<u>Poor deer season last fall has multiple causes, biologist says</u> March 6, 2015 North Carolina

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... a massive acorn crop —combined with EHD to create a perfect storm of fewer whitetails seen and harvested. "If people hunted field edges and agricultural areas, they may not have seen a lot of deer because deer stayed in the woods to eat acorns," ... said some of the hardest-hit EHD areas may have lost as much as 30 percent of their deer, said last fall's mast crop was North Carolina's second-largest since 1983...

<u>Hemorrhagic disease reported in Southern Appalachian deer</u> September 14, 2017 North Carolina, Mountain Xpress

... Hemorrhagic disease ... tends to occur in North Carolina every year, although with varying degrees of severity ... last major outbreak of HD in the state was in 2014 in the Piedmont ... Other notable outbreaks occurred in 1939, 1955, 1961, 1971, 1976, 1988, 1994, 1999, 2000, 2002, 2007, 2011 and 2012...

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... Despite an 8 percent harvest increase during the 2017-18 season and a herd estimated at one million, biologists were looking to the future when they proposed tightening regulations ... Deer populations are still rebounding from severe outbreaks of hemorrhagic disease in 2012 and 2014..,