not entirely died out. There are hunters still who refuse to shoot at a doe.... Deer managers, however, are highly satisfied that the former out of balance buck-doe ratio in the state has been alleviated. The past three season ... the buck-doe checks have been virtually 50-50...

[Keep an eye on Arkansas's deer harvest](#) October 9, 2015 NewtonCountyTimes
Bowhunters checked 2,595 deer during opening weekend, Sept. 26-27. The bow opener has been a near mirror image of itself the last three years, with 2,682 deer checked in 2014 and 2,576 deer checked during opening weekend in 2013.

[Local deer population booms](#) October 18, 2015 Arkansas, NWA Online
... Northwest Arkansas deer depend heavily on acorns and other highly seasonal forage ... South Arkansas, which "is a deer factory" according to Gray, has a greater variety of plants for deer to eat that gives a more reliable supply of food. A bad year for any particular food source in south Arkansas doesn't leave the deer looking for food ...

[National survey shows Arkansas deer rankings improving](#) March 25, 2015 THV11
... A significant shift in Arkansas deer hunting has been the achievement of a virtual 50-50 ratio between bucks and does checked by hunters. This has put the state among the top states in the nation in this regard...

[Protectors of our wildlife](#) June 14, 2015 Arkansas, Arkansas Online
... Deer numbers declined dramatically, with only about 2,000 left by 1919... After much cajoling, the 1917 legislature imposed a moratorium on hunting does until 1922 ... The great flood of 1927 killed many deer, and in 1930 a statewide count found only 500 animals, but numbers gradually grew. By 1946 the estimated deer population rose to 31,500 ...

[Triple Trophy Award available to deer hunters](#) February 7, 2020 Arkansas, Log Cabin Democrat
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completely wiped out...The AGFC introduced deer from other states and relocated deer to game refuges, where deer were protected ...

[Purple Hull Peas Can Put Your Food Plots into High Gear](#) May 11, 2015 Arkansas, Ammo Land

... "Purple hulls" as most Arkansans call them are a type of black-eyed pea which in turn is a type of a broad category of plants called cowpeas... Deer love the peas ... Wildlife biologists suggest seeding an assortment of plants in food plots ...

[Quail restoration depends on habitat](#) June 21, 2015 Arkansas, Arkansas Online

... Aaron Jeffries, the former quail biologist for the Missouri Department of Conservation, explained how simple quail management techniques benefit deer, turkeys and other species in an [MDC blog](#) ...

[Season outlook good for NWA modern gun deer season](#) November 3, 2015 Arkansas, NWA Online

... deer hunts ... on par with last year, he said. So far hunters have killed about 48,000 deer during archery, muzzle-loader and antlerless deer hunt. The total deer harvest for 2014-2015 was 208,075 for all seasons combined... We've got lots of acorns this year ...

[State again tries manly catch/release deer program](#) June 20, 2015 Arkansas, Arkansas Online

... the sport of catch and release began in 1997 in North Carolina's Pisgah National Forest northeast of Asheville by a group of hunters who were tired of sitting on their butts for hours and hours in tree stands... "It takes a real hunter to draw in the critters and take 'em from behind," he said. "It's the quintessence of pack teamwork and the way our primeval ancestors hunted." ...

[Technology may overrun fair chase](#) January 30, 2015 Arkansas, Log Cabin Democrat

... The issues in New Hampshire are: Ban the taking of wildlife using an unmanned aerial vehicle (commonly referred to as "drones"); "Ban the use of "smart rifles" for taking wildlife (these rifles contain a computer that locks in on the target, adjusts for wind, animal movement and automatically fires); "Ban the use of live-action game cameras...

[Yearling buck kills alter state's deer herd](#) March 20, 2015 Arkansas, Green Bay Press Gazette

... The 2013 national average for the yearling buck percentage was 36 percent ... Although a yearling-buck harvest percentage of 61 is high by today's standards, it was the norm 25 years ago ...

