

# Ohio Deer Population and Management Archive

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## 2023

[Ohio Republicans propose hunting, fishing ballot issue for November 2024 election](#)

October 10, 2023 Cleveland.com

... Republican lawmakers are targeting the November 2024 election for a proposed new ballot issue that would guarantee the right to hunt and fish in the state constitution ...

[Elk may one day return to Mid-Ohio Valley](#) October 7, 2023 Ohio, Marietta Times

...The last of the native eastern elk was shot around 1840 in Ashtabula County. Even white-tail deer were gone from Ohio by 1904. The deer were reintroduced in 1936 in Scioto County, they now thrive all over the state, including in and around Marietta. Now, 180 years after they left, the elk may be making their way back here as well...

[Opening week sees hunters aiming for buck records](#) October 7, 2023 Ohio, Star Beacon

... With a population of just over 800,000 deer, Ohio boasts a thriving deer population ... Ohio also offers hunters access to more than two million acres of state game land ...

[Ohio's problem: Too too many deer, but not enough hunting](#) September 24, 2023 The Columbus Dispatch

... About 40% of Ohio's resident hunters took a deer last year, though the success rate was only about 16% for hunters on public land. Meanwhile, hunter selectivity – bucks being more valued as a target than does – is making population control difficult... "It's likely we'll see a harvest about 5- to 10-percent higher than last year," said Mike Tonkovich ...

[Deer archery season about to begin in Ohio](#) September 14, 2023 Ohio, Galion Inquirer

... Since the fall of 2020, 23 wild deer in Ohio have tested positive for CWD, all in Marion and Wyandot counties. A disease surveillance area was established in Hardin, Marion, and Wyandot counties in 2021 and remains in effect. CWD is a fatal neurological disease that affects deer and other similar species, including mule deer, elk, and moose ...

#### [Gov. Mike DeWine veto leaves Ohio Wildlife Council with limited say in hunting seasons](#)

July 16, 2023 Ohio, The Columbus Dispatch

... DeWine administration called the council “an important voice in the stewardship of Ohio's outdoor recreational traditions.” On the other hand, “the current system, which relies on the professional determination of the Division of Wildlife, has worked for many years, and we see no reason to change it.” ...

#### [Plentiful deer supplied Native Americans, Ohio frontiersmen and gave Scioto River its name](#) May 28, 2023 Ohio, Yahoo

... writes the Rev. Mr. [David] Jones, [in 1772] ‘which the Shawanees give Siota [sic] has slipt my memory but it signifies ‘Hairy River.’ The Indians tell us that when they first came to live here, deers were so plenty, that in the vernal season, when they came to drink, the stream would be thick of hairs, hence they gave it the name.” ... The immense herds of deer may have diminished by the time settlers arrived at the fork of the Scioto and Olentangy Rivers in the 1790s...

#### [Ohio History Center: Gone From Ohio, extirpated animals \(photo diary\)](#) May 10, 2023 Daily Kos

... While white-tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*) were common in Ohio 200 years ago, unregulated hunting and loss of habitat devastated the population and by 1911 they were gone from Ohio. In 1922 there was a successful effort to re-introduce them to the state...

#### [Ohio's 2023-24 hunting seasons announced](#) April 20, 2023 Farm and Dairy

... Bag limits will increase to three deer in Belmont, Gallia, Geauga, Harrison, Jefferson and Monroe counties, and will decrease to two in Butler County. As in years past, only one antlered deer may be harvested, regardless of where or how it is taken...

[Wildlife management big part of being responsible](#) April 5, 2023 Ohio, The Vindicator

... Statewide populations peaked in the early 2000s at 750,000 – a stark contrast to 17,000 deer statewide in 1970. Currently, Ohio's deer population hovers around 680,000 and is controlled through regulated harvest set by the Ohio Division of Wildlife...

[2023-24 Deer Hunting Seasons Changes Proposed to Ohio Wildlife Council](#) February 9, 2023 Ohio, Scioto Post

... Deer hunting bag limits were proposed to increase in six counties and decrease in one... As in years past, only one antlered deer may be harvested, regardless of where or how it is taken...

[Ohio hunters killed more than 200,000 deer this season, a 7% jump from last year](#)

February 6, 2023 The Plain Dealer Cleveland

... Ohio's white-tailed deer hunting season ended Sunday with 210,977 deer harvested during archery, gun, muzzleloader, and youth hunting season since Sept. 10. Last year, the Ohio Division of Natural Resources reported 196,988 deer killed... ([see the data](#))

[Ohio deer kill numbers up in 2022, but what will next year's hunting regulations bring?](#)

January 15, 2023 Yahoo

... . In 2019, permit sales totaled 393,367, a decline from the peak of 231,541, or about 37.1%. Deer permit sales have increased slightly to a little north of 400,000 in recent years, including 406,919 during the current season. Nevertheless, the decline in license and permit sales from the top sales years represents huge shortfalls in potential revenue...

[More than 13,000 deer checked during Ohio's muzzleloader season](#) January 12, 2023

Ohio, Cleveland.com

... The season total for all forms of hunting is 201,292, the first time the total has exceeded 200,000 since 2012, according to ODNR. [an increase of 2.2% over 2021]. As of Tuesday, 406,919 permits have been issued for deer hunting..

## 2022

[Ohio Department of Natural Resources spends millions on body cameras for wildlife officers](#) December 18, 2022 The Columbus Dispatch

... In December 2020, wildlife officer Kevin Behr was shot and seriously wounded while investigating a possible deer hunting violation in Clinton County... "These new cameras have the ability to protect natural resources and wildlife officers while also offering transparency to the public." ...

[Deer kill numbers in Ohio are up as more hunters are embracing use of rifles](#) December 11, 2022 Yahoo

... Four counties hit hard during the summer and fall by outbreaks of deadly epizootic hemorrhagic disease (EHD) had significant declines in harvest during gun week. In southwestern Ohio, Butler County ended down 23%, Hamilton fell 21% and Warren declined 11%. In southeastern Ohio, the Vinton County take slipped 12%...

[Ohio's deer gun season brings above-average numbers for hunters](#) December 6, 2022 Cleveland.com

... Nearly 72,000 deer were harvested during the most recent deer gun season in Ohio, more than 3,500 above the average during the past three years... 26,355 bucks (37%), 36,546 does (51%) and 7,983 button bucks (11%)...

[Two days conducting dental examinations on whitetail deer](#) December 2, 2022 Ohio, Yahoo.com

... Despite many claims that antler size, hair color, or body mass can be used to accurately assess a deer's age, the most dependable method involves ... taking a look

at its teeth... By the time the deer gets to be one-and-a-half years old ... two additional molars will have emerged behind the original four bringing the total per jaw up to six...

[How Ohio deer hunting has changed](#) November 28, 2022 News5Cleveland.com

... the Ohio Division of Wildlife's data shows how the number of deer permits issued each year continues to fall. Last year, about 404,000 permits were issued, a 35% drop compared to the peak of nearly 625,000 in 2009..,

[Youth deer hunting results in Ohio could be a good sign for gun week](#) November 27, 2022 YAHOO!News

... The gun week take, which not long ago routinely pushed north of 100,000, in recent years has averaged in the 65,000-70,000 range for a variety of reasons. Those include fewer deer than in the Ohio heyday, fewer places to hunt, a declining hunter population and the embrace of bow hunting, particularly crossbow use..,

[Youth hunters get another shot at lifting deer numbers](#) November 13, 2022 Ohio, The Columbus Dispatch

... In 2007, the youth gun weekend produced a record take of 10,059. Unsurprisingly, that occurred during a decade when the number of deer on the huntable landscape likely reached its modern peak..,

[Ohio Deer Processors Convicted in Massive Poaching and "Whitetail Deer Commercialization" Case](#) November 8, 2022 Field & Stream

... Ohio officials convicted 14 defendants of more than 100 felony and misdemeanor charges ... "grand theft, possession of untagged deer parts, hunting with illegal implements, and complicity to wildlife sales." ...

[How 14 Ohio deer hunters got \\$70k in fines](#) November 3, 2022 NBC4 Columbus

... case against 14 individuals, who were charged with 122 counts of various felonies and misdemeanors, including engaging in a pattern of corrupt activities, grand theft,

falsification, tampering with records, possession of untagged deer parts, hunting with an illegal implement and complicity to wildlife sales...

[Acorn abundance influences behaviors of Ohio's wildlife](#) October 18, 2022 The Pike County News Watchman

... Statewide, the proportion of white oaks bearing acorns (38%) was the same as last year, while the percentage of red oaks with acorns (37%) was down 12%. All results, including tables and historical numbers, are available at [wildohio.gov](http://wildohio.gov)... In poor mast years, deer are forced to use other food sources ...

[The tangled web of wildlife management](#) June 25, 2022 Ohio, The Courier

... there were no whitetail deer in Ohio. Extirpated by 1911 by lack of both seasonal limits and restraint ... In 1922, wildlife officials began restocking wild deer from neighboring states ... Deer populations are down all over the place on national forest land as an artifact of restricted active forest management, and research ...

[Ohio Wildlife Council approves 2022-23 hunting seasons](#) April 18, 2022 The Crescent-News

... In 18 counties, bag limits will increase. Three counties will increase to two deer ... Fifteen counties will increase to three deer ... Deer bag limit increases are designed to slow herd growth and provide additional hunting opportunities...

[Hunting proposals presented to Ohio Wildlife Council](#) March 6, 2022 Ohio's Country Journal

.. Deer bag limit increases are designed to slow herd growth and provide additional hunting opportunities. Deer bag limits were proposed to be increased in 18 counties. Three counties are proposed to increase to two deer (from one deer) ...

[Ohio not likely to follow in steps of Western states that ban cellular trail cameras](#)

February 13, 2022 The Daily Record

... Arizona was the first state to step into the trail camera ban arena, citing "... unfair advantage in the pursuit ... " ... Nevada and Arizona are the only states that have a full ban on the use of any trail cameras for hunting purposes. Montana, Utah, Kansas, New Hampshire and Alaska have partial bans ...

[Deer proposals will affect Lima area hunters](#) February 11, 2022 Ohio, The Lima News  
... Six Lima area counties are among 15 counties that are proposed to move from two to three-deer counties... According to the DOW, deer bag limit increases are designed to slow herd growth and provide additional hunting opportunities...

[Nearly 197,000 deer harvested in Ohio this season](#) February 8, 2022 Yahoo News  
... Ohio's 2021-22 deer hunting season concluded Sunday with 196,988 deer checked  
... Ohio hunters purchased 396,370 permits across all hunting seasons... [see report](#)

## 2021

[Deer gun season comes to a close with record harvest and no injuries](#) December 21, 2021 Ohio, Mansfield News Journal  
... The combined gun harvests of 87,439 whitetail deer were above the three-year average of 84,244...

[Changes have reshaped Ohio's deer hunting seasons](#) December 12, 2021 Yahoo  
... a lot of deer hunting takes place earlier in the season, leaving gun hunters considerably fewer deer ... As late as 1995, three out of four deer checked were taken during gun week ... years later — during some of the peak years for the state's deer population — well over half the whitetails taken were tagged during gun week ...

[Plenty of deer survive the hunting seasons](#) December 10, 2021 Ohio Yahoo News  
... an estimated free-ranging statewide herd of somewhere between 600,000 and three-quarters of a million ... estimated 300,000 hunters who participate in Ohio's

annual deer gun season ... white-tailed deer were extirpated from Ohio by the end of the 1800s until conservation efforts saw them reintroduced in the 1920s ...

[Ohio hunters harvest 70K deer during gun week](#) December 9, 2021 Dayton Daily News  
... Over the past three years, hunters checked an average of 65,280 deer during the same weeklong period, which marks an 8% increase in 2021...

[Good weather week may produce big deer harvest](#) December 3, 2021 Ohio, The Lima News  
... The weather was much nicer following that miserable opening day in 2020 and it helped increase the harvest..,

[Archers rule annual Ohio deer harvest](#) November 30, 2021 Ohio's Country Journal  
... The number of hunters chasing deer with archery equipment in Ohio continues to grow. During the 2020-21 deer season, 48% of deer were taken with archery equipment, including 33% using a crossbow and 15% using a vertical bow ...

[Busy week ahead for Ohio deer hunters](#) November 27, 2021 Yahoo News  
... Ohio's deer herd is estimated at around 700,000 animals... there will be close to 300,000 hunters out in the woodlots, fields... The pandemic got much of the credit for the fact the 2020 harvest was about 10 percent higher than the average of the three previous seasons...

[Video: Ohio's White-tailed Deer: An Update on Herd Health and Condition](#) – Mike Tonkovich, ODNR - November 1, 2021

[Ohio deer gun harvest numbers will be hard-pressed to match last year's](#) September 19, 2021 Columbus Dispatch  
... Tonkovich does know the overall deer population has held steady or slightly increased in most counties as the result of regulations designed to stabilize the population at target levels deemed appropriate for each county landscape..,

[Early Ohio deer kill lags behind](#) October 15, 2021 Outdoor News



... It is estimated that Ohio's deer herd consists of around 600,000 to 800,000 animals. And projections are that between 185,000 and 1995,000 deer will be killed by all means when the last of Ohio's deer seasons concludes Feb. 6..,

[Video](#): 2021-22 Ohio Deer Season Forecast

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[Landscape Features Fail to Explain Spatial Genetic Structure in White-Tailed Deer Across Ohio, USA](#) 2021 The Journal of Wildlife Management

...Landscape genetics approaches are increasingly used to better understand potential pathways for CWD spread in white-tailed deer, but little is known about genetic structure of white-tailed deer in Ohio... Our results indicated widespread genetic connectivity of white-tailed deer across Ohio and negligible effects of landscape features. These patterns likely reflect some combination of minimal resistive effects of landscape features on white-tail deer movement in Ohio and the effects of regional recolonization or translocation...

[Ohio Wildlife Council Approves 2021-22 Hunting Regulations](#) April 8, 2021 peakofohio.com

... Deer populations in Ohio have shown increased growth over the last several years. Expanding the use of deer management permits statewide on private lands helps keep populations near targeted numbers while also maintaining a healthy and robust deer population on public lands..,

[2021-22 hunting regulations approved](#) May 2, 2021 Ohio, Times Reporter  
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[Even with increased deer kill, Ohio wildlife division looking to cull more](#) February 21, 2021 Ohio, Columbus Dispatch

... Tonkovich said the need to get whitetail numbers close to county population targets is behind a proposal that would expand the use of discounted deer-management permits on private land to all 88 Ohio counties ...,

[No Official Deer Population Count, But Division of Wildlife Has Its Ways](#) February 16, 2021 Ohio, whbc.com

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[Great numbers recorded during deer season](#) February 15, 2021 Ohio, Morrow County Sentinel

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[Did COVID-induced cabin fever spur hunters in Ohio to post higher deer numbers in 2020-21?](#) February 14, 2021 Ohio, Columbus Dispatch

...about a 7.2% bump. The average take during the past three years has been 180,921 ... A chunk of the increase in the deer kill is reflected in hunting license and permit sales in Ohio, Tonkovich noted. As of mid-December, license sales were up about 5% from the previous year, while the sale of deer permits increased by about 4%..,

## **OHIO'S 2020-2021 DEER HUNTING SEASON CONCLUDES** February 8, 2021 DNR News

COLUMBUS, Ohio – One of Ohio's most successful white-tailed deer hunting seasons concluded Sunday, Feb. 7, 2021 with 197,735 deer harvested, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Wildlife. That total is the highest since 218,910 deer were taken during the 2012-2013 hunting season.

The final harvest totals represent all deer taken during archery, gun, muzzleloader, and youth hunting seasons that began Sept. 26, 2020. An average of 180,921 deer were harvested during the last three years.

Since September 2020, hunters harvested 94,691 deer with archery equipment, while 86,853 deer were taken with firearms during the weeklong and two-day gun seasons. In addition, 9,708 deer were harvested with muzzleloaders. Young hunters found success during the two-day youth season with 5,795 deer harvested.

"We are pleased to see an increased number of deer taken this season as Ohio's hunters spent more time in the woods during the fall and winter," said Division of Wildlife Chief Kendra Wecker. "Hunting provides a great connection to the outdoors as well as a direct link to a healthy and natural food source."