2014

[2013-14 deer hunt just a tad short of all-time record](#) March 13, 2014 Arkansas, The News

... It was the first time more does (female deer) than bucks were taken by hunters... This is huge in regards to where we have come from in the recent past when 70 percent of our harvest was comprised of bucks. We are making progress on the management of our female segment, which in turn will result in a healthier, more productive, balanced, deer herd. We call this a Total Herd Management Concept ...

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[AGFC Announces 2014-2015 Deer Season Dates](#) April 18, 2014 Arkansas, Ozarks First

... The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission set the state's deer hunting seasons Thursdy, with modern gun deer season opening Nov. 8, archery season opening Sept. 27, and muzzleloader season opening Oct. 18...

[Anterless-Only Benefits Deer Herd](#) October 2, 2014 Arkansas, NWA Online

... This special hunt was launched several years ago as a means to bring the buck-doe harvest ratio of Arkansas nearer the desired 50-50 status. Last season was a success on this point as slightly more does than bucks were checked by hunters for the first time in the state's history...

Deer Harvests By Sex from Arkansas Game and Fish Commission

2013-2014 season

Sex	Count
Antlered	91132
Button Buck	14825
Doe	107258
Total Count	213215

[Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Considers New Hunting Proposals](#) March 27, 2014 Sporting Life Arkansas

... . The AGFC provided an online survey this year for public input. More than 6,000 people responded to the survey... The Commission will vote on the hunting regulation proposals at its April 17 meeting...

[Clark County leads state in deer harvest](#) November 24, 2014 Arkansas, Daily Siftings Herald

... At press time Monday, there had been 2,813 deer harvested in Clark County, roughly 100 more than Union County's 2,739 and 200 more than Cleveland County's 2,622 ... its diversity in land, with croplands, hardwoods and pine forests all being abundant in the county...

[Deer harvest on record pace](#) December 20, 2014 Arkansas, Baxter Bulletin

... current statistics show 189,102 deer have been taken through the assorted modern rifle, muzzleloader and bow seasons by Arkansas hunters. That comes on the heels of a record 213,487 harvest in 2012-13 followed closely by 213,215 in 2013-14...

[Deer Hunter kills Arkansas Mountain Lion](#) November 14, 2014 mainenewsonline.com

... Only acceptable game animals can be hunted under hunting regulations, but ... the hunter said that he was defending himself ... A lion has been killed in Arkansas for the first time since 1975 when one was killed in Logan County...

[Deer abundant in Arkansas, but not evenly distributed](#) August 20, 2014 Magnolia Reporter

... Before 1998, the goal was to have more deer in the state, and hunters went after male deer, the bucks. The buck-doe ratio became badly skewed... in some area hunters complained that they were seeing 12, 15, even 20 does for every buck they spotted. In 1998 under the prodding of Witt Stephens, an AGFC commissioner at the time, the three-point rule was established. This meant only a buck with at least three points on one side of its antlers could be taken legally by hunters...

[Deer Season Begins in the Natural State](#) September 27, 2014 Arkansas, 5 News

... Bow-hunters headed out to the woods Saturday (Sept. 27) ... deer move around more in the winter in order to stay warm, making them easier targets when it's cold outside...

[G&F Deer Forecast](#) October, 2014

... hunters killed 4 percent fewer bucks in 2013-14 than they did the previous year (110,448), but we also killed 4 percent more does than we did the previous year (103,039)... makes Cory Gray, the deer project leader for the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, very happy... The habitat's always changing ... It's not a mast producing forest, but it is a browse producing forest ...

[Hunters can now check deer via smartphone](#) November 6, 2014 Arkansas, THV11

... use your smart phone to check your deer...

You can go to [AGFC.com](#) go to the deer page and you can see reports. Accurate, online up to the minute reports of deer harvest." The reason for the push is that each phone call costs game and fish \$2.50 ...