The top 10 counties for deer harvested during the 2020-2021 deer season include: Coshocton (6,791), Tuscarawas (6,158), Ashtabula (5,662), Licking (5,549), Knox (5,247), Muskingum (5,172), Holmes (4,833), Guernsey (4,809), Carroll (4,123), and Trumbull (4,015).

Deer hunting occurs in all 88 counties and an estimated 310,000 hunters participated during Ohio's deer seasons, and more than 409,809 deer permits were purchased or issued. Hotspots for deer hunting are found mostly in the eastern regions. Coshocton County leads the state in total deer harvests over the last five years, with 6,715 deer taken during the 2019-2020 season.

The popularity of hunting with archery equipment continues to grow, with 48% of deer taken during the 2020-2021 archery season, including 33% using a crossbow and 15% using a vertical bow. Gun harvest attributed to 52% of the

harvest. This includes 22% with shotguns, 21% with straight walled cartridge rifles, 8% with muzzleloaders, and less than 1% with handguns.

Across all deer seasons, hunters harvested 80,003 bucks, accounting for 40% of the total harvest. Does represented 48% of the harvest with 94,771 taken, while 19,629 button bucks were taken, for 10%. Bucks with shed antlers and bucks with antlers less than 3 inches long accounted for 3,332 deer, or 2% of the harvest. Deer harvest summaries can be found on the [Deer Harvest Summary page](#) at wildohio.gov.

Anyone interested in learning to hunt or becoming a mentor to a new hunter can visit the [Wild Ohio Harvest Community page](#) for information on how to get started, hunting-related workshops as well as special hunting opportunities for mentors and new hunters.

[ODNR official says snow, cold weather helped deer hunters this season](#) February 10, 2021 Ohio, WKBN

... Snow makes deer move more, making it easier to track. Officials have also changed some tag limit regulations, and more hunters were out for gun and archery season... the number of hunters from last season to this season is up ...

[Ohio deer hunting season concludes with most deer killed since](#) 2012 February 9, 2021 cleveland.com

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## 2020

[Bad weather marred opening day, but gun hunters took more deer this year than last year](#) December 13, 2020 Ohio, Columbus Dispatch

... The state deer total for firearms and archery through Tuesday stood at 157,194, which is 9,285 more, an increase of 6.3 percent, than the 147,909 checked a year ago at the same point in the season...

[Deer totals up in county](#) December 8, 2020 Ohio, Morning Journal News

... Deer hunting in Ohio has come a long way since the first gun season in 1943, when only three counties were open for hunting and 158 deer were taken. Today, deer hunting occurs in all 88 counties and an estimated 310,000 hunters participated during Ohio's weeklong deer-gun season..

[Ohio's deer population is 'just right'](#) December 3, 2020 Farm and Dairy

... Deer had pretty much disappeared from Ohio by the early 1900s... A huge effort was made starting in the early 1930s to bring deer back by means of trapping and transferring, ... the Division of Wildlife estimates that the herd grew by 80% from 1998 to 2008... Ohio's deer population has been allowed to build the last few years and has probably stabilized ...

[Big bucks to be had in the Buckeye State](#) November 28, 2020 Ohio, The Courier

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[Hunters preparing for deer gun season in Ohio](#) November 22, 2020 Ohio, The Columbus Dispatch

... wildlife division revenues. Hunting licenses in 2019 generated some \$10.8 million, about 15 percent of the \$72.6 million total, and deer permits accounted for some \$8.8 million, about 12 percent... federal dollars, some \$23.8 million, or about 33 percent ...

### **Ohio Deer Population History**

... According to Harvey B. Webster, chief wildlife officer and museum ambassador at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, the state originally teemed with deer. But there was a time, right around the turn of the 20th century, when the Buckeye State was virtually deerless. Wholesale deforestation of almost the entire state to supply the lumber industry had rendered the area uninhabitable for the deer population ... the family farms that followed continued the trend, so they vanished for decades... From: [How to keep deer – and rabbits, groundhogs and other hungry critters – out of your vegetable garden](#), Cleveland.com on MSN.com

### [Ohio 2020 Acorn Mast Survey Results](#) October 8, 2020 Ohio Division of Wildlife

... The 16th annual mast survey was completed on 38 wildlife areas. An average of 26.7% of white oaks and 69.8% of red oaks bore fruit this year ... Numerous studies have linked the abundance of mast crops to body condition, winter survival, and reproductive success of white-tailed deer ...

### [Ohio's deer season begins amid optimism, some changes in regulations](#) September 27, 2020 Columbus Dispatch

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[2020-21 Ohio hunting season approved by wildlife council](#) May 14, 2020 Fox 28

... The statewide deer bag limit remains at six deer, only one of which may be antlered, and a hunter cannot exceed a county bag limit...

[Group believes Ohio has foundation to bring elk back](#) February 29, 2020 Ohio, Toledo Blade

... after European settlement in America and eventually Ohio, overhunting and habitat loss caused the elk to disappear from Ohio by 1838.” ... we’ve seen healthy elk herds established in Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Kentucky ...

[Deer proposals would offer changes in 42 counties](#) February 28, 2020 Ohio, The Lima News

... While some counties will move to three-deer counties and others will drop to two-deer counties, there are three counties (Clinton, Fayette and Pickaway) that have a one-deer limit. Metropolitan areas continue to have a four-deer limit...

[Deer limit reduction in Delaware County raises eyebrows](#) February 23, 2020 Ohio, Columbus Dispatch

... the division proposed reducing the 2020-21 season deer limit in Delaware County from four to three... . “The growth is mostly in the southern one-third of the county, and the reality is that in the northern two-thirds of the county hunters have done a pretty good job reducing the deer herd.” ..,

## 2019

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[Gallia, Meigs deer harvest numbers](#) February 4, 2019 Ohio, Daily Sentinel

... Deer hunting regulations over the past four seasons have been designed to allow for moderate herd growth throughout most of the state. Herd growth is achieved by reducing harvest and protecting female deer..

[Deer hunting season comes to quiet end](#) February 8, 2019 Ohio, The Lima News

... weather had an effect on the deer harvest, which wound up being more than 14,000 fewer than a year ago... According to the Ohio Division of Wildlife (DOW), deer hunting regulations over the past four seasons have been designed to allow for moderate herd growth throughout most of the state... DOW projected the harvest to be up slightly this year...

[Ohio hunters harvest 172,000 deer during 2018-2019 season](#) February 4, 2019, fox8

... Hunters checked 172,040 white-tailed deer throughout Ohio's 2018-2019 deer season ...

[New bill raises fishing, hunting license fees](#) July 26, 2019 Ohio, LimaOhio.com

... either-sex permits rise to \$16 from \$12 for youth residents and non-residents. An adult resident permit increases to \$31.20 from \$24. A non-resident adult permit and senior resident permit remain unchanged at \$76.96 and \$12...

[ODNR closes largest case in history](#) February 3, 2019 Ohio, Zanesville Times Recorder

... state wildlife investigators seized items including 96 deer and turkey mounts, 35 sets of antlers, more than 200 pounds of filleted sportfish and 400 pounds of de-boned venison and processed deer meat. Nine defendants ...

**Ohio's White-tailed Deer Hunting Season Is a Success** February 3, 2020  
Ohio DNR News

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Ohio's white-tailed deer hunters concluded the 2019-2020 hunting season by harvesting 184,465 deer, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Wildlife. Deer hunting in Ohio began Sept. 28, 2019, and concluded Feb. 2, 2020. The final harvest total represents all deer taken during archery,

gun, muzzleloader, and youth seasons. During the 2018-2019 deer hunting seasons, 172,670 deer were checked.

“It was another productive season for Ohio’s deer hunters. Ohio has a world-class deer population and continues to offer one of the best hunting experiences in the nation,” said Division of Wildlife Chief Kendra Wecker. “Even as this year’s deer season concludes, many are looking forward to spring wild turkey hunting and will begin preparations for the next deer season. Plan to take someone new with you this year to share your passion and knowledge of Ohio’s wildlife and hunting traditions.”

Top 10 counties for deer harvest during the 2019-2020 seasons include: Coshocton (6,715), Tuscarawas (5,781), Ashtabula (4,949), Muskingum (4,929), Licking (4,878), Knox (4,746), Guernsey (4,524), Holmes (4,507), Carroll (3,843) and Trumbull (3,668).

Ohio’s youth hunters harvested 6,234 on Nov. 23-24, 2019. During the 2019 weeklong and two-day deer-gun seasons, hunters checked in 77,187 deer. Muzzleloader hunters added an additional 10,615 deer from Jan. 4-7, 2020. On Feb. 2, archery hunters concluded their season with 88,860 deer taken. Archery hunters accounted for 48% of deer checked in 2019-2020. Ohio’s record deer harvest was in 2009-2010, when 261,260 were checked.

Ohio is a popular hunting destination for many out-of-state hunters. During the 2019-2020 hunting seasons, more than 34,000 nonresident Ohio hunting licenses were sold. The top five states for purchasing a nonresident hunting license in Ohio include: Pennsylvania, Michigan, West Virginia, North Carolina and New York.

The Division of Wildlife wants to hear from you. Each year, Division of Wildlife biologists present proposed hunting and fishing regulations to the Ohio Wildlife Council. Ohioans are encouraged to provide comments on the proposals and may do so in person or online. In-person comments can be submitted during the weeklong open house period from March 2-6, 2020, at any [Division of Wildlife district office](#). Online submissions can be made at [wildohio.gov](http://wildohio.gov) beginning Friday, Feb. 21, 2020. A complete list of proposed changes can be found at [wildohio.gov](http://wildohio.gov).

Each year, Ohioans take an estimated 171 million outdoor recreation trips and contribute \$5.9 billion to the Buckeye State’s economy, according to a report titled [Economic Valuation of Natural Areas in Ohio](#), recently released by The Ohio State University.

Anyone interested in learning to hunt or becoming a mentor to a new hunter can visit the [Wild Ohio Harvest Community Page](#) for information on how to get started, hunting-related workshops as well as special hunting opportunities for mentors and new hunters.

The Division of Wildlife can help you take advantage of all the hunting opportunities Ohio has to offer. Follow us on Twitter and Facebook for instant news stories, outdoor

recreation ideas, local wildlife information and so much more. The Your Wild Ohio Hunter Facebook page provides hunting tips and useful information as you get outside this season. Visit [wildohio.gov](http://wildohio.gov) to find locations to hunt, fish, trap and view wildlife. And don't forget to follow us on Instagram to view the best of Ohio's wildlife photography.

A list of all white-tailed deer checked by hunters during the 2019-2020 hunting seasons is shown below. The first number following the county's name shows the harvest numbers for 2019-2020, and the 2018-2019 harvest numbers are in parentheses. Harvest numbers below are subject to change.

Adams: 2,793 (2,965); Allen: 1,118 (878); Ashland: 3,378 (2,962); Ashtabula: 4,949 (4,895); Athens: 3,360 (3,455); Auglaize: 960 (826); Belmont: 2,936 (2,629); Brown: 2,315 (2,278); Butler: 1,454 (1,273); Carroll: 3,843 (3,476); Champaign: 1,266 (1,115); Clark: 761 (748); Clermont: 2,412 (2,308); Clinton: 772 (703); Columbiana: 3,180 (2,799); Coshocton: 6,715 (6,063); Crawford: 1,256 (1,123); Cuyahoga: 903 (930); Darke: 809 (687); Defiance: 1,763 (1,588); Delaware: 1,519 (1,408); Erie: 1,058 (1,021); Fairfield: 1,857 (1,799); Fayette: 340 (290); Franklin: 735 (736); Fulton: 795 (707); Gallia: 2,191 (2,499); Geauga: 1,922 (1,858); Greene: 842 (809); Guernsey: 4,524 (4,307); Hamilton: 1,550 (1,549); Hancock: 1,387 (1,145); Hardin: 1,459 (1,163); Harrison: 3,594 (3,214); Henry: 783 (675); Highland: 2,565 (2,283); Hocking: 3,163 (2,803); Holmes: 4,507 (3,934); Huron: 2,291 (2,104); Jackson: 2,821 (2,855); Jefferson: 2,077 (1,684); Knox: 4,746 (4,271); Lake: 849 (799); Lawrence: 1,552 (1,806); Licking: 4,878 (4,587); Logan: 2,163 (1,949); Lorain: 2,134 (2,080); Lucas: 778 (721); Madison: 555 (484); Mahoning: 1,884 (1,908); Marion: 926 (788); Medina: 2,141 (2,084); Meigs: 2,910 (3,083); Mercer: 814 (674); Miami: 879 (735); Monroe: 2,472 (2,282); Montgomery: 770 (701); Morgan: 2,920 (2,940); Morrow: 1,596 (1,487); Muskingum: 4,929 (4,663); Noble: 2,914 (2,909); Ottawa: 517 (476); Paulding: 1,114 (969); Perry: 2,570 (2,447); Pickaway: 800 (727); Pike: 1,901 (1,877); Portage: 2,503 (2,295); Preble: 1,036 (979); Putnam: 849 (699); Richland: 3,469 (3,263); Ross: 2,974 (2,758); Sandusky: 880 (832); Scioto: 2,030 (2,162); Seneca: 2,054 (1,776); Shelby: 1,100 (901); Stark: 2,848 (2,788); Summit: 1,498 (1,469); Trumbull: 3,668 (3,462); Tuscarawas: 5,781 (5,245); Union: 960 (923); Van Wert: 553 (495); Vinton: 2,439 (2,392); Warren: 1,213 (1,130); Washington: 3,292 (3,110); Wayne: 2,411 (2,082); Williams: 1,660 (1,558); Wood: 1,050 (909); Wyandot: 1,562 (1,451).

2020 total: 184,465

2019 total: (172,670)

[Weather likely played a role in lower Ohio deer harvest](#) March 14, 2019 Ohio, Toledo Blade

... there were 172,040 deer harvested in the state. That figure represented a significant decline from the 186,247 deer that were checked in by hunters in the 2017-18 season... "The restrictions on public land likely had some impact, but most of our deer are taken on private land, and the private land harvest was only down about four percent," ...

[Fewest deer harvested in many years](#) February 10, 2019 Ohio, New Philadelphia Times Reporter

... This rivals the 2014-15 season when only 175,745 deer were tagged. We have broken the 188,000 threshold just once in the last five years. We took over 200,000 deer virtually every year from 2003 to 2014, with the high water mark of 261,314 occurring in the 2009-10 season. Since then it's been a steady decline ...

[Deer hunting season comes to quiet end](#) February 8, 2019 Ohio, The Lima News  
... weather had an effect on the deer harvest, which wound up being more than 14,000 fewer than a year ago... According to the Ohio Division of Wildlife (DOW), deer hunting regulations over the past four seasons have been designed to allow for moderate herd growth throughout most of the state... DOW projected the harvest to be up slightly this year...,

[Ohio hunters harvest 172,000 deer during 2018-2019 season](#) February 4, 2019, fox8  
... Hunters checked 172,040 white-tailed deer throughout Ohio's 2018-2019 deer season ... [details](#)

[Gallia, Meigs deer harvest numbers](#) February 4, 2019 Ohio, Daily Sentinel  
... Deer hunting regulations over the past four seasons have been designed to allow for moderate herd growth throughout most of the state. Herd growth is achieved by reducing harvest and protecting female deer..

[Two-day deer season numbers way down](#) December 22, 2018 Ohio, New Philadelphia Times Reporter  
... only 9,625 deer were tagged in over the two-day "extra" gun season ... Last year, more than 14,000 deer ... even during the brief stretches of decent weather there wasn't much shooting going on... the fewest deer that I've seen in years...

[Who Are Apex Predators in Ohio? We Are. OH Really?](#) December 23, 2019 WKSU News  
... the current deer population in Ohio is stable and ODNR has not and is not considering reintroducing wolves.. Geoff Westerfield, assistant wildlife management supervisor in District 3.

[Ohio Wildlife Council Receives 2019-2020 Deer Hunting Proposals](#) February 14, 2019 Ohio Department of Natural Resources  
... Deer bag limits were proposed to remain the same for all counties. The statewide bag limit was proposed to remain at six deer, only one of which may be antlered, and a hunter cannot exceed a county bag limit...

[Deer-hunting tweaks head new state hunting regs](#) April 11, 2019 Ohio, Outdoornews  
... Deer bag limits remain the same for all counties. The statewide bag limit remains at six deer, only one of which may be antlered ...

['Hunter-friendly' conditions lead to spike in Ohio deer harvest in 2019 gun season](#)

December 10, 2019 Ohio, TheNewsCenter

... The DNR's deer program administrator said the nearly 4.5 percent increase was partially because of ``hunter friendly" weather...

[Ohio has thousands of auto accidents caused by deer](#) January 5, 2020 Sandusky Register

... Tonkovich said he doesn't have an estimate for the statewide deer population, but said in general, Ohio's deer population seems to have increased for the last five years. He cautioned that local reports differ and some areas may see higher populations than others. Ohio hunters harvested 167,000 deer in 2019 at last report, and the final number will likely be about 190,000 for 2019 ...

[Ohio releases number of deer killed during muzzleloader season](#) January 8, 2020 Dayton Daily News

... Ohio's hunters killed 10,615 deer during the muzzleloader season ... During the 2019 season, 14,168 deer were taken ... Approximately 370,000 people have hunted deer in Ohio this year ...

[Better weather good for hunters, bad for deer](#) January 19, 2020 Ohio, The Columbus Dispatch

... The harvest total through Tuesday stood at 178,648, about 8.2% more than the 165,131 whitetails checked at the same point a year ago...

[Ohio's White-tailed Deer Hunting Season Is a Success](#) February 3, 2020 DNR News

Ohio's white-tailed deer hunters concluded the 2019-2020 hunting season by harvesting 184,465 deer, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Wildlife. Deer hunting in Ohio began Sept. 28, 2019, and concluded Feb. 2, 2020. The final harvest total represents all deer taken during archery, gun, muzzleloader, and youth seasons. During the 2018-2019 deer hunting seasons, 172,670 deer were checked...

[Fewer hunters are harvesting more deer](#) February 7, 2020 Ohio, The Lima News

... deer harvest numbers were up nearly 7 percent, license sales numbers were off 3 percent and deer permit sales were down 8 percent in early January... It is likely that the herd is stronger than what the harvest would suggest [Dr. Michael Tonkovich, deer program administrator] ...

## 2018

[A history lesson on early hunters](#) February 5, 2018 Ohio, Bucyrus Telegraph Forum

... Ohio was mostly heavy forest, but there were prairies here and there with rich grasses and reeds that deer, buffalo, and elk loved, and the Indians burned them

frequently to remove growing seedlings and saplings of brush and trees and fertilize new growth of prairie grasses...

[Deer 'stakeholders' group does due diligence](#) September 21, 2018 Ohio, Outdoornews ... a sea-change from political-boundary management, county by county, to habitat management, or deer-management units. DMUs are the way to go, enlightened, and take deer management out of the Dark Ages. The proposed DMUs can be viewed in a chart in [the Stakeholders report](#) ...

[Deer, river otter and bobcat dominate wildlife proposals](#) February 19, 2018

... Mike Reynolds, who is the Division of Wildlife Executive Administrator of Wildlife Management & Research ... reported ... harvest rates of about 34 percent for private land hunters and 14 percent for public land hunters based on deer check data. This lead to a proposed change on public lands to permit hunters to harvest only one antlerless deer from public hunting areas per license year. The proposal would also require that only antlered deer be harvested on public land after Dec. 2. The intent is to allow for some herd growth on public land...

[ODNR announces lottery to award permits for special deer hunts in state nature preserves](#) August 2, 2018 Ohio, WDTN.com

... hunters may enter the drawing by purchasing a single ticket for \$5... a continuing effort to control deer populations ...

[Ohio hunters' deer take up](#) February 10, 2018 MyDaytonDailyNews

... Deer hunting regulations over the past three seasons have been designed to allow for moderate herd growth throughout most of the state. Herd growth is achieved by reducing harvest and protecting female deer... For the counties in southwest Ohio, McCoy said hunters averaged 5 to 10 percent more deer killed than the three-year average..,

[Ohio Wildlife Council Approves 2017-2018 Hunting Regulations](#) April 13, 2017 Ohio Department of Natural Resources

An increase in the bag limit, from two deer per county to three deer per county, was approved for Athens, Belmont, Carroll, Coshocton, Fairfield, Gallia, Guernsey, Harrison, Hocking, Jackson, Jefferson, Lawrence, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Perry, Tuscarawas, Vinton and Washington counties. These changes are designed to slow the rate of herd growth, while still allowing herds to increase.



A reduction in the bag limit, from three deer per county to two deer per county, was approved for Allen, Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Paulding, Putnam and Williams counties. These changes are designed to encourage herd growth in these counties.

All other county bag limits remain the same. The statewide bag limit remains at six deer. Only one deer may be antlered, and a hunter cannot exceed a county bag limit.

[Ohio deer expert Mike Tonkovich predicts spike in 2017 hunter harvest](#) November 17, 2017 cleveland.com

... "After a couple of years of tighter restrictions designed to boost the deer population, we've increased the season bag limit in 21 counties for 2017-2018," ... hunters have bagged 37,861 deer, a bit less than the 42,268 taken a year ago when the season total was 188,239...

[Recent trends indicate 'great' deer season](#) September 22, 2018 Ohio, The Columbus Dispatch

... Barring unforeseen conditions such as bad weather, the numbers should be similar or higher than a year ago... The statewide bag limit remains six ... Only one deer may be antlered..,

[Tama County white, second deer, die as result of their antlers interlocked in battle](#)

October 24, 2018 Ohio, Tama News-Herald - Toledo Chronicle

... The cause of the white deer's death was immediately apparent because its antlers were interlocked with the antlers of another whitetail's... the white deer had been dead for days and the survivor had tried unsuccessfully for days to free himself ...

[The History of the White-Tailed Deer in Ohio](#) by David Heithaus was originally published in the BFEC Newsletter, Vol. 18/No. 4, Fall 2014.

... [the deer population] peaked in 2006 around 800,000 ... With the exception of a brief hiatus due to extirpation in the very early 1900s (Europeans just missed their 100 years to kill everything in the state), white-tailed deer have existed in Ohio since the end of the last ice age...Deer were reintroduced from neighboring states beginning in the 1920s. These efforts, together with natural migration, saw herds in 28 counties by 1937 and in all 88 counties by 1956. The first modern regulated hunting season took place in 1943. 164 bucks were killed...

## 2017

[Hunters see deer population differently than ODNR](#) November 11, 2017 Ohio, LimaOhio

... By 1909, the white-tailed deer was declared extinct in the state ... In 1922, 800 acres of land was set aside and a massive corral was built on the land to create The Theodore Roosevelt Game Preserve. Some 200 white-tailed deer were purchased by the state of Ohio from residents. A decade later, 1,000 deer were released into the wild from the preserve to begin repopulating the state, according to Gilbert.

By 1943, there were enough deer that the first official hunt since 1903 was held in Adams, Pike and Scioto counties, where hunters killed 168 bucks. By 1995, the deer population rose to an estimated 550,000. By 2007, there were about 675,000 white-tailed deer in Ohio ...

[Deer numbers drop, but not drastically](#) February 11, 2017 Ohio, MyDaytonDailyNews  
...Ohio Division of Wildlife biologists, who have been trying to slowly build up the state's deer herd. The goal of Ohio's deer management program is to provide a deer population "that maximizes recreational opportunities, while minimizing conflicts with landowners and motorists."  
...

[2017 Ohio Deer Forecast](#) September 19, 2017 Game & Fish  
... the state this year has a higher population of whitetails compared to a year ago, and predict a rise in harvest rates... When antlerless deer comprise 61 percent of the harvest or less, the deer herd grows. Antlerless harvest that is 61 to 62 percent of the total results in relative stability..,

Ohio 2016 Hunt, [Top outdoor news for sportsmen from 2017](#) December 31, 2017 Sandusky Register  
... The 2016-17 final deer hunting tally was 182,169, statistically similar to the previous season take of 188,329. With the statewide muzzleloader season scheduled for Jan. 6-9 and the archery season ending on Feb. 4, hunters have killed almost 164,000 so far this season..,

[Deer numbers take upward turn](#) December 9, 2017 Ohio, MyDaytonDailyNews  
... "Last year the weather was terrible. Opening day was a washout. And when there is a bad opening day, the week usually isn't very good. ... Yes, we had a good gun week this year, but it was not better than the year before last (73,399)... Dr. Tonkovich, deer project lead biologist ...,

[Hunting Report](#) December 14, 2017 Ohio, Toledo Blade  
... hunters in the Buckeye State have harvested 146,799 white-tailed deer in the state ... 63,966 antlered deer and 82,833 antlerless deer..,

[Deer season harvest numbers up so far](#) December 13, 2017 Ohio, Farm and Dairy  
... gun-deer season ... hunters reported 72,814 deer killed ... top that of last year when 66,758 deer were reported, by nearly 10 percent..,

[Does weather affect deer harvest numbers?](#) December 8, 2017 Ohio, Lima Ohio  
... During the 2014-15 seasons many county deer bag limits were reduced as well as the antlerless permits, which had been successful in thinning an oversized deer herd in some areas.



Bag limits were reduced in 46 counties prior to the 2014-2015 deer hunting season, and antlerless permits were eliminated in 29 counties...

[Letter Support Fee Increases from Ohio Wildlife Council](#) [PDF] April 22, 2017 Ohio Valley Outdoors

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[ODNR director resists sportsmen's clamor to increase cost of Ohio hunting, fishing licenses](#) May 2, 2017 Ohio, cleveland.com

... The wildlife agency's main source of its \$67.9 million budget is the sale of licenses and permits... both Ohio and non-resident hunters pay a meager \$24 for a deer permit... resident hunting license sales dropped from 573,099 in 1978 to 256,149 in 2011...

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## Ohio Hunters Harvest more than 182,000 Deer during 2016-2017 Season

*2/6/2017 in Wildlife*

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Find more information about deer hunting in the Ohio 2016-2017 Hunting and Trapping Regulations or at [wildohio.gov](http://wildohio.gov).

**Editor's Note:** A list of all white-tailed deer checked by hunters during the 2016-2017 deer season is shown below. The first number following the county's name shows the harvest number for the 2016-2017 season, and the 2015-2016 season number is in parentheses.

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## Ohio's 2017 Deer-Gun Season Opens with more than 22,000 Deer Harvested

*11/28/2017 Ohio DNR in [Wildlife](#)*

**COLUMBUS, OH** – Hunters checked 22,366 white-tailed deer on Monday, Nov. 27, the opening day of Ohio's deer-gun hunting season, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR).

Ohio's deer-gun season remains open through Sunday, Dec. 3. Two additional days of deer-gun season (Saturday, Dec. 16, and Sunday, Dec. 17) have been added to increase the opportunity for people to hunt with firearms. Find more information about deer hunting in the [2017-2018 Ohio Hunting and Trapping Regulations \[pdf\]](#) or at [wildohio.gov](http://wildohio.gov).

Past year's harvest summaries and weekly updated harvest reports can be found at [wildohio.gov/deerharvest](http://wildohio.gov/deerharvest).

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### 1501:31-15-11 Deer Regulations.

It is proposed that the statewide bag limit for deer remain at six. Additional deer may be taken from Division of Wildlife authorized controlled hunts. Only one antlered deer may be taken, regardless of method or location of take.

Within that framework, it is proposed that the following changes be made to county bag limits:

A reduction in the bag limit, from 3 deer per county to 2 per county in Allen, Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Paulding, Putnam and Williams Counties. An increase in the bag limit, from 2 deer per county to 3 deer per county in Athens, Belmont, Carroll, Coshocton, Fairfield, Gallia, Guernsey, Harrison, Hocking, Jackson, Jefferson, Lawrence, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Perry, Tuscarawas, Vinton and Washington.

There are no proposed changes in the use of antlerless permits. Antlerless permits will be valid in Cuyahoga, Delaware, Franklin, Hamilton, Lake, Lorain, Portage, Stark and Summit Counties until the day before the deer gun season begins. Antlerless permits are valid at all Division of Wildlife authorized controlled hunts for the entire season.

Page | 5 There are no proposed changes to the dates/timing of the seasons. The following will be the season dates: Archery – September 30, 2017 through February 4, 2018 Youth Gun Season – November 18 and 19, 2017 Deer Gun Season – November 27 through December 3 and December 16 and 17, 2017. Muzzle loader Season – January 6 through January 9, 2018

It is proposed that this rule be amended to reflect that any straight-walled cartridge rifle, with a minimum caliber of .357 to a maximum caliber of .50 be allowed for hunting deer in Ohio. There have been three seasons of hunting deer with straight-walled cartridge rifles in Ohio and we have had no biological impacts to the herd or additional hunter incidents as a result. By defining the allowable rifles in the proposed manner it makes

the rule easily understood and easily enforced; in addition it is inclusive of a great number of options in rifles.

It is also proposed that the following language be modified to include rifles: "It shall be unlawful for any person to be in possession of shotgun slugs or rifle ammunition while hunting during the youth deer gun season, except youth hunters hunting deer."

It is proposed that the language in paragraph B of the rule be amended from "It shall be unlawful to hunt or take any deer under the authority of an antlerless deer permit, outside of a division of wildlife authorized controlled hunt, from the following counties" to "It shall be unlawful to attach an antlerless deer permit, or otherwise use an antlerless deer permit, or to obtain a game check confirmation number with an antlerless deer permit, on or for any deer hunted or taken outside of a division of wildlife authorized controlled hunt from the following counties." This will allow officers to enforce the law intended to control the use of these permits to specific counties.

## 2016

[8 Tiny Facts About Reindeer That Click](#) December 22, 2016 Ohio, USAgNet  
... 10,000 years ago ... reindeer lived in the area that became Ohio ... Based on DNA analysis, the study suggested that reindeer/caribou should be in two groups. One group is the caribou in southern Canada. The other group is the caribou in Alaska and northern Canada plus the reindeer in Europe and Asia. The scientists who did the study said the Ice Age split the two groups apart about 200,000 years ago ...

[After years, Elk could return](#) March 8, 2016 Ohio, Bucyrus Telegraph Forum  
... When the first pioneers reached Ohio they found a good sized elk herd waiting... assessment determined that there are some areas in Ohio where the habitat could support a small number of elk (400 or less) ...

[Biologists battle 'ecological train wreck' of feral pigs in Ohio fields and forests](#)

September 12, 2016 Akron Beacon Journal

... Wild pigs compete for food such as acorns with native wildlife including deer, turkeys and squirrels... the swine can even eat the young of large mammals such as deer and cattle ...

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[Considerations necessary when comparing Ohio deer harvests](#) January 17, 2016 Ohio,

The Columbus Dispatch

... hunters took 180,917 whitetails from the September start of the bow season through the close of the muzzleloader hunt, significantly outpacing last year's total of 169,179 during a similar period...

[Deer Hunting is Significant in Ohio's Economy](#) October 10, 2016 WKSU News

... There are now over 500 deer-breeding farms in Ohio — with an estimated 25,000 captive white- tail deer ...

[Deer kill up; regs won't change](#) February 12, 2016 Ohio, MyDaytonDailyNews

... several factors that played into the higher total... a lower than average mast crop (acorns), which made deer more active in looking for other food sources... farmers having most of their crops harvested before gun season ... weather was good throughout the fall...

[Ohio proposes deer hunting regulations hoping hunters. Mother Nature agree](#) February

13, 2016 Ohio, Cleveland Plain Dealer

... "The year's harvest was artificially inflated because of the weather and the mast crop failure," said deer biologist Clint McCoy. "We had predicted a nominal increase of 5 percent to 7 percent. Going forward for next year, we are probably going to see a similar buck harvest, or down just a smidgen...

[Deer harvest proves interest in bow hunting](#) February 13, 2016 Ohio, Limaohio

... Preliminary data from our deer hunter survey revealed that about two-thirds of hunters think there are too few deer. Therefore, we will hold regulations stable this year to promote modest herd growth in most regions of the state...