[Importing deer may lead to criminal charges](#) March 1, 2014 Arkansas, Magnolia

Reporter

... The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission reminds state residents that importing deer violates both state and federal regulations ... three men and a corporation have been cited with a 13-count federal indictment...violations of the Lacey Act for importing live white-tailed deer into Mississippi...

[Managing Arkansas Deer Herds Big Task for Wildlife Officers](#) August 28, 2014

Arkansas, Ozarks First

... Today the strategy is termed Total Herd Management. Cory Gray, deer program coordinator for the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, said, “We no longer try to estimate the number of deer we have in the state. Instead we focus on indices that give us information on the health of our deer. This includes body weights, lactation in females and age structure.” ...

[Missouri battles over deer issue](#)September 19, 2014 Arkansas, Log Cabin Democrat

... Missouri and Arkansas are two states among the nation’s 50 that are often envied by other state wildlife people because they are semi-autonomous – partly independent of legislative and gubernatorial control... History tells us of the mess in Arkansas with hunting and fishing when the legislature had full control. This ended in 1945 after voters passed Amendment 35 ...

[Near record number of deer taken in Arkansas](#) March 5, 2014 Washington Times

... hunters checked 213,199 deer during the season, fewer than 300 short of the record of 213,487 deer harvested last year. The commission also says that for the first time ever more does than bucks were taken. The commission reports 107,247 does to 105,952 bucks ...

[Smart phone app may be used to check deer](#) September 21, 2014 Arkansas, Magnolia

Reporter

... It costs the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission \$2.35 per call when a deer is checked by a phone call. In comparison, it only costs the agency 50 cents per deer checked through a smartphone app or over the Internet...

[State agency says dumping of dead deer a real issue](#) June 13, 2014 Arkansas, Baxter Bulletin

... "We run into a lot of people who kill deer and take nothing," ... Fitts said state law forbids the discarding of carcasses within 50 yards of public recreation areas or the centerline of any public road. It also is illegal to dispose of them in streams ...

[State deer harvest tops 200K mark - again](#) January 17, 2014 Arkansas, Baxter Bulletin
... a little more than a month remaining in the 2013-14 deer season for bowhunters ... a continuing increase over the previous three deer seasons in Arkansas (170,516 in 2009-10; 186,247 in 2010-11; 192,511 in 2011-12)... in south Arkansas, because that part of the state has always been known as a deer factory," Gray said. "But for the Ozarks, we're a little more delicate in the way we handle the harvest..."

[State Report: For first time more does than bucks harvested in Arkansas](#) March 7, 2014 Baxter Bulletin

... management techniques — which included varying doe harvest limits by zone, plus the elimination and addition of doe days when needed — has resulted in a new record for state hunters. For the first time, Arkansas hunters checked more does (107,247) than bucks (105,952) following the close of the 2013-14 season on Feb. 28. The buck total includes both antlered deer (91,132) and button bucks (14,820)...

[State's antlerless deer hunt opens Saturday on private lands](#) October 9, 2014 Arkansas, Mymonticello news

... Arkansas has more than a million whitetails in the state... This hunt is only for antlerless deer on private land and it lasts only five days. Only antlerless deer can be harvested; any buck with antlers longer than 2 inches is not legal during this hunt...

[Statistics Show Arkansas Ranking High In Deer Categories](#) September 4, 2014 Ammo Land

... the ratio of bucks versus does. Today, the indications are this ratio is much closer to the ideal 50-50. Here are some state ranking capsules assembled by the national and well regarded Quality Deer Management Association: First in the United States with lowest percentage of buck fawns harvested (4 percent). First in the United States with fewest yearling bucks in harvest for four of the past five years (8 percent)...

[Survey Finds Arkansas Deer Hunters Are Satisfied](#) October 23, 2014 Ammo Land

... The average hunter came close to taking one deer... used a rifle and had a primary objective of shooting a quality buck... used private land and did not hunt over bait... likes the three-point rule, the regulation adopted in 1998 that defines a legal buck as a deer having at least three points on one side of its antlers...