[Final deer tally for Ohio is in](#) February 15, 2016 People's Defender

... Officials I've talked with and others don't necessarily believe there are any more deer on the landscape, but poor mast crop and nice weather brought out the hunters and the deer which combined for a seven percent increase in the overall take...

[Deer population stable in Ohio](#) November 30, 2016 News-Herald.com

... a stable deer population in Ohio means the bag limits for 2016-2017 will remain the same as 2015-2016. "The current regulations are designed to promote modest herd growth," ... "We are seeing approximately 20 deer per square mile," ...

[Deer-gun harvest totals continue to decline](#) December 10, 2016 Ohio, Columbus Dispatch

... Tonkovich ... had anticipated a kill of perhaps 80,000 ... the number of deer checked fell 6,580 from the 73,399 reported during the 2015 gun week... The decline in less than a decade has been dramatic, a drop of more than 40 percent ... The wildlife division began curtailing the sale of antlerless permits in 2013...

[Deer-gun season opens Nov. 28](#) November 9, 2016 Ohio, Putnam County Sentinel

... The statewide bag limit is six deer. Hunters may harvest only one buck in Ohio, regardless of method of take or location... Hunters harvesting deer within DSA 2015-01 are required to bring their deer to a carcass inspection station for disease testing...

[Early on deer kill lagging in numbers](#) December 8, 2016 Ohio, Outdoor News

... As of December 6th Ohio's deer hunters have taken 143,602 animals... the comparable 2015 to-date kill of 153,292 animals ... last year hunters enjoyed higher than normal success due to a mast crop failure in most regions of the state." ...

[Final deer harvest numbers are in](#) February 22, 2016 Ohio, Galion Inquirer

... Hunters checked 188,335 white-tailed deer throughout Ohio's 2015-2106 deer season ... Last year, 175,745 deer were checked ... To help stabilize deer populations,

bag limits were reduced this year, and antlerless permit use was eliminated in most counties....

[Mother Nature gives Ohio deer harvest a boost](#) January 30, 2016 Cleveland Plain Dealer

... That the ODOW went too far in trimming the herd is a common complaint from hunters used to seeing lots of deer... Deer management supervisor Mike Tonkovich ... does have an average of 1.5 fawns each year when populations are low to moderate and food sources are plentiful... the average has been only .7 or .8 fawns per doe in recent years...

[ODNR helping restore chestnut trees to Ohio landscapes](#) January 4, 2016 Morrow County Sentinel

... Native populations of American chestnut were devastated by the chestnut blight disease that was introduced to the U.S. during the early 1900s... until its decline in population, provided important food for bear, deer, turkey ...

[Ohio deer firearm season totals drop](#) December 6, 2016 Toledo Blade

... we're just not seeing the deer numbers that we have in the past ... The decrease in the harvest was not a surprise, because the Ohio Department of Natural Resources' management practices in recent years have been focused on a gradual reduction in the overall herd size ...

[Nearly 67,000 deer checked during Ohio's weeklong gun hunting season](#) December 5, 2016 Norwalk Reflector

... checked 66,759 white-tailed deer during Ohio's 2016 deer-gun hunting season, Nov. 28-Dec. 4 ... Last year, hunters checked 73,392 deer ...

[Local deer numbers are down](#) December 5, 2016 Ohio, Morrow County Sentinel  
... Hunters checked 18,776 white-tailed deer on Monday, Nov. 28, the opening day of Ohio's deer-gun hunting season ... In 2015, 22,253 deer were reported the first day of the deer-gun season ...

[Deer-gun harvest totals continue to decline](#) December 10, 2016 Ohio, Columbus Dispatch

... Tonkovich ... had anticipated a kill of perhaps 80,000 ... the number of deer checked fell 6,580 from the 73,399 reported during the 2015 gun week... The decline in less than

a decade has been dramatic, a drop of more than 40 percent ... The wildlife division began curtailing the sale of antlerless permits in 2013...

[Are coyotes affecting local fawn recruitment?](#) January 22, 2017 Ohio, Sandusky Register

... hunters in Ohio and throughout the Midwest have seen deer populations decline over the past several years. Wildlife managers have been forced to reduce antlerless deer harvest ... An Ohio State University study done several years ago showed deer made up as much as 22 percent of coyote diets, but could not reveal the source of the prey, which could have included road killed animals...

[Final deer harvest numbers pretty underwhelming](#) February 18, 2017 Ohio, New Philadelphia Times Reporter

... from a strictly numbers standpoint, it was the second-worst season of the last eight ... the coyote population has exploded. ... The bottom line is this: the herd is undoubtedly smaller than it was with similar factors working against it ever getting much bigger...

[Deer numbers drop, but not drastically](#) February 11, 2017 Ohio, MyDaytonDailyNews ...Ohio Division of Wildlife biologists, who have been trying to slowly build up the state's deer herd. The goal of Ohio's deer management program is to provide a deer population "that maximizes recreational opportunities, while minimizing conflicts with landowners and motorists." ...

[With poaching in the news, how does Ohio set its deer hunting limits?](#) June 9, 2017 Ohio, cleveland.com

... Despite deer culling in Northeast Ohio and debates over deer invading suburban yards, state officials say deer population has been relatively stable and actually could stand to grow... smaller populations in 2015 compared to most of the previous 10 years ...

[Ohio Deer Forecast for 2016](#) October 11, 2016 Game & Fish

... Tonkovich's prediction for this year's deer hunting? "In spite of the bump in harvest last year, I'm still expecting a 4-6 percent increase in both deer population and harvest this year." ...

[Ohio hunters harvest more than 12,500 deer during muzzleloader season](#) January 25, 2016 WBCO AM1540



... most counties are now at or near goal. Therefore, to help stabilize deer populations, bag limits were reduced, and antlerless permit use has been eliminated in most counties for the 2015-2016 season. The ODNR Division of Wildlife is in the process of revising Ohio's population goals

[Ohio hunters harvest more than 188,000 deer](#) February 8, 2016 Norwalk Reflector

... Hunters checked 188,335 white-tailed deer throughout Ohio's 2015-2016 deer season, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). Last year, 175,745 deer were checked during the 2014-2015 season ...in the process of revising Ohio's population goals ...

[Ohio hunters kill 188,000 deer in season](#) February 11, 2016 Columbus Dispatch

... ODNR officials said that bag limits were reduced for the most recent season to help stabilize deer population, and that the increase can be attributed to a reduced supply of food, such as acorns, for deer throughout much of the state, particularly in the eastern half of the state...

[Ohio teemed with game in 1800s](#) February 22, 2016 Bucyrus Telegraph Forum

... When Ohio became a state in 1803, there were still plenty of black bear, wolves, deer and wild turkey... whitetail deer, especially around the prairies, marshes and more open areas, were thick. Since hard money was rare and difficult to come by, many early settlers depended on deer skins as currency ...

[Ohio white-tailed deer harvest shows increase](#) February 18, 2016 Toledo Blade

... This season's total was a bit higher than what state wildlife managers had anticipated, since bag limits had been reduced and antlerless permits were eliminated in many counties. The increase in the harvest could be attributable to more cooperative weather in key parts of the season, and the timing of the removal of agricultural crops in the western half of the state, wildlife officials said...

[Ohio Wildlife Council Receives 2016-2017 Deer Hunting Proposals](#) February 11, 2016

Wildlife Home - Ohio Department of Natural Resources

... The county bag limits were proposed to remain the same. The statewide bag limit was proposed to remain at six deer, only one deer may be antlered and a hunter cannot exceed a county bag limit. In other proposals, the ODNR Division of Wildlife proposed to move the line which separates the north and south waterfowl hunting zones farther north ...

[Ohio Wildlife Council receives 2016-2017 deer hunting proposals](#) February 18, 2016

The Clermont Sun

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[Ohio's Deer Population Decline= Nuisance/Crop Damage Permits](#) November 22, 2016

ArcheryTalk.com

... It's sickening hearing the guy who owns the vineyard accross the street, doesn't allow hunting because of the "liability" but is issued 30 deer permits, shoots them, cuts out the back straps lets the rest lay...

[Ohio's deer-season harvest could reach 200,000](#) September 18, 2016 Columbus Dispatch

... The use of antlerless permits continues to be limited. A single antlerless permit may be used in four-deer counties ... Because of the recent regulatory tightening, moreover, deer populations in some counties have rebounded somewhat, Tonkovich said. As a result, the 2016-17 deer kill might increase as much as 5-10 percent from a year ago...

[Poaching wildlife](#) May 2, 2016 Ohio, highlandcountypress.com

... affirmed the court of appeals' judgment that the law permits ODNR to file a civil action to recover the restitution value even though it had seized the deer's meat and antlers as evidence during the criminal investigation and was awarded possession of that evidence as a result of a conviction...

[Two Ohio Deer Poachers Convicted](#) May 3, 2016 Ohio, Ohio Valley Outdoors

... two large bucks illegally killed by the duo. A 17-point buck killed by Petrella gross-scored 166 4/8 inches and cost Petrella \$7,687 in restitution. A 22-point buck killed by Smith gross-scored 194 2/8 inches and cost Smith \$15,079 in restitution...

[Poor mast crop credited with "artificial bump"](#) January 28, 2016 Ohio, Outdoors with Frischkorn

... When asked for the “why” in regards to the 15-percent increase in the antlered deer kill, Ohio Division of Wildlife deer biologist Clint McCoy called the up-tick an “artificial bump” and attributed it to a poor mast crop through much of the state...

[Understanding coyotes and their living habits](#) February 18, 2016 Ohio, Farm and Dairy ... Some regional results indicated that deer can be a significant portion of the diet. Something derived from this section of Understanding Coyotes may play a role in slowing the recovery of the Ohio deer herd, which has been drastically reduced to the point that hunters are reporting an apparent and disappointing absence of deer...

[Vienna golf course getting certification for wild animal hunting](#) March 18, 2016 Ohio, WKBN27

... A local golf course is in the process of turning the course into a wild animal hunting preserve... If approved, animals like deer and elk may be brought in for hunters to kill... “They cannot go out into the wild and capture the deer and put them into the preserve, which is illegal.” ...

[Woman plans rally to oppose Vienna wild-animal hunting preserve](#) March 23, 2016 Ohio, Youngstown Vindicator

... A Youngstown woman is planning an April 4 rally outside of the township trustees meeting to bring public awareness to a wild-animal hunting preserve proposed for the former Candywood Golf Course on Scoville North Road ...

[Weather likely kept Ohio bonus gun hunt numbers down](#) January 3, 2016 The Columbus Dispatch

... The harvest in 2012-13 was 218,910 whitetails. Through Tuesday, this season’s total was 165,361, suggesting a September-through-February take of 175,000 to 180,000 at

season's end. Such numbers would be close to those of last year, when hunters took 175,745...

[Wildlife management may be determined by your perspective](#) November 20, 2016 Ohio, Sandusky Register

... The last decade saw a disproportionate amount of change, largely due to a failure to respond to a rapidly growing deer population in the early 2000's... the effort and decisions arrived by the DOW are geared toward keeping the deer population stable...

[Deer population stable in Ohio](#) November 30, 2016 News-Herald.com

... a stable deer population in Ohio means the bag limits for 2016-2017 will remain the same as 2015-2016. "The current regulations are designed to promote modest herd growth," ... "We are seeing approximately 20 deer per square mile," ...

[Deer management is a balancing act](#) December 1, 2016 Ohio, Farm and Dairy

... In recent years, biologists have been using farmer and hunter surveys to help set goals for managing the herd ... One thing is very clear. The huge number of deer that roamed the Ohio landscape a few years back will never be back. That's a management fact ...

## 2015

[Acorn crop has effect on wildlife, hunting plans](#) October 31, 2015 Ohio, The Courier

... Over the past five years, acorn production has oscillated from above to below average, and this year is below average for acorn mast production. Overall, there was a 23 percent decrease in white oaks and a 26 percent decrease for red oaks...

[Archery season coming soon to Ohio](#) September 11, 2015 Ohio, Circleville Herald

... Since most counties are near their target levels, antlerless permit use was changed for the upcoming deer ... The statewide bag limit was reduced to six deer. Deer bag limits are determined by county ...

[Captive Deer Breeding Operations Are Drawing Fire in Texas, Ohio, and Pennsylvania](#)

February 9, 2015 Ohio, Wide Open Space

... Many American farmers have switched from growing crops to starting captive deer breeding operations on their land... Chronic Wasting Disease recently turned up for the first time in Ohio, on a hunting preserve. The disease was traced to a number of captive deer breeding operations in Pennsylvania...

Cayuga Park, [Decision for the White-Tailed Deer Management Plan. Environmental Impact Statement. Cuyahoga Valley National Park](#), Ohio June 23, 2015

... The selected action will utilize an adaptive management strategy. Under the selected action, the NPS will continue current park deer management actions including: Research, monitoring, and data management; protection of restoration plantings; education and coordination; and enforcement of the existing wildlife feeding ban. In addition, the NPS will incorporate a combination of lethal and nonlethal actions to address high deer density. Lethal actions (including sharpshooting, with very limited capture/euthanasia if necessary) will be taken initially to reduce deer densities quickly. It is anticipated that in years one through four, 335 deer will be removed by sharpshooting ...

[Changing attitudes on deer hunting](#) December 12, 2015 Ohio, Lima Ohio

...Some owners are displeased with the attitudes and knowledge of some hunters. For some hunters, it's merely a killing thing today. They don't do their homework, don't understand being out in nature and lack the proper ethics. Unfortunately, they spoil things for others...

[Crawford county naturalist says coyotes are 'major problem'](#) September 24, 2015 Ohio, Richland Source

...“The whole state of Ohio, along with the entire country, has really seen this giant increase of coyotes around the area,” he said. “I’m a person that’s a big believer that our coyotes are doing severe damage to our deer population.” ... “If you’re not a believer

that coyotes can take down a deer, look at the research that the [[Ohio Department of Natural Resources](#)] along with other scientists and researchers are doing ...

[Cuyahoga Valley National Park to cull deer with sharpshooters](#) December 18, 2015

Ohio, Cleveland Plain Dealer

... wants to take 350 deer a year for the next four years. Sharpshooters from the U.S. Department of Agriculture ... They will employ noise suppressers and work at night ... Those with complaints, comments or questions can call the Cuyahoga Valley National Park hotline at 440-546-5975...

[The End is Nigh for Some CVNP Deer](#) December 18, 2015 Ohio, Akron Ohio Moms ... There has been a discussion about park deer population densities for a number of years. For every square mile of parkland, there are currently 40 deer. [40 deer per square mile is the target deer density for the state of Delaware] ...

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[Decline in Ohio deer harvest continues](#) January 11, 2015 The Columbus Dispatch

... Hunters reported tagging 13,726 whitetails during the four-day muzzleloader hunt that began on Jan. 2 amid seasonally mild temperatures ... The kill was down 2,738, or about 16.7 percent, from the 2014 take ... the archery season began on Sept. 27,

hunters had reported taking 167,399 whitetails through Tuesday, a drop-off of 17,492, or about 9.5 percent ...

[Deer activity increases as breeding season begins](#) October 6, 2015 Ohio, Westlake

... In early October, as they prepare for breeding, bucks can be found scraping the ground to mark their territory and rubbing their antlers on trees. Their necks will swell in size and grow very muscular allowing them to become a greater opponent to another buck and to better protect a doe...

[Deer farmers hope to educate public of their industry](#) September 8, 2015 Ohio, The Daily Record

... deer farmers have had to defend their livelihood, even moreso locally since Chronic Wasting Disease was found at a shooting preserve outside of Millersburg, as well as at the owner's breeding facility... their organization doesn't want that to happen, either... his average "stocker" buck will net him \$5,000 ...

[Deer gun season opening soon](#) November 16, 2015 Ohio, Galion Inquirer

... most counties are now at or near goal. Therefore, to help stabilize deer populations, bag limits were reduced, and antlerless permit use has been eliminated in most counties for the 2015-2016 season. The ODNR Division of Wildlife is in the process of resetting Ohio's population goals and is asking hunters that receive the survey to help by completing and returning the survey ...

[Deer Hunting Changes](#) April 24, 2015 Ohio, The Chronicle-Telegram

... from the stance of our current situation, eliminating the antlerless only tag is the best hope for quickly strengthening the numbers of our overall herd... because a single buck will mate many does ...

[Deer rehabilitation advocates meet with ODNR leaders](#) July 14, 2015 Martins Ferry

Times Leader

... Members of the local group Compassionate Ohio, which advocates for the re-opening of deer rehabilitation facilities and sanctuaries, met with leaders of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources recently to discuss their goals ... One item that differs from before 2009 is the amount of time rehabbers can keep fawns - the limit is now 72 hours, which was agreed upon at the behest of many rehabilitators. Before, fawns were often kept for months...

[Deer season numbers are lowest since 2001](#) February 8, 2015 Ohio, The Columbus

Dispatch

... Hunters checked 175,745 whitetails during the 2014-15 hunt ... The record, unlikely to be broken soon, occurred in 2009-10, when hunters tagged 261,314 whitetails... The wildlife division has yet to blame coyotes for the tumbling deer population, though the fact that there's no closed season on coyotes says plenty about how welcome they are on the landscape...

[Deer season proposals change once again](#) April 9, 2015 Ohio, Outdoor News

... To appease Ohio's sportsmen, the Ohio Division of Wildlife has once again rearranged its deer-hunting proposals .... Gone is any mid-October gun season, either for youths or for those sportsmen and women devoted to muzzleloading guns if the Ohio Wildlife Council approves of such changes...

[Deer transport conspiracy leads to probation for suspect](#) July 31, 2015 Ohio, Outdoor

News

... A former part-time Ohio resident accused of helping his father in a conspiracy to illegally sell, transport, and falsely label untested white-tailed deer for the purpose of deer breeding in other states has been sentenced to three years federal probation... ordered to pay a \$1,000 fine ...



[Deer-trafficking scheme nets record \\$1.6 million fine](#) September 15, 2015 Ohio, Columbus Dispatch

... The largest fine and restitution for a wildlife crime in U.S. history -- \$1.6 million -- has been paid in an Ohio case involving trafficking in whitetail deer... "illegally shipped deer to Florida from Ohio and attempted to ship deer to Georgia from Ohio... not certified to be free from chronic wasting disease ...

[Dialogue from Ohio deer summits encouraging](#) February 1, 2015 Limaohio

... five deer summits conducted by the Division of Wildlife (DOW)... only 23 people attend the summit... Much of Ford's presentation is included in a DOW booklet called Quality vs. Quantity: A Closer Look at Deer Herd Condition Trends in Ohio. A pdf of the booklet is [available on the DOW website](#) ...

[Biologists and Hunters Debate Over Size of Ohio Deer Herd](#) January 31, 2015 Wide Open Spaces

... This year Ohio hunters harvested 170,000 deer, this number down from the record set in 2009-2010 with 261,260 harvests...

[Hunters say that now there's not enough deer in Ohio](#) February 1, 2015 The Columbus Dispatch

... most of those who took the time to speak shared one view: The deer population has dwindled to the point of hurting the hunt... Hunters killed more than 261,000 deer during the 2009-10 season after tagging about 252,000 the season before. The kill has dropped annually since, from 239,400 in 2010-11 to 191,400 in 2013-14...

[Drone use in hunting is illegal in Ohio](#) March 16, 2015 Ohio, Outdoor News

... flying a drone over a woodlot to search for deer the day before a hunt is legal. But flying that drone over the woodlot to spot and intercept deer while hunting would be illegal...

[End Captive Deer Hunting](#) [Ohio Petition] January 31, 2015 Ohio, ForceChange

... In Ohio alone there are currently more than 500 captive deer hunting facilities. These operations allow hunters to kill bucks and doe with little effort and are often very lucrative for the owner. Captive deer farms also play a role in spreading a chronic wasting disease between herds, an issue that must be halted before it becomes too serious...

[Father and son sentenced for illegally trafficking deer](#) August 3, 2015 Ohio, NBC4 Columbus

... , the co-conspirators trafficked in live white-tailed deer. Wainwright Sr. owned hunting preserves in Logan County, Ohio, and Live Oak, Florida; both preserves were named Valley View Whitetails. Wainwright Jr. was part-time resident and part-time operator of the site in Ohio...

[Second man sentenced in illegal deer-transport case](#) August 3, 2015 Ohio, Columbus Dispatch

... The curious sight of deer antlers and deer noses visible through the vents of a cargo trailer on I-71 in 2010 kicked off an investigation ... a \$125,000 fine and have a letter published in the Deer Breeders' Gazette detailing his illegal activities ...

[Illegal deer shippers sentenced](#) August 8, 2015 Ohio, Limaohio.com

... Wainwright Sr. placed federal identification tags from a certified deer that had previously died into the ear of uncertified deer they were selling... around the United States... Deer herds involved with these shipments were not certified to be free from chronic wasting disease (CWD), tuberculosis and brucellosis...

[Fewer acorns could be boon for hunters](#) October 11, 2015 Ohio, Columbus Dispatch

... a scan of selected oak trees at 38 wildlife areas that white oaks produced 23 percent fewer acorns and red oaks 26 percent fewer than a year ago ... deer tend to turn their attention to foraging for grub and moving about to do so...

1970 deer population estimate, [Granville archers work to control deer population](#)

December 9, 2015 Ohio, Denisonian

... According to the Ohio Department of Wildlife, in Ohio during the 1970s, deer were relatively rare after being hunted to a bare 17,000. In the next 40 years, a strategy for zone based harvesting was carried out, effective game law enforcement implemented and grazing land improved.

[Hunters to face tighter regulations this season](#) September 20, 2015 Ohio, The Columbus Dispatch

... The elimination of antlerless permits in all but 10 counties and an overall tightening of bag limits, he said, likely will bring more of the same in regard to the diminishing direction of the kill, which totaled 175,745 a year ago and has been tumbling annually since a record 261,314 were tagged in 2009-10....

[Hunters unhappy with a lack of deer can complain at new Ohio Deer Summit](#) January 15, 2015 cleveland.com

... Deer hunters complain the ODOW has simply allowed too many deer to be killed in recent years, depleting the population... While gun hunters once killed 90 percent of the deer during their short week-long season, bowhunters now harvest more than 50 percent of the deer aided by a four-month campaign. More deer are now taken with crossbows ...

[Hunters, farmers divided on Ohio's proposal to reduce deer limits](#) February 12, 2015 The Columbus Dispatch

... Hunters would be allowed to kill six deer this season — not nine — under proposed statewide regulations. Many hunters think six is too many. Farmers disagree. ... he proposed hunting changes reflect a shrinking deer population, said John Windau, spokesman for the ODNR ...

[Man pleads guilty in deer-selling case](#) February 27, 2015 Ohio, Columbus Dispatch

... illegally selling and breeding deer ... a sentence of 21 months in prison, a \$125,000 fine, 200 hours of community service ...

[Mild weather turns Ohio deer-gun week into hunting paradise](#) December 12, 2015 The Columbus Dispatch

... through the Tuesday after deer week: 153,292, compared with 149,292 at the same time in 2014 and 163,598 in 2013... The practical elimination of the antlerless permit this year is expected to allow deer numbers in some locales to rebound somewhat as soon as next year...

[Looking back at hunting, fishing in Ohio in 2015](#) December 20, 2015 Columbus Dispatch

... By the close of the 2014-15 deer season in February, 175,745 whitetails had been tagged, a significant decrease from the 191,455 taken during the 2013-14 hunt... the Ohio Division of Wildlife announced it would seek ... cutbacks in the issuance of antlerless permits, likely to promote future growth of the herd...

[Final deer harvest numbers are in](#) February 22, 2016 Ohio, Galion Inquirer

... Hunters checked 188,335 white-tailed deer throughout Ohio's 2015-2106 deer season ... Last year, 175,745 deer were checked ... To help stabilize deer populations,

bag limits were reduced this year, and antlerless permit use was eliminated in most counties....

[More than 73,000 deer checked during Ohio's weeklong gun hunting season](#) December 8, 2015 Norwalk Reflector

... To date, for the 2015 deer hunting seasons, hunters have checked 152,554 deer. Last year at this same time, hunters had harvested a total of 148,821 deer. Given that the year-to-date harvest is only slightly higher, the significant increase in this year's deer-gun season can most likely be attributed to better weather conditions ...

[New Deer Management System Given Consideration](#) September 27, 2015 Ohio, Columbus Dispatch

... The wildlife division might scuttle the county deer-management system as early as 2017, said Mike Tonkovich, the division's deer project leader. Under the proposal — it's not yet a plan — the state would be divided into 25 deer-management units determined by such factors as topography, use, habitat and deer density...

[New state regulations reflect declining number of deer](#) September 13, 2015 Ohio, Times Reporter

... The deer herd has been thinned ... and maybe just a little too much in some areas... the old Ohio deer herd simply isn't what it used to be. A lot of factors led to this, but I can't think of anyone who thought bumping up the limit to a whopping six deer was a good idea...

[No money awarded to Kenosha County genetics firm in deer reproduction lawsuit](#) July 24, 2015 Ohio, Journal Times

... The genetics firm sued the deer farming company and Curt Waldvogel alleging unreasonable restraint of trade and interference with contractual relationships...

Gourley's attorney, Thomas Devine, said Advanced Genetics abided by that agreement, and then Curt Waldvogel set the market price at \$10,000 for specimens ...

[Ohio Auditor Dave Yost suggests raising hunting, fishing fees](#) February 13, 2015

Columbus Dispatch

... Ohio Auditor Dave Yost recommended yesterday that the state charge more for fishing and hunting permits ... The changes could generate more than \$8.3 million in annual returns and \$3.9 million in one-time savings ... Raising the nonresident deer permit from \$24 to \$38 would raise \$254,175 a year ...

[Ohio could lose thousands of deer hunters if herd not allowed to grow](#) January 23, 2015

cleveland.com

... ODOW deer experts designed the most recent hunting season to cut back the harvest and maintain a stable deer population after years of record success. The result will be a total harvest of about 170,000 bucks and does, down from 191,459 a year ago and far below the record 261,260 deer killed in 2009-2010...

[Ohio Deer Forecast for 2015](#) September 1, 2015 Game & Fish

... hunters checked a total of 175,801 deer during all 2014-2015 hunting seasons. That's down from the 191,503 harvest during the 2013-2014 season...

[Ohio Department of Natural Resources takes action to monitor Chronic Wasting](#)

[Disease in Ohio's deer herd](#) November 24, 2015 The Daily Jeffersonian

... Requires hunters to bring deer carcasses harvested within the DSA boundaries to an ODNR Division of Wildlife inspection station for sampling during the deer-gun and deer muzzleloader seasons... For more information, hunters may call 800-WILDLIFE

[Ohio game biologists, hunters spar over size of Ohio deer herd](#) January 24, 2015

cleveland.com (blog)

... Mike Tonkovich ... in charge of managing Ohio's white-tailed deer... herd is shrinking by design, and Tonkovich's job was to explain to a full house of 90 sportsmen why that is a good thing... take a fresh look at deer population goals again this spring, surveying both farmers and hunters ...

[Ohio hunting regulation proposals amended](#) March 23, 2015 Ohio's Country Journal

... The newly proposed dates ... are Jan. 9-12. Comments about these seasons as initially proposed showed that a season the day after Christmas caused conflict with family and travel plans...

[Ohio Supreme Court hears case involving hunting of 20-point buck](#) February 26, 2015

Stow Sentry

... The Ohio Supreme Court now must decide whether a Huron County man should have to pay nearly \$28,000 to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for hunting on private property without permission... Risner challenged the additional payment, saying ODNR had already taken possession of the deer carcass...

[Ohio Supreme Court rules state can seek restitution for illegally hunted trophy](#)

[deer](#) September 17, 2015 Cuyahoga Falls News-Press

... The Ohio Supreme Court ruled Sept. 17 that the Ohio Department of Natural Resources was correct in charging a Huron County man nearly \$28,000 for bagging a deer of "mythic size" on private property without permission. In a 4-3 decision, a majority of justices agreed that state law is "unambiguous" on the issue ...

[Ohio wildlife agency's changes in deer seasons approved for 2015-2016](#) April 9, 2015

cleveland.com

... major changes in the Ohio deer hunting seasons after complaints from sportsmen around the state that the herd had been over-harvested ...

[Ohio Wildlife Council 2015-2016 hunting regulations](#) April 18, 2015 The Beacon

... Ohio Wildlife Council voted to approve deer hunting proposals prepared by ODNR Division of Wildlife ... Reduce bag limits in most counties, and remove antlerless permits in all but 10 counties. No county had a bag limit increase... Reduce the statewide bag limit of deer from nine to six ...

[Ohio Wildlife Council approves 2015-2016 Hunting Regulations](#) April 11, 2015 The Morrow County Sentinel

... Deer regulations have been trending toward reduced bag limits and restricted use of antlerless permits in recent years... Deer population goals will be revised this summer through a random survey of hunters and landowners. Participants in the survey will have the opportunity to provide input about the future of deer management in Ohio...

[Ohio Wildlife Council receives 2015-2016 deer hunting proposals](#) February 13, 2015 Farm and Dairy

... Deer regulations have been trending toward reduced bag limits and restricted use of antlerless permits in recent years. Proposals to reduce bag limits and adjust hunting seasons work to stabilize deer populations. Deer population goals will be revised this summer ...

[Ohio's Deer Summit concerns tallied and quantified by the numbers](#) February 14, 2015 Outdoors with Frischkorn

... only 160 people total took the time ... Licensing fees for out-of-state hunters and the widely held belief these fees are too low... the widely held belief that bag limits on deer as they exist now are too high/liberal...



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[Population Model](#) January 29, 2015 Ohio, OhioSportsmen.com

... critics have claimed that using the antlered buck harvest to trend populations is outdated, inaccurate and just plain bad science... First, for those that argue we should be using these [helicopter] surveys to estimate deer populations all across the state – it took us 3 days to cover 100 square miles. There are almost 45,000 square miles in the state and quick math reveals that would take us roughly 1,350 days to survey the entire state [DOW biologist Clint McCoy] ...

[Prison ahead for illegal deer trafficker](#) March 22, 2015 Ohio, Great Lakes Echo

... a 21-month prison term and a \$125,000 fine... 12 charges in connection with his Valley View Whitetails breeding and high-fence hunting ranches in West Liberty, Ohio, and Live Oak, Florida ...

[Proposal would allow those in military to hunt deer, turkey without permit](#) May 19, 2015

Ohio, The Daily Reporter

... A southern Ohio lawmaker has reintroduced a measure into the Ohio General Assembly that would allow an individual on active military duty, while on leave or furlough, to hunt deer or wild turkey without procuring a deer or wild turkey permit...

[Proposed 2015-16 Ohio deer season includes smaller bag limits](#) February 15, 2015 The Columbus Dispatch

... proposals for next season eliminate the use of antlerless permits in all but 10 urban counties, reduce bag limits in most counties, and cut the statewide bag limit from nine whitetails to six ...

[Public input leads to possible changes with deer hunting](#) March 29, 2015 Ohio, The Columbus Dispatch

... The juggling of the muzzleloader, gun and youth seasons might seem significant in terms of their impact on hunters. The impact in terms of managing Ohio's deer population, however, should be close to zero, said wildlife biologist Mike Tonkovich, the division's deer project leader. "There's no biology involved," ...

[Reduction in Ohio's deer herd helps drivers and farmers, but annoys hunters](#) December 6, 2015

Akron Beacon Journal

... Ohio had as many as 750,000 deer at its peak, state officials said. Hunter groups estimate Ohio now may have 450,000 deer... The number of deer shot by hunters dropped to 175,745 in 2014-2015 from the peak of 261,260 in 2009-2010. That's a 33 percent drop...

[Summit crowd complains of too few deer](#) February 12, 2015 Ohio, Outdoor News

... the wildlife division is well aware that the state's deer herd is smaller, even much smaller than what it, landowners, sportsmen, and other stakeholders saw a decade or two ago... several attendees would recite ... "I hunted the gun season/the early doe-only muzzleloading season/the statewide muzzleloading season/the archery deer-hunting season and I never saw an animal." ...