[Thousands Respond to Arkansas Survey on Hunting Regulations](#) March 21, 2014

Arkansas, ArkansasMatters

... AFGC Commissioner Fred Brown said the amount and quality of the information was much superior to the previous format. "If we have a hot-button item, we will have a public meeting, but it's obvious we are getting more and better information utilizing an online survey," ...

2013

[A good year for deer hunters](#) September 24, 2013 Arkansas, Russellville Courier

... the wet spring and summer are conducive to healthy deer herds. The mast production from fruit- and nut-bearing trees are showing great signs, and the browse throughout the hottest of summer months has been unprecedented... the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission is serious about reducing the number of does throughout our state... Many hunters won't shoot does during the rifle season That leaves us with an overabundance of does ...

[A strange deer season already](#) October 15, 2013 Arkansas, Russellville Courier

... the deer harvest to date is 33 percent behind last year's harvest, and there have been 42 percent fewer bucks killed. For the same period this year compared to last, there were 11,471 deer killed in just over a month in our state. This year only 7,671 were killed at the time of this writing.... There were an estimated 400,000-500,000 deer in our state back in the early 1980's. Today our deer herd is estimated at around 1 million...

Deer Harvests By Sex from Arkansas Game and Fish Commission

2012-2013 season

Sex	Count
Antlered	96957
Button Buck	13491
Doe	103039
Total Count	213487

[Arkansas Deer Hunters Set All-Time Record](#) January 10, 2013 OzarksFirst.com
According to the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, Arkansas deer hunters have checked more than 210,000 deer which far surpasses the old record of 194,192 set in the 1999-2000 season.... One reason is the abundance of deer in the state as wildlife biologists estimate a million or more deer in Arkansas ... favorable weather was a contributing factor ... more lenient seasons and limits this year.

[Arkansas should join Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact](#) March 10, 2013, Russellville Courier

... a nice buck was chasing a doe across the St. Francis River ... deer season was closed. That obviously didn't matter to this rogue Pennsylvania hunter. The outlaw drove his boat up beside the swimming deer and shot him four times with a load of steel shot ... poachers, who are one of life's lowest life forms ... the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact (IWVC) ... an agreement between states that recognizes the suspension of hunting, fishing and trapping licenses in each of its member states...

[Cut and burn to enhance your wildlife habitat](#) April 4, 2013 Arkansas, Russellville Courier

... A prescribed or controlled burn is the No. 1 suggested forestry practice that will yield fairly immediate results ... We're past the ideal time to burn, which is typically between January and mid-March ... The second management practice involves hinge-cutting ... The theory is to "hinge cut" a tree by cutting small trees between 2 and 6 inches in diameter about halfway through and pushing them over, keeping them intact...

[Deer feeders: Good or not so good?](#) July 27, 2013 Arkansas, Log Cabin Democrat
...Wildlife biologists have told us for years that feeding corn to a deer is something like feeding a candy bar to a person. Yes, there is some food value, but the corn, like the candy, does not provide a complete diet for healthy lives... Today's deer hunters, 99 percent of them, go after deer for recreation...

[Deer harvest on record course](#)November 14, 2013 Arkansas, Baxter Bulletin ·

... on track to end late next month with a harvest that will approach the record of 213,487 deer in 2012-2013...Gray said three factors contribute to the number of deer and general health of the deer population — habitat, average age and genetics...

[Deer hunting basics in Arkansas](#)November 7, 2013 Baxter Bulletin

... A legal buck must have both antlers shorter than 2 inches (button buck) or have three or more points on one side of his rack. Youths 6 to 15 years of age may harvest any buck without regard to antler size or points... Dogs are prohibited for deer hunting in Zones 2 and 3 ...