[The great deer hunting debate](#) February 20, 2015 Ohio, Ohio's Country Journal

... Comments on the proposed regulations are welcome at the statewide Open Houses on March 7 ... A reduction in bag limits and antlerless permit use, as well as a shift in the youth season during the 2015-2016 hunting seasons, were among regulations proposed ...

[Tracking wounded deer an essential outdoor skill](#) October 24, 2015 Ohio, My Daily Tribune

... Deer shot through the entrails are the worst; this blood will be dark or have a greenish cast... The best bet here is to wait several hours, or until morning even, before continuing the search... In Ohio you may use a leashed dog to track a wounded deer; hunters in West Virginia do not have that tool available ...

[US-record fine in Ohio whitetail trafficking case](#) November 2, 2015 Ohio, Outdoor News ... A Georgia man who formerly owned deer hunting and deer breeding operations in Ohio has paid \$1.3 million in restitution and a \$300,000 fine for federal violations, which prosecutors say is the largest financial sanction for a wildlife crime in U.S. history...

[VW Co. deer harvest down for 2015, Ohio up](#) December 11, 2015 Ohio, Times Bulletin ... Across the region, mixed statistics were released Monday by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. The harvest was lower in Defiance County at 865 (compared to 871 last year) and Putnam County with 304 (compared to 315 in 2014). Numbers were slightly higher in Allen County 387 compared to last year's 348, and Mercer County 325 (compared to 206 in 2014)...

[Weather cited for increase in Ohio deer harvest](#) December 6, 2015 The Columbus Dispatch

... The total opening-day take of 22,256 was 4,744 more than the 17,512 reported a year ago. However, the total fell slightly below the 2013 total of 22,619 and considerably below the 39,071 reported only five years ago on opening day in 2010...

[White tail deer bag limits decreased by OWC](#) April 10, 2015 Ohio, Bucyrus Telegraph Forum

... A reduction in white-tailed deer bag limits and antlerless permit use during the 2015-2016 hunting seasons were among regulations approved by the Ohio Wildlife Council ... Reduce the statewide bag limit of deer from nine to six...

[White-tailed deer activity to peak over next 2 weeks](#) November 7, 2015 Ohio, Fremont News-Messenger

... White-tailed deer activity will be running in high gear for the next 10 to 14 days as the breeding season, or rut, reaches its peak in Sandusky and Ottawa counties... Through last weekend, Sandusky County bowhunters had taken 99 antlered deer and 141 antlerless deer, compared to 89 antlered and 175 antlerless for the same period in 2014...

[Whitetail numbers take a predictable drop](#) February 10, 2015 Ohio, bcsn.tv

... As wildlife biologists have tweaked the bag limits and permit numbers in recent years in a concerted effort to reduce the size of the state's deer herd, those measures have brought about a continuation of a downward trend in harvest numbers... Bag limits were reduced in 46 of Ohio's 88 counties for the recently concluded season, and permits to take antlerless deer were no longer available in 29 counties ...

## 2014

['Canned hunts' call for better regulation](#) April 4, 2014 Ohio, Lancaster Eagle Gazette

... There are 518 such high-fence hunting areas in the state, ranking Ohio fourth in the country for them... At a time when the captive-deer industry is pulling down regulations,

it's time to create common standards to ensure they play by the rules and make sure they are doing all they can to stop disease from spreading...

[2 Ohioans charged with fraud over deer](#) March 7, 2014 Ohio, Columbus Dispatch

... Federal charges that they bred potentially diseased white-tailed deer with other animals across the United States... illegally transported deer from Ohio to Florida and Georgia in 2010. In 2012, he allowed deer hunting at an unlicensed facility in Ohio...

[An amendment to an Ohio agriculture bill may kill whole bill](#) November 26, 2014 WKSU News

... The bill includes provisions dealing with toxic algae blooms, puppy mills, mining safety and licenses to create deer sanctuaries... The legislation would eliminate the requirement that telephone companies offer basic local phone services after a transition from land lines to digital internet-based technology...

[Antlerless muzzleloader season harvest increases sharply in 2014](#) November 28, 2014 Ohio, Sidney Daily News

... Ohio's muzzleloader hunters checked 6,613 antlerless white-tailed deer during a two-day season, Oct. 11-12 ... an 18 percent increase from 2013, when hunters checked 5,608 deer, the first year for the antlerless muzzleloader season...

[As deer season approaches, time to look at numbers](#) October 2, 2014 Ohio, Farm and Dairy

... About 80 percent of all Ohio deer hunters hunted with archery equipment (either archery alone or in addition to other means) ... For the first time, archers accounted for more deer killed than gun hunters did during the week-long gun season...

Ashtabula County, [Deer hunting season now in full swing](#) December 2, 2014 Ohio, Ashtabula Star-Beacon

... Winchell said 80 to 90 percent of area hunting is done on family farms throughout Ashtabula County...

Athens, [State agency survey seeks to assess damage being done by whitetail deer](#)

April 28, 2014 Ohio, Athens News

... the last survey was taken in 2000. His survey will include non-farmers for the first time... "Wildlife damage management is a complicated balancing act between sportsmen, farmers, those that only like watching wildlife, and those living in residential areas," ... The key question is, at what point do deer become a problem? ...

[Ballistic impact: How will new law impact gun season?](#) November 23, 2014 Ohio,

Lancaster Eagle Gazette

... the Ohio Wildlife Council passed a law allowing hunters to use rifles that fire straight-walled cartridges during gun season ... the cartridges are reminiscent of the early black-powder cartridges used in the 1800s..

[Bill would let Ohioans keep deer in private sanctuaries](#) November 20, 2014 Ohio, The

Columbus Dispatch

... A provision in House Bill 490, which passed the House yesterday, would allow private organizations to care for deer that are critically injured or unprepared to enter the wild... The state allowed private organizations to operate sanctuaries up until 2009, when Ohio outlawed rehabilitation ...

[Bow season for deer begins today in Ohio](#) September 27, 2014 Times Reporter

... Hunters bagged a total of 191,459 whitetails during the 2013-14 season, which is a decrease from the 218,910 taken in 2012-13... there are less deer than there were five years ago, but that's kind of by design. We had pretty liberal kill numbers a few years ago...

### [By the numbers: What Ohio's deer hunters can expect based on state's expectations](#)

September 21, 2014 Outdoors with Frischkorn

... the Wildlife Division's white-tail deer management biologists say the agency is seeking to reduce deeper declines in the herds of 44 counties. Thus in 29 counties where the agency believes "additional antlerless harvest reductions are warranted" hunters will not have the option of using an antlerless-only tag...

### [Changes made in 2014-15 deer hunting regulations](#) March 17, 2014 Ohio, Limaohio ·

... The updated bag limit proposal would lower limits in Trumbull County to three deer and Mercer County to two deer. The antler less permit was proposed to be removed from Hardin, Knox and Lawrence counties, where the bag limit remains three deer. Hunters may harvest only one antlered deer in Ohio ...

### [Comparison of estimated white-tailed deer population densities during two different seasons in the Miami University Natural Areas](#) ML Barrett - 2014 Ohio

... In order to manage a deer population to an acceptable carrying capacity, it is important to have accurate measurements of deer density. This study used pellet-group distance sampling using transects ... Further monitoring of deer population size in the Natural Areas continued will enable the establishment of a baseline densities that can be used to compare the effectiveness of a deer management plan should one be established in the future...

### [Coyotes affect deer numbers](#) March 9, 2014 Ohio, The Columbus Dispatch

... no studies have been conducted in Ohio on the impact of coyotes, McCoy said research conducted in South Carolina shows a decided impact on fawn survival, though an uneven one. Fawn survival rates in one part of South Carolina were about 20 percent, "which was poor," McCoy said. "About 80 percent of the mortality was

attributed to coyotes.” ... [in Ohio] it’s been the opportunistic human predator more than the canine version that has reduced the deer population...

[Coyotes are wily predator and part of the wildlife scene in every Ohio county](#) January 31, 2014 Ohio, Cleveland Plain Dealer

... The wily coyote has infiltrated all of Ohio’s 88 counties since its arrival in the Buckeye State in 1919... Gehrt confirmed that coyotes do feast on Ohio’s popular white-tailed deer, but generally only at specific times of the year. The deer-hunting season is a bonus for them, providing dead and wounded deer and gut piles left by hunters....

[Deer gun numbers down in Ohio for many reasons](#) December 15, 2014 Ohio, Columbus Dispatch

... Ohio’s deer gun week produced the lowest whitetail kill since 1987 ... the archery kill has increased dramatically. A year ago, Ohio’s bow harvest surpassed the gun-week total for the first time... Ohio has fewer deer than it had in the past ...

[Ohio deer gun season totals have been posted](#) December 15, 2014, The Morrow County Sentinel

... Hunters have checked 148,830 deer so far in all 2014 hunting seasons, compared to 162,720 at the same point last year. Hunters harvested 75,408 deer during the 2013 deer-gun season... The goal of Ohio’s Deer Management Program is to provide a deer population that maximizes recreational opportunities, while minimizing conflicts with landowners and motorists...

[Deer gun season has opened](#) December 1, 2014 Ohio, The Morrow County Sentinel

... The goal of Ohio’s Deer Management Program is to provide a deer population that maximizes recreational opportunities, while minimizing conflicts with landowners and



motorists. This ensures that Ohio's deer herd is maintained at a level that is both acceptable to most, and biologically sound...

[Deer hunters flock to Muskingum County](#) November 30, 2014 Ohio, Zanesville Times Recorder

... The state ranks fifth nationally in resident hunters — upward of 500,000 ...

In Muskingum and Coshocton counties, the limit is three deer this year — only one of which may be a buck. Hunters may take only one buck in the whole state each season. The statewide bag limit is nine deer...

[Deer hunters have plenty of options in Ohio this year](#) August 28, 2014 Outdoor News

... a rifle firing one of 27 different straight-walled cartridges or head out with a handgun, use a crossbow/longbow/compound bow, a muzzleloading rifle, or stick with a tried-and-true slug-firing shotgun ... , the 2013 general firearms deer-hunting season saw only 277 deer killed by longbows, 483 with crossbows, and 805 with handguns. Even muzzleloading rifles accounted for just 11,093 deer ...

[Deer hunters seek change in bag limit and get their wish from wildlife officials](#) March 13, 2014 Ohio, The Plain Dealer

... They didn't want to kill more bucks or does. In fact, they wanted to cut the season deer limit from four to three, erasing a perception deer were plentiful in Trumbull County because of its higher bag limit....

[Deer management, bag limits on table at open houses](#) February 14, 2014 Ohio, Toledo Blade

... a concerted effort to reduce the size of the burgeoning deer herd that took place from 1993-97 was likely a bit too successful, so by 1997 the state “probably had fewer deer than we thought... The bag limit proposals the council will review reflect the reduction in the deer population that many Ohio counties have experienced ... Ohio deer hunters

and other interested parties can also comment online at the at [wildohio.com](http://wildohio.com) Web site through March 2...

[Drone use in hunting shot down as unethical](#) November 9, 2014 Ohio, Toledo Blade  
... drones are considered aircraft, and Ohio's hunting and trapping rules make it "unlawful to use any aircraft or any motorized conveyance to hunt, shoot, shoot at, kill, take, or attempt to take any wild bird or wild quadruped." ... Earlier this year, Colorado became the first state to specifically ban using drones to scout, locate, hunt ...

[Fewer deer taken in this year's gun season](#) December 13, 2014 Ohio, Journal-News  
... fewer deer during gun season ... 65,485 white-tailed deer in 2014, compared with 74,408 last year ... The first modern deer-gun season was held in 1943 in three counties, and hunters harvested 168 deer...

[Crunching hunting numbers helps keep deer population healthy](#) December 13, 2014 Ohio, Limaohio  
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[First Day Deer Numbers Down](#)December 3, 2014 Ohio, WHIZ News

... The Ohio Department of Natural Resources reports 17,512 deer were checked-in. That's less than last year's first day numbers when hunters check 22,619 deer ...

[Deer gun season off to slow start](#)December 3, 2014 Ohio, The Bryan Times

... Statewide, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources reported a 22 percent opening day drop ... in the five-county northwest Ohio region was down about 6.6 percent from last year, with Williams County posting the steepest decline...

[Florida father, son indicted for Lacey Act violations in Ohio](#) March 14, 2014 Ohio, thegunwriter.blogs.heraldtribune.com

... The indictment stated the Wainwrights knowingly and willfully conspired and agreed to: engage in conduct that involved the sale and purchase of, the offer for sale and purchase of, and the intent to sell and purchase white-tailed deer, with a market value greater than \$350, by transporting, selling, receiving, acquiring, and/or purchasing the wildlife in violation of state and federal laws ...

[Four-day deer muzzleloader harvest lowest since 1999](#) January 12, 2014 Ohio, Columbus Dispatch

... the 2014 total fell 23.6 percent from a year ago, when 21,555 whitetails were checked. The kill was 19,251 in 2012 and 17,375 in 2011...

[Gun deer kill down nearly 10,000](#)December 18, 2014 Ohio, Outdoor News

... 60 of Ohio's 88 counties posted declines... Among these dissenters is Dennis J. Malloy Jr., a former wildlife division officer who now toils away as an official with Whitetails Unlimited. In an email sent to Mike Tonkovich – the wildlife division's point-man on deer management in the state – Malloy wrote that the state “has to stop the bleeding.” ...

[Gun hunters take 10,000 fewer Ohio deer](#) December 8, 2014 Ohio, Port Clinton News Herald

... “There's fewer deer out there” ... John Windau, with the ODNR's Division of Wildlife ... The presence of chronic wasting disease for the first time in Ohio did not appear to be a factor in diminishing hunting ...

[Deer Gun Season Numbers Down From Last Year; ODNR Releases County-By-County Deer Haul](#) December 8, 2014 Ohio, Patch

... Counties reporting the highest number of checked deer during the 2014 gun season: Coshocton (2,308), Muskingum (2,084), Tuscarawas (2,074), Guernsey (1,788), Ashtabula (1,730), Knox (1,727) ...

[Deer hunting in decline all around Ohio during annual gun season](#) December 8, 2014 Cleveland Plain Dealer

... deer harvest during the popular gun season evolved into a major decline, the lowest in decades around the Buckeye State. Hunters tagged 65,485 bucks and does during the seven-day season, which ended Sunday at dusk. It was 13 percent below last year's total ...

[More than 65,000 Deer Checked during Ohio's Weeklong Gun Hunting Season](#) December 9, 2014 Ohio, Ammo Land

... Hunters have checked 148,830 deer so far in all 2014 hunting seasons, compared to 162,720 at the same point last year... An updated [deer harvest report](#) is posted online each Wednesday...

[Hunters bag 422 deer in Delaware county](#) December 10, 2014 Ohio. Delaware Gazette  
... Delaware was among the few counties in the state where more deer were checked in this year over last year. By contrast, Coshocton County had the most deer that were checked in at 2,308, compared to 2,658 last year...

[Gun hunting for deer begins Monday](#) November 28, 2014 Ohio, Courier  
... More than 400,000 hunters are expected to take to the field. Hunters checked 75,408 deer during the 2013 weeklong deer-gun season ...

[ more than 400,000 Ohio deer hunters in 2014 ]

[Hershbergers to present seminar on timber management, deer habitat](#) January 14, 2014 Ohio, The Daily Record  
... Hershberger's book, "Chainsaws and Big Bucks" ... "It is important to have a variety of trees that range in size and age. The right mixture, mainly oaks but also maples and other hardwoods, will give the best cover and bedding for the deer." ...

[Hunters seek trophy bucks as Ohio's deer-gun season begins](#) December 1, 2014 The Columbus Dispatch  
... Last year, 191,503 deer were harvested in Ohio ... The Buckeye Big Buck Club ... 16,297 online entries date to 1947. They show that Licking County has the most big bucks ever taken (682) ...

[Hunting regulations not optional](#) June 20, 2014 Ohio, Irontown Tribune  
... two fawns were orphaned after a hunter shot their mother out of season in Rome Township... Dwayne Bench was able to capture one of them and take it to the Ashland Animal Clinic to be rehabilitated with the goal of releasing ... the poacher got away unidentified ...

[Local deer bred for hunting ranches](#) March 30, 2014 Ohio, Zanesville Times Recorder  
... the deer business can be lucrative. Fawns sired in 2014 from an in-demand buck, Sudden Impact, sell for \$25,000, making them the most expensive fawns on the farm...  
“We treat them like livestock, but they are still wild,” ...

[Local deer farmers raise trophy animals for hunting preserves](#) March 29, 2014 Ohio, Lancaster Eagle Gazette

... Hutchison has names for his deer and can recognize each one. They come right up to him but run from strangers. “I can feed him out of my hand,” Hutchison said of one deer. “The bigger the pen, the wilder he gets. You put him in 200-acre preserve today, you might not see him for a month... “Chronic wasting disease, we don’t see a lot of that here in Ohio.” ...

[Medina County’s bagging limit reduced for deer season](#) April 14, 2014 Ohio, The Medina-Gazette

... Natural Resources Department officials said the new deer bag limits reflect the decrease in the deer population in many counties, as the number approaches target levels... The Ohio Wildlife Council is an eight-member board that approves all of the ODNR Division of Wildlife proposed rules and regulations...

[Muskingum County sees deer bag limit drop](#) April 16, 2014 Ohio, Zanesville Times Recorder

... the increased number of deer in heavily populated areas is not a good indicator of the number of deer in the wild. He said it’s merely a sign that deer are finding ways to avoid prey... The natural resources department said the new bag limits reflect the decrease in the deer population in many counties ...

[New National Deer Alliance looking to become voice of all deer hunters](#) September 8, 2014 Ohio, The Daily Record

... of the 14 million U.S. hunters, 11 million are deer hunters ... the newly formed National Deer Alliance ... "We want to create an environment where both the deer and the deer hunter prospers," said Dougherty. "We want enough members that people pay attention to us when we talk." ...

[New Ohio deer hunting regulations available now](#) June 26, 2014 Farm and Dairy

... There are no longer three overall management zones, having been replaced by county by county deer herd, harvest and income goals... One limit that hasn't changed and likely won't is the limit of one antlered deer ... not as cheap anymore. And too, their use has been greatly reduced. [Regulations available online](#)

[Northeast Ohio hunters worry that deer population shrinking too fast in Buckeye State](#)

March 11, 2014 Cleveland Plain Dealer

... "The bag limits might sound OK, but we're seeing fewer deer every season," said Usselman. "A local fellow who owns a farm likes to feed deer. He usually has about 50 or 60 deer come in. This past year, that shrunk to about 30 deer. ...

[ODNR Division of Wildlife announces proposed deer regulations](#) February 15, 2014

Ohio, Xenia Daily Gazette

... "Last year we moved away from what might be described as "zone management" to a process more closely resembling county-based management. We have reviewed harvest and permit data by county, paying particularly close attention to those counties at or very near goal. We are recommending that the antlerless permit not be valid in these counties...

[Ohio Considers Increase in Nonresident deer permits](#) January 26, 2014 The Daily

Record

... The increase is aimed at non-resident deer hunters only, with the proposal upping the hunting license to \$149 and either sex deer permit to \$99 for a total cost of \$248. That's

a total increase of \$101. The amount is still under similar trophy deer hunting states, including Illinois, Iowa and Kansas...

[Ohio deer benefit from CRP](#) July 2, 2014 Ventura County Star

... The most widely-used federal program that benefits wildlife is the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP). ... Landowners can turn their farms into wildlife havens while receiving annual rental payments and up to a 90 percent cost-share to establish conservation practices... CRP makes an area attractive to deer and other wildlife year-round...

[Ohio Deer Hunting Forecast for 2014](#) October 1, 2014 gameandfishmag.com

... bag limits are being decreased in 44 counties and antlerless tags are being eliminated in 29 counties. With harvest numbers down for a fourth consecutive year in the state, most changes this year were intended to stabilize deer populations... Last season, hunters checked in a total of 191,503 deer, a 12.5 percent decrease from the 2012 season ...

[Ohio deer hunting totals fluctuating — again](#) November 30, 2014 Sandusky Register

... Deliberate herd thinning efforts have been undertaken to improve herd quality in certain unglaciated counties and in other higher deer density counties to address Farm Bureau and driver safety concerns. This has resulted in annual harvests dropping to 191,459 last year after several years in the 220,000 range....

[Ohio deer population nears target](#) October 12, 2014 The Columbus Dispatch

... To manage deer by county, which is the most sensible approach, Tonkovich said, regulations need to be different from county to county... with whitetail populations at or near “target,” or desirable, levels in most counties, regulations have again altered Ohio’s hunting landscape. Among the alterations for 2014-15 was the elimination of a large number of counties where reduced-price antlerless permits ...



[Ohio deer season closes with more than 191,000 deer harvested](#) February 3, 2014

circlevilletoday.com

... Ohio hunters checked 191,459 white-tailed deer during the 2013-2014 hunting season for all implements...218,910 deer during the 2012-2103 hunting season ... decline in the deer hunter harvest comes following several years of liberal bag limits and deer regulations, which helped bring Ohio's white-tailed deer population closer to target levels...

[Ohio gun legislation passes](#)December 18, 2014 Ohio, Piqua Daily Call

... If signed by Governor John Kasich, Amended Substitute House Bill 234 will shorten the amount of required class and training hours to receive a CCW permit from 12 hours to eight. It will also allow noise suppressors to be used while hunting game birds and wild quadrupeds, including squirrels, rabbits and white-tailed deer...

[Ohio hunters bagging fewer bucks, does during this week's gun season](#)December 4, 2014 cleveland.com

... Wildlife officials expected the rules would to make it a little more difficult for hunters to tag a buck or doe, but new management plans may have worked too well... expected the season harvest to fall from a high of 261,260 in 2009-2010 and 191,459 a year ago to about 185,000 deer this season... seems optimistic...

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[Ohio hunters killed 191,459 deer this season, a 13% decline in bucks, does](#) February 4, 2014 Cleveland Plain Dealer

... seasons ended Feb. 2, with hunters checking 191,459 bucks and does over the four-month campaign. It was a major decline from the 218,910 deer killed in 2012-13. ... The Ohio counties with the largest deer harvest this season were: Coshocton (6,270), Tuscarawas (5,774), Licking (5,711), ...

[Ohio Loosens Its Borders to Certified Pennsylvania Deer Imports](#) September 24, 2014 BuckBreeders.com

... The North American Deer Farmers Association (NADeFA) reports that Ohio reopened its borders today to Certified PA deer farms for imports into Ohio except for the following counties and any PA quarantined herds: Jefferson, Adams, Blair and Bedford counties...

[Ohio now allows hunters to use noise suppressors](#) December 28, 2014 Salem News Online

... Ohio has joined more than 30 states that allow hunters to use soup-can-sized noise suppressors on guns for certain wildlife such as deer and game birds...

[Ohio wildlife officials trying to trim Buckeye deer harvest](#) October 10, 2014 The Plain Dealer - cleveland.com

... The ODOW wants to trim the harvest to about 180,000 deer this season, a significant drop from last year's 191,503 deer killed with bows and guns... "Our goal in most counties is to stabilize the deer population," ... which means reducing the number of does killed by hunters...

[Ohio's army of deer hunters search for success in the Buckeye woods](#) November 28, 2014 Cleveland Plain Dealer

... Thirty-five years ago, Ohio shotgun hunters took the lion's share - about 90 percent - of the total deer harvest. Buoyed by crossbow hunting the last few decades, bowhunting

success has soared from 10 percent in 1978 to about a 50-50 split of the total harvest... Over the past decade, liberal deer hunting regulations were used to substantially reduce the size of Ohio's deer herd ...

#### [Ohio's increasingly complex deer hunting regs reflected in to-date harvest figures](#)

October 20, 2014 Outdoors with Frischkorn

... more than a few hunters contend the state's coyote pack is out of control and has decimated the state's deer herd. Meanwhile just about every deer hunter is grumbling that the Ohio Division of Wildlife went too far for too long in selling too many antlerless-only deer tags...

#### [Other state's deer totals](#) March 24, 2014 Ohio, The Daily Record

... In Indiana, this year's deer harvest was down 8 percent, with just 125,635 deer killed. In Illinois, the harvest was down a whopping 32,000, from 180,811 in 2012-13 to 148,635 in 2013-14. And although Michigan totals haven't been posted yet, the gun harvest was expected to be off 15-20 percent.... Ohio's hunting is 191,451 deer harvested in 2013-14, down 9 percent from last year ...

#### [Proposal would halt antlerless deer permits in SE Ohio](#) March 18, 2014 Ohio, Marion Star

... "As evidenced over the past six years of very liberal regulations, the incentive has worked very well," said Division of Wildlife Chief Scott Zody. "Many of our counties are either at goal or very near it." ...

#### [Questions beg answers for this year's Ohio deer harvest](#) December 10, 2013 Jeff Frischkorn

... the on-going effort to seek an overall reduction in the state's deer herd through a newly established county-by-county strategy is beginning to pay off, says Mike Tonkovich, the Wildlife Division's deer management .. the all ready liberalized ground

rules for killing deer in Ashtabula and Trumbull counties. "But these two counties do have me scratching my head [rising population]." ... just as perplexing is the monstrously steep drop-off in the firearms deer-hunting season kill in Lake County, which abuts Ashtabula County...

[Smaller deer herd angers some hunters](#) December 15, 2013 Ohio, Columbus Dispatch ... Counting all hunting seasons ... some 205,000 to 220,000 deer will be removed from the landscape by Feb. 2, the final day of the archery hunt, the Ohio Division of Wildlife has forecasted. The lower end of that forecast would represent a decline from the two previous seasons. The season harvest was 218,910 a year ago and 219,748 in 2011-12. The high point in harvest came during the 2008-09 season when 261,260 whitetails were tagged. It's been downhill since ...

[Tonkovich discusses reasons behind new deer regulations](#) April 27, 2013 Ohio, The Daily Record ... Tonkovich, the deer program administrator for the state of Ohio ... Ohio will do away with its hunting zones, and instead has given each county its own deer season bag limit... "In 1971, 91 percent of the annual harvest was by a firearm," said Tonkovich. "In 2012, even with an additional nine days for firearms hunting, only 60 percent of the total harvest was by firearms. The difference was made up by archers."

[Tuscarawas County second in state in deer kills: Coshocton first](#) December 10, 2013 Ohio, New Philadelphia Times Reporter ... Until recently, the populations in nearly all of Ohio's counties were well above their target numbers. In the last few years, through increased harvests, dramatic strides have been made in many counties to bring those populations closer toward their goal. Once a county's deer population is near goal, harvest regulations are adjusted to maintain the population near that goal...

[Van Wert, Deer-gun season totals down](#) December 11, 2013 Ohio, Times-Bulletin  
... Van Wert County... Only 214 deer were harvested locally, compared to 290 deer in the 2012 deer-gun season. That was the trend across the state ... Until recently, the populations in nearly all of Ohio's counties were well above their target numbers...

[Warming climate makes ticks increasing concern for hunters, report says](#) November 14, 2013 Ohio, Columbus Dispatch  
... A new report released yesterday by the National Wildlife Federation said climate change — rising temperatures, lingering drought and weather extremes — is challenging the well-being of white-tailed deer, black bears and other large species in the Midwest. And it's bringing the ticks...

[Where You Going With That Semen, Buck?](#) March 21, 2013 Ohio, Courthouse News Service  
... - A businessman claims in court that his partner can't account for all the semen taken from an enormous whitetail deer, and "flooded the deer market with excess straws" of deer semen, "ruining potential future opportunities." The federal lawsuit involves semen from Energizer, whom plaintiff Todd Rawlake describes as "the world's second largest whitetail deer, ever." ...

[Young hunters harvest more than 6,000 deer during youth-gun season](#) November 30, 2013 Ohio, Logan Daily News  
... Young hunters checked 6,645 white-tailed deer during Ohio's two-day youth gun season ... Youth hunters could pursue deer with a legal shotgun, muzzleloader or handgun ...

## 2012

[2011/12 Ohio Deer Harvest Falls](#) February 7, 2012 North American Whitetail Magazine

... a full-season take of 219, 698 whitetails ... a significant reduction in the overall kill. The previous season's total was 239, 379, for a drop of nearly 20,000 deer ... It might have had something to do with methodology, as well. This season, for the first time ever, Ohio didn't require successful deer hunters to physically check in their kills. They had the option of doing it by phone or online instead ...

[A closer look at the 2011 deer season harvest](#) April 12, 2012 Ohio, Farm and Dairy, by Mike Tontimonia

... Just one third of hunters actually killed at least one deer... Ohio is one of few states that have successfully promoted the harvest of does. Several states with a longer deer hunting history stuck with a buck only strategy until deer densities grew to unhealthy numbers resulting in some real management problems...

[A few sportsmen make suggestions](#) May 19, 2012 Ohio, Columbus Dispatch

The Ohio Division of Wildlife ... tries to gauge sportsman and sportswoman sentiment ... a general, nonscientific survey of sorts occurs during the half-day open houses ... A total of 398 people showed up ... Deer regulations dominated with 358 comments, furbearers and trapping accounted for 39, wild turkeys 22, small-game seasons 15 and waterfowl eight... 57 comments supported allowing the use of rifles and/or pistol-caliber long guns to hunt deer in Ohio. Three opposed

[Getting to the point](#) September 24, 2012 Ohio, Wilmington News Journal

... During last year's four-month archery season, bow hunters killed 82,732 deer, a decrease of three percent from the previous year. Crossbow hunters took 44,979 of that number and longbow hunters took 37,753 deer. Overall, archers accounted for 38 percent of the 219,748 deer taken during Ohio's combined 2011-12 archery, muzzleloader and gun seasons...

[Bits and pieces worth your time to read](#) [hunting ethics] July 22, 2012 Ohio, Columbus

Dispatch

Not all hunting that is legal can be considered ethical, writes Daniel A. Pedrotti Jr., in the spring issue of Fair Chase, the Boone and Crockett Club's quarterly publication....

Pedrotti ... calls into question the growing practice of raising deer and other North American wild game animals as livestock so they can be released and "hunted" behind fences. Such animals, he points out, do not qualify for Boone and Crockett recognition but, more important, can't qualify as an actual hunting experience...

[Deer Gun Season Wraps Up, Low Success Rate](#) December 3, 2012 Ohio, WHIZ

... unfortunately for area hunters, the deer may have won this year... when it's warm they tend to lay down ... This is the second year in a row the warm weather has affected hunting season ...

[Deer harvest continues recent drops](#) December 9, 2012 Ohio, Columbus Dispatch

... Given strong archery results thus far, the 2012-13 deer season might produce a harvest down only slightly from a year ago, when hunters reported killing about 219,700 whitetails... compared with the 261,000 taken during the 2009-10 season... after years of liberal regulations designed to knock down numbers ... the sale of resident tags fell about 8 percent between 2000 and 2011. That drop to an extent has been offset by a 152 percent increase of nonresident tags during the same period...

[Deer harvest down across the state](#) December 5, 2012 Ohio, The People's Defender

The Division of Wildlife has been trying to bring the deer population in Ohio (estimated at 700,000) down for the past several years ... The 2012 gun season represents the third straight year of declining deer harvest numbers...

[Deer kills up 24 percent on opening day this year](#) November 28, 2012 Ohio, Canton Repository

Ohio hunters killed 24 percent more deer on the first day of gun season this year compared to last year. The Columbus Dispatch reports that hunters took 29,297 white-tailed deer on Monday, the first day of the week-long gun season...

[Deer population growth not problem in Crawford County](#) June 7, 2012 Ohio, Bucyrus Telegraph Forum

... Ohio's deer population climbed past 700,000 this year ... Crawford County's wildlife officials say the deer population fell to a historic low this year, approximately 3,500, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. The county's agriculture-based landscape provides little protection for local deer, making them easy targets during hunting season, said Scott Butterworth, ODNR's Head of Wildlife Management.... "We're not anywhere near carrying capacity," ...