[Deer numbers keep going up](#) December 7, 2013 Arkansas, Log Cabin Democrat

... We have over a million deer in the state, according to Arkansas Game and Fish Commission estimates... about a fifth of Arkansas deer are taken by hunters in addition to quite a few thousand that are killed on highways, roads and even streets. And, yes, some hunters cheat by killing deer and not checking them. ... One factor that is encouraging to wildlife managers is that the buck-doe ratio of deer in Arkansas is moving closer to the ideal of 50-50...

[Deer picture continues to brighten, record hunting season](#) April 20, 2013 Arkansas, Log Cabin Democrat

A deer hunting record was set last season... biologist Cory Gray told the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission at its Thursday meeting in Little Rock. It is also a strong indication that the buck-doe ratio across the state, once badly out of kilter, is moving closer to the desired status...

[Deer talk includes points and spreads](#) November 9, 2013 Arkansas, Log Cabin Democrat

... Points are tips of antlers. And the systems are different with deer and elk. For deer, points are the total on antlers. For elk, points mean on each side. An 8-point deer likely has four points on each side of the antlers. A 4X4 elk means four points on each side of the antlers... Boone & Crockett and the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission say that a point must be an inch long to count...

[Few changes proposed in deer rules](#) March 23, 2013 Arkansas, Log Cabin Democrat

... suggested change is for the antlerless deer hunt that was inaugurated a couple of years back. Many people call this "the doe hunt." It is a strategy to get hunters to take more doe and to get the state's buck-doe ratio more in balance... the suggestions is to add "on private land" to the description of where hunters can take antlerless deer in this special hunt... Arkansas elk were reintroduced with 112 imported animals, mostly from Colorado, beginning in 1981 ...

[Food plots only one part of deer management plan](#) September 14, 2013 Arkansas, Magnolia Reporter

... The most common plants used are wheat, oats and clovers... Cool season food plots generally should be planted during the month of September for best results. A good all-round cool season planting is 100-120 pounds per acre of either wheat, oats, or

cereal rye. Many other plants are available. A great food plot reference online can be found at [this link](#).

[Private land antlerless hunt authorized by G&FC](#) October 11, 2013 Arkansas, Magnoliareporter

... According to AGFC Deer Program Coordinator Gory Gray, "... Removing the right number of female deer is an integral part of quality deer management, and if we can remove those animals prior to the rut (when bucks will expend a large amount of energy to chase doe), that will help us better balance our buck to doe harvest ratios and improve the productivity of the remaining deer herd." ...

[State deer harvest will exceed 200,000, with almost 5,000 in Columbia County](#) December 9, 2013 Arkansas, magnoliareporter.com

... Last year, Arkansas hunters checked 213,487, well above the previous high mark... Wildlife biologists estimate Arkansas has a million or more deer today... weather has been favorable for deer hunting ... Limits and seasons are more liberal than in past years... License sales indicate the number of number of hunters in Arkansas has not increased significantly ...

[Statewide deer harvest second-highest ever](#) December 26, 2013 Arkansas, Courier News

... Just over 192,000 deer have been killed so far this season, and predictions are that number will come in around 192,395 for the year — making this year the second-highest deer harvest ever. The only higher total was back in 1999 when 194,687 deer were killed statewide... The challenge for Arkansas is whether to move towards deer quality over deer quantity. The 3-point rule was a step in the right direction ...

[Three deer zones for Faulkner County](#) August 17, 2013 Arkansas, Log Cabin Democrat

... Prospects for the upcoming deer season appear good, perhaps better than in most years when August is hot and extremely dry. Still, it will be hard to match last year, the best deer season ever for Arkansas in terms of number of deer checked by hunters. More than 213,000 came in, the all-time record...

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[Wildlife agencies break deer poaching ring along Arkansas, Oklahoma border](#) August 22, 2013 Log Cabin Democrat

... Nine residents in rural Sevier County Arkansas and four in McCurtain County Oklahoma have been issued citations or warnings, accused of illegally harvesting as many as 45 deer along the border between the two states over several months, the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission said...

2012

[16 WMAs designated for increased deer management](#) July 22, 2012 Arkansas, Arkansas Online

... AGFC deer biologist Cory Gray ... “Females will be managed to ensure a productive, balanced deer herd ... The number of fawns recruited into the population annually is a crucial component in deer management.” ... in buck management, there are several ways to reach a desired outcome: limit hunter days, limit harvest methods, reduce bag limits or apply antler restrictions. “The first three are the easiest, and certainly the most simple; however, antler restrictions have proven to be the most effective at shifting buck-harvest pressure into target age classes,”

[AGFC exploring antler-restriction changes](#) February 5, 2012 Arkansas, Arkansas Online

Prior to implementation of the three-point rule during the 1998-99 season, approximately 85 percent of the state's annual buck harvest was composed of 1 1/2-year old bucks, but this percent was drastically reduced and currently makes up 10 percent of the overall buck harvest. The three-point rule has helped to achieve a more balanced buck segment by increasing buck carryover, he said.

Harvest Reporting from Arkansas Game and Fish Commission

Deer Harvest by Sex

2011-2012 season

Antlered	85189
Button Buck	13612
Doe	93709
	192510

Total 192,510

[Arkansas has one of nation's most successful conservation stories in deer population](#)

October 26, 2012 Arkansas, Carroll County News

... In the early 1900s deer populations in Arkansas began a steady decline because of unrestricted hunting and the clearing of habitat for farmland. By the 1920s the deer population had been reduced to perhaps 500. The state and federal governments set up refuges, which were critical for restoring deer populations. In 1944 Arkansas voters

approved Amendment 35, which created the Game and Fish Commission and authorized it to regulate hunting. Now, the Arkansas deer population is an estimated 1 million animals ...

[Arkansas's Antlerless Only Modern Gun Deer Hunt: October 13-17](#) October 12, 2012

KARK

During the last few decades, does were protected during most of the deer season because biologists needed the population to increase to a sustainable number.... now that Arkansas is home to roughly 1 million deer, the management strategy needs to change to keep the population healthy... High amounts of does also impact the rut, causing it to be long and drawn out with little competition between bucks for breeding and many fawns born in late summer. These late-born fawns have decreased survival rates because they are born when temperatures are extreme and vegetation is less palatable....

[Biologist doesn't worry about six-deer bag limit in South Arkansas](#) July 12, 2012

Arkansas, Magnoliareporter

... At that time [1977], the prevalent belief among Arkansas deer hunters was that they should not shoot does -- female deer. The idea was ingrained from years of Arkansas building its deer populations from the dismal low points early in the last century. Many of the deer clubs gradually accepted what wildlife biologists were preaching. A balanced buck-doe ratio was best for good deer herds... "Last season we had some counties down here with deer harvests of about 50-50 bucks and does." [Charles Self, wildlife biologist] ...

[Can You Measure Antlers?](#) February 13, 2012 Arkansas, Fort Smith Times Record

In 1998, the three-point rule was created in Arkansas, and this meant a buck had to have at least three points on one side of its antlers to be a legal target for a hunter... The rationale was

that Arkansas hunters were killing far too many young bucks .. The three-point rule was intended as a first step toward quality deer management in Arkansas ...

[Current deer hunt is shaping up as a dandy](#) November 24, 2012 Arkansas, Log Cabin Democrat

... Corry Gray, deer program coordinator for the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, said, "The hunt is going real well. We are well above the totals for this time last year. I think we will break the 200,000 mark this year." ... The buck-doe ratio is close to even overall for the current season... Arkansas' record deer hunt was in 1999-2000 when 194,687 were taken ...

[Deer Numbers, Faulkner deer have come a long way](#) December 15, 2012 Arkaknsas, Log Cabin Democrat

... Arkansas is headed for a statewide all-time record this season. A little over 189,000 deer have been checked, and the record is 197,648, set in 1999-2000... Wildlife biologists of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, if asked how many deer the state has, respond with "about a million," ... A dog-eared publication ... dated 1951 ... titled "Arkansas Deer Herd." The estimated deer population in 1950 was 50,000 for the state, and that was up from 31,617 in 1945 when a federally funded survey was made.... 10 deer were in Faulkner County in 1945.

[Deer season brings big 'bucks' for small town Arkansas](#) November 10, 2012 Today's THV

... Along Highway 167 South of Sheridan, hunters are fueling up and stocking up at Gibbs Grocery. Buddy Gibbs and his wife have owned the store for more than 30 years and said opening weekend is like Christmas for them... The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission said deer hunting alone pours for more than 370 million retail dollars into the state ...

[Drought Taking Toll On Arkansas Deer](#) July 23, 2012, KUAR

... Arkansas Game and Fish Commission Biologist Cory Gray says the drought has destroyed many of the animals' food sources. "When it's hot and dry like this the palatability of the food, of the native vegetation, is reducing," says Gray. "We're seeing more deer move in and we've had more and more calls about deer moving into urban areas feeding on people's flowers, and things like that because they're watered and taken care of compared to the forested land outside that we're just not getting the rain."

[Drought, Issac put a new slant on deer prospects](#) September 22, 2012 Arkansas, Log Cabin Democrat

... Cory Gray, deer program coordinator for the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission. "First we had the drought, then we had (Hurricane) Isaac. Wind blew a lot of green acorns off the trees, and it wasn't shaping up as a good mast year anyway." Those green acorns hit the group in early September ... Plentiful mast like acorns in recent seasons has kept deer back in the woods instead of along edges and in fields where they are more exposed to hunters...

[Elk Range Expansion Plan Stirs Debate](#) February 29, 2012 Arkansas, KARK

The US Forest Service and the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission are preparing to cut and clear thousands of acres of forest land ... Elk Program Coordinator Wesley Wright says there were elk in Arkansas back in the 1800s but they were hunted off ... Wright says the project is about more than elk, and that deer, bear and other wildlife will benefit from the expansion. But he also admits they need the elk to draw in the money from special interest groups.

[Forestry officials begin Ozarks area restoration](#) September 23, 2012 Arkansas, Russellville Courier

...The goal of the project, called Treasured Landscapes, includes clearing thick brush and setting controlled fires to open the thickly wooded area and provide a habitat for wildlife ... A certain level of fires, particularly low-intensity burns, are beneficial ... you'll have a dramatic, a significant increase in wildlife habitat, so you see an increase in

deer, elk and wild turkey, and you'll also see an increase in the woodland species diversity," ... National Forest Foundation President Bill Possiel said

[Land management for deer a puzzle](#) April 8, 2012 Arkansas, Arkansas Online

"Typically, blocks of woods in Arkansas are left unmanaged, meaning that they turn into closed-canopy forests. Landowners could harvest less desirable species, like hickory and sweet gum, and leave deer friendly, mast-producing trees, like persimmon and white oak... More importantly, thinning woods allows the sunlight to reach the forest floor, encouraging the growth of forbs and browse," ... Dick Baxter and Cory Gray of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission ...

[New Site Aids Owners in Conservation of Forests, Farms, Wildlife and Water](#) May 8, 2012 Arkansas, Virtual-Strategy Magazine

To help offset deep cuts in public conservation funding, Resources First Foundation (RFF), a 501(c)(3) non-profit, unveiled a new free resource ,,, the [Arkansas Conservation Center](#). ... our Wildlife and Habitat Management section offers science-based guides on how to improve habitat for Northern Bobwhite quail, Wood Ducks and other waterfowl, white-tailed deer ..."

[Record number of deer taken in Arkansas this year](#) December 19, 2012, Seattle Post Intelligencer

... more than 196,000 deer have been checked thus far to break the record of 194,687 set during the 1999-2000 season.

[State's deer numbers in good shape](#) September 7, 2012 Arkansas, Log Cabin Democrat

... what was going on in Mississippi, Missouri and Texas. Those states were ahead in deer management with the limited hunting of does to keep the buck-doe ratio in reasonable balance. Finally Arkansas put in doe days ... Arkansas Game and Fish

Commission estimate there are a million deer ... in 2012 there are Arkansas hunters — and a lot of them — who will not shoot a doe ...

[State's deer restoration is amazing](#) October 19, 2012 Arkansas, Log Cabin Democrat ... In the late 1930s, Arkansas had an estimated 5,000 deer — statewide. That number could be up a little from the mid-1920s when the restoration program began. Or maybe not.... It could not be done today. So many regulations have been added to our daily lives that a couple of fellows with a stake bed truck likely could not trap three or four deer in south Arkansas and move them to northeast Arkansas...

2011

Deer Harvests By Sex from Arkansas Game and Fish Commission

2010-2011 season

Antlered	83007
Button Buck	14855
Doe	88385
Total	186,247

[Arkansas Game and Fish Commission approves regulation changes for deer-hunting](#) ... April 22, 2011 Arkansas Management Hunting Daily Journal

Commissioners approved a major change that increases the statewide deer bag limit from five to six deer with no more than two bucks. Another change eliminates the use of preference points for 2013-14 deer hunting permits. ...

[Current deer season could approach the record](#) November 13, 2011 Arkansas, Log Cabin Democrat

The peak season in Arkansas deer hunting was 1999-2000 when 194,687 were checked by hunters. The numbers declined through 2003-04 due to both weather conditions and regulations restrictions of several types. Then numbers climbed again to close to the record of a dozen seasons ago.... another factor in the possible high count for deer checked in the current year is liberalizing of the seasonal deer limit....A hunter can take six deer this year but only two bucks statewide ... a hunter conceivably could take deer in a management area, cross a border road and take more deer.

[Deer population now much better than in past](#) December 23, 2011 Arkansas, Log Cabin Democrat

... Deer in Arkansas hit their low point in the early 1920s ... Dr. Lee Miles and Gus Amsler Jr., both of Little Rock. They were the top hands in the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission who pushed for deer restoration... Much of the work was done by volunteers, too

[Doe only hunt may become part of the season](#) December 10, 2011 Arkansas, Log Cabin Democrat

... The hunt as in specified deer zones, and these covered about two-thirds of the state. The idea was to reduce the number of female deer in areas where the buck-doe ratio was out of whack... What did the Indians and the early settlers go after? ... Those ancients went after young does because they thought that gave them the best eating.

[Doe-only Hunt Puts a New Look on Upcoming Arkansas Deer Season](#)

September 17, 2011 Arkansas, By ODC Editor

A doe-only hunt by any method is scheduled for Oct. 31 through Nov. 4....Dick Baxter is the deer program coordinator for the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission. He said, "The rationale

behind the hunt is simple. In many areas of the state, we have very high deer densities, and we need to try to reduce deer numbers. By providing hunters with doe-only days, hunters that participate will not have the option to wait on a buck...

[Game and Fish creates new deer season](#) April 21, 2011 Arkansas Management Hunting
Arkansas News

By Joe Mosby LITTLE ROCK —The state Game and Fish Commission today created a new modern gun deer season, from Oct. 31 through Nov. 4 this fall with hunting on five weekdays and limited to taking just doe deer. The hunt will be in Deer Zones 6A, 8A, 9, ...

[System to apply tick control to deer](#) January 11, 2011 Arkansas Southwest News-Herald
.... ARS researchers have developed new cattle fever tick control measures including this one that automatically applies a pesticide-impregnated neckband to deer ..

[What is the value of a deer?](#) December 10, 2011 Arkansas, Log Cabin Democrat

... deer had dwindled to a precious few in Arkansas in the early part of the last century... In 1938, Game and Fish folks – there were no wildlife biologists then – estimated Arkansas had 5,000 deer. ... One notation in those minutes was in 1941, and the commissioners approved buying 16 whitetails from a deer farm in Wisconsin for \$50 a head...