[Deer reports only now comparable](#) December 16, 2012 Ohio, Columbus Dispatch

... the weekly reports had been indicating that the deer harvest was on track in 2012-13 to end up far ahead of the 2011-12 total ... a well-intentioned "mistake," said biologist Mike Tonkovich, the Ohio Division of Wildlife's deer project leader. That's because the same number of hunting days aren't equivalent in terms of hunting pressure for both seasons ... As of Wednesday, the 74-day harvest in 2012 was 172,048 whitetails, down less than 1 percent from the 172,813 deer taken in 2011...

[Early deer harvest up in Ohio](#) November 5, 2012 Springfield News Sun

... more than 30,400 deer have been harvested in the first 32 days of the 2012 season, compared to about 25,700 at the same time last year ... possibly as a result of good weather early in the season and more liberal bag limits in several southwest Ohio



counties... could be from farmers harvesting corn early this year. Deer use the corn fields both for cover and food, so the early harvest might mean the animals have fewer places to hide...

[Expensive deer: Poacher pays \\$7800 for pair of bucks](#) December 19, 2012 Ohio, Norwalk Reflector

Two poachers from Mississippi and a third poacher from Louisiana ... for wildlife violations that included spotlighting and killing white-tailed deer with a rifle, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources' (ODNR) ...

[Forest in Ohio to burn to help oak, hickory trees](#) March 19, 2012 Ohio, Marietta Times  
Officials will conduct controlled burns over 1700 acres of the Wayne National Forest ... Oak and hickory trees provide habitat to a various wildlife species such as squirrel, deer and turkey.

[Genetic test shows coyote-wolf cross-breeding](#) January 3, 2012 Ohio, Akron Beacon Journal  
... Unlike Ohio coyotes, the larger eastern coyotes also hunt white-tailed deer in packs. ... But genetic material from the wolf-coyotes were found in three of the Cuyahoga Valley coyotes in 2010, Smith said. It was previously believed that the closest coyote with wolf genetic markers was in eastern Pennsylvania, but there is evidence those DNA markers are in the Ohio animals, he said.

[Getting to know... a deer farmer](#) May 21, 2012 Ohio, Times Bulletin, By Ed Gebert  
... Kevin Missler ... He purchased a couple of does from a local businessman in the Ohio City area and brought them back to his enclosure ... "We've got good genetics now, so we're thinking of moving most of the herd and investing some money and buying some higher-grade genetics and mix with what we have and see what we can grow," ... his first deer were kept in one small pen covering about an eighth of an acre. Now he has two pens over a little more than a half-acre of ground...

[Gun-season stats revealing](#) November 25, 2012 Ohio, Columbus Dispatch

... Deer-gun week, which runs from one-half hour before sunrise on Monday through sunset next Sunday ... Some 400,000 or so residents and nonresidents will take to the woods during the week ... will kill 100,000 whitetails, give or take. Another 15,000 to 20,000 deer will be tagged during the follow-up deer-gun weekend Dec. 15-16...

[Deer-gun season starts today](#) November 26, 2012 Ohio, New Philadelphia Times

Reporter

The week-long Ohio deer-gun season ... starts today and runs through Sunday... Approximately 420,000 hunters are expected ... A total of 90,282 deer were killed during the gun season last year, which was down from a total of 105,034 tagged during the same time in 2010, according to the Division of Wildlife reports.

[Hunters harvest more than 86,000 deer during Ohio's deer-gun season](#) December 3, 2012 Ohio, The Pike County Daily

... they harvested 86,964 white-tailed deer during Ohio's traditional week-long deer-gun season, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources' (ODNR) Division of Wildlife. The harvest yielded an anticipated slight decrease of 3.7 percent from 2011, when 90,282 deer were checked. ...

[Hunters Prepare for Ohio's Traditional Deer-Gun Season](#) November 19, 2012 Vinton

Courier

Ohio's week-long deer-gun season begins statewide Monday, Nov. 26 and runs through Sunday, Dec. 2 ... ODNR Division of Wildlife anticipates 80,000-85,000 deer will be checked and tagged during the week-long hunt. Approximately 420,000 hunters are expected ... Those hunting in urban units and at Division of Wildlife-authorized

controlled hunts will have a six-deer bag limit, and those deer do not count against the hunter's zone bag limit. ...

[Knox County resident questions large number of deer control permits](#) April 22, 2012, Ohio, Mansfield News Journal

In Licking County, the three-years kill was 244, 699, and 381 deer. Hugh said in his letter that "permits were handed out like candy on Halloween night." ...The Division of Wildlife designated Kenneth J. Fitz, Acting Executive Administrator of Law Enforcement to reply: ... "The Ohio Administrative Code allows for landowners to obtain a permit to take deer ... the damage has to be caused by deer ... "When viewing data, it is apparent that as the number of deer is approaching the target population level, the number of complaints has decreased ...

[Lorain approves nuisance deer legislation](#) March 6, 2012 Ohio, The Morning Journal

... A new law, apparently targeting deer, would allow a property owner to hunt animals if the property owner has a damage control permit issued by the Ohio Division of Wildlife ... Council voted Monday 10-0 to approve the change...

[Lotteries pay big premium for hunters](#) August 10, 2012 Ohio, Toledo Blade

... Ohio's Department of Natural Resources, working with the Division of Natural Areas and the Division of Parks, has set up a series of special gun and bow deer hunts at seven nature preserves throughout the state... "Special management hunts are an excellent tool we can utilize to protect native plant communities in Ohio's best natural areas," said Ryan Schroeder, who is the manager at the Goll Woods State Nature Preserve, just north of Archbold in Fulton County...

[Mich., Ohio: Rich with deer legacies](#) November 9, 2012 Ohio, Toledo Blade

... Ohio's first deer hunting season of the modern era took place over 13 days in December of 1943, in just three counties ... A resident hunting license cost \$1.25 at the

time, and a total of 8,500 deer permits were issued ... Ohio's whitetail population was estimated at less than 20,000 in 1970 ... the current deer herd estimated to be stable at about three-quarters of a million animals, Ohio has sold more than 600,000 deer permits ...

[Muzzleloader deer season to be held in January](#) December 28, 2012 Ohio, The Clermont Sun

Ohio's white-tailed deer muzzleloader hunting season will open statewide Jan. 5-8, 2013, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources' Division of Wildlife. Ohio hunters have harvested 188,853 deer this season... Deer-archery season remains open through Feb. 3, 2013.

[ODNR Division Of Wildlife To Hold Muzzleloader Deer Season In January](#) December 31, 2012 Ohio, WBCO

... Ohio's white-tailed deer muzzleloader hunting season will open statewide Jan. 5-8, 2013 ... Last year, hunters harvested 19,459 deer during the four-day muzzleloader season...

[Ohio offers hunters additional weekend for deer-gun season](#) December 10, 2012 Vinton Courier

Ohio's deer-gun season returns Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 15-16, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources' (ODNR) Division of Wildlife. Hunters can use a legal shotgun, muzzleloader or handgun to pursue white-tailed deer ...

[Ohio's Deer Population Tops 700,000: Finding Solutions To Deer Damage](#) May 31, 2012 NBC4i.com

... Dawes Arboretum in Newark ... one of the largest in the country ... Mike Ecker is the director of horticulture ... tried several things ... including electric fences, garlic capsules and bars of deodorant soap hanging off branches... eventually deer find a way around them.... has turned to wire cages ... Materials for the cage cost about \$5 and are available at local home improvement stores... "Even though we have some frustrations with a few deer here and there, all and all we don't lose that much anymore,"

[Ohio's deer-archery season begins Sept. 29](#) September 19, 2012 The Beacon  
Approximately 205,000 bow hunters, representing more than half of all Ohioans who hunt deer, will participate in the statewide archery deer hunting season opening Sept. 29, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources' (ODNR) ... Overall, archers accounted for 38 percent of the 219,748 deer taken during Ohio's combined 2011-12 archery, muzzleloader and gun seasons.

[Opening-day deer kill rebounds from '11](#) December 2, 2012 Ohio, Columbus Dispatch  
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[Ohio Deer Harvest Results 2012](#) November 30, 2012 MyHuntingandFishing  
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Ohio, WOUB

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[Parks try their darnedest to deter deer](#) May 26, 2012 Ohio, Fremont News Messenger  
... Horticulture director Mike Ecker has tried several tactics ... : placing physical barriers around the trees [has worked] ... In Sandusky County, the wild deer population was 2,527 last year, far above the goal population of 1,766, the ODNR reported. In 2001, the population was 1,794. It peaked in 2008 at 2,723. ... The goal was set by local farmers in each county in 2001, since farmers have the most to lose from the deer population,

but ... the state is looking at bringing other stakeholders to the table and updating the goal numbers.

[Population grows: not so much the deer](#) February 26, 2012 Ohio, Columbus Dispatch

... deer in the state are relatively recent arrivals rooted in the stock from Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Kentucky ... “We see it in the antler size of yearling bucks. That has been declining for years,” ... Mike Tonkovich, deer project leader ... “We see it in the number of does that are pregnant in the spring and in the number of fawns the does produce.” ... The mature woods now growing on what once was farmland can’t support as many prime deer as the transitioning landscape did a few decades ago.

[Reaction mixed on state's legislation on crossbow regulations](#) June 22, 2012, Ohio, The Southern

... “The new part is that a crossbow can be used just like a bow and arrow beginning on the Monday after the second firearm deer season closes,” said Paul Shelton, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources’ forest wildlife program manager.... Shelton said the bill to liberalize crossbow regulations passed through the House and Senate quickly, giving opponents little time to mobilize. Some archery groups opposed the legislation.

[Richland County's goal population for deer examined](#) June 16, 2012 Ohio, Mansfield News Journal

... The ODNR will bring in a researcher from The Ohio State University this summer to start the process. Traditionally, local farmers set the goal population for the county, but [Mike Tonkovich, deer project leader] said the ODNR looks to get other stakeholders -- deer hunters, recreational photographers, related businesses and the general public -- involved in the process, too... [nursery owner] to protect his trees includes placing a guard around every sapling. At \$1.50 a pop ...

[So you don't believe the DOW's deer numbers](#) December 10, 2012 Ohio, Daily Record

... as little as 56 years ago, when deer hunting was opened state-wide in Ohio, the harvest total was just 3,911 deer. They shot almost that many (3,119) in Coshocton County alone during last week's gun season. And, 22 years ago (1990) was the last time the state's harvest total was under 100,000. Less than 30 years ago (1983), the harvest total was under 60,000...Deer populations made a steady climb up until the 1990s, when management practices started leveling out the herd ...

[Sparky, an Adopted Deer's Killing Exposes Flaws in Wildlife Laws](#) May 29, 2012 Ohio, Examiner.com

... When the killing of the deer was mentioned in a story on WKYC, Channel 3 News Today Weekdays, they quoted Damon Greer, ODRN Wildlife Manager as stating, "Yes, it was given all of its appropriate vaccinations and those types of things. But you can't allow one person to keep a deer from the wild and not allow everybody to." ... Really Mr. Greer? ... What about all the Deer Farms in Ohio? ... When she [Jan Kellogg] asserted to Mr. Denamen [Scott R. Denamen, A Geauga County Wildlife Officer] that the deer was registered he replied, and I quote him, "Well, he is not registered through me!"

[State fishing license sales are up significantly](#) (some deer hunting down) July 17, 2012 Ohio, News-Herald.com

... sales of Ohio's various hunting licenses and tags are showing that most of the state's outdoors types are more interested in catching fish than worrying about any deer hunting season ...Hunting license revenue is down 5.78 percent, from \$1,142,907 last year to \$1,076,825 in 2012... non-resident annual hunting licenses (down 5.54 percent), deer either-sex permits for resident adults (down 13.35 percent), antlerless-only permits for resident adults (down 20.09 percent) ...



[Too many deer? Too few? Hard to answer](#) February 19, 2012 Ohio, Columbus Dispatch  
... Ohio deer hunters took about 41,600 fewer whitetails during the 2011-12 season compared with the record 261,260 tagged in 2009-10 ... Wildlife biologist Mike Tonkovich ... too much emphasis placed on the estimated size of the statewide herd ... The models used to determine deer numbers are based on the annual harvest. What remains an unknown, however, is hunter effort...the number of purchased deer permits decreased during the most recent season by 4 percent after having fallen about 5 percent the previous year.

[Wheres the deer???](#) January 29, 2012 Ohio, OhioSportsman.com

... remember the deer right now are at the lowest level because we have just wiped out over 200,000 maybe when you factor in cars and poaching or nearly half the heard...but come october next year with the new fawns maturing,the herd will be back where it was...yes...i know...it seems half our herd is fawns,the ones that will get creamed not only by hunters but by predation too ...

[Whitetail Deer - A Conservation Success Story. Conservation Corner](#) September 29, 2012 Ohio, Vinton Courier

... In the early 1900's whitetail's had almost completely disappeared from the state. Unregulated hunting and loss of habitat were the main reasons for the decline in the deer population... At that time in Ohio large areas of land were being cleared for agriculture which made the habitat less suitable for deer ... from the early 1900's until now is much of the land that was cleared for agriculture has been left fallow...

[Wildlife recreation adds \\$3.6 billion to Ohio economy](#) September 22, 2012 Canton Repository

... About 35 percent of Ohioans 16 or older — or about 3.2 million people — enjoyed wildlife-viewing in 2011, and about 1.6 million residents of the same age group hunted and fished. Wildlife watching includes closely observing, photographing and feeding wild animals. But the popularity of wildlife viewing has dipped, while hunting and fishing shows gains. The number of hunters and anglers in the state increased 8 percent between 2006 and 2011, while the number of wildlife watchers fell by 7 percent.

## 2011

[Animal Cruelty: Update on Star](#) October 13, 2011 Ohio, OpEdNews

Not too long ago, I read that in Ohio you can't even save a deer or a fawn in need. I remember writing about the man who tried to save a fawn whose mother was killed. He was told that it was illegal to care for him or her. Imagine -- illegal caring for ...

[Big money for big animals](#) November 27, 2011 Ohio, Zanesville Times Recorder

... a preseason population estimate of 750000 white-tailed deer, ... Lindsay Rist, wildlife communications specialist with ODNR Division of Wildlife, said each year hunting has a \$859 million economic impact in Ohio through the sale of equipment, fuel, food, lodging and other related things... the number of jobs, 33,000, associated with the hunting-related industry, she said.

[Controlled deer hunts won't take place in Northeast Ohio this year](#) September 5, 2011

News-Herald.com, By Jeffrey L. Frischkorn

...With an eroded employee base and a shuffling of duties and responsibilities for those who do remain, there is only enough money and manpower to conduct hunts on a fraction of the preserves opened last year, state officials said....“I know the hunts have been popular,” said Jeff Johnson, the Natural Resources official in charge of the preserve program....

[Claims made in outdoors article appear off the mark](#) October 23, 2011 Columbus Dispatch, By

Dave Golowenski

...According to an article in Outdoor Life magazine, the whitetail deer population will decrease “between 10 percent to 25 percent in the next few years.” ...Here’s part of a response to McKean’s article by biologist Mike Tonkovich, deer specialist for the Ohio Division of Wildlife: “This is the closest thing to fiction that I’ve ever read,” Tonkovich wrote in an email redirected this way....The article, penned by executive editor Andrew McKean, asserts that “habitat loss, an ever-increasing and unmanaged predator population and a number of other factors are contributing to a nationwide crash”

[Deer harvest down in Ohio. Meigs County](#) March 8, 2011 Ohio Daily Sentinel by Staff

report POMEROY — Meigs County's **deer** harvest total was down from last year, according to

the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, which announced a total of 239260 **deer** killed statewide during Ohio's 2010-11 hunting season. ...

[Deer herd being hurt by growing coyote population?](#) March 13, 2011 Ohio Population  
New Philadelphia Times Reporter Saw a couple **deer**. The End. I went coyote hunting. Called in a hawk... actually, the more I think about it, it was probably just flying by. The End. The next thing you know, people are wondering why Hank is writing about the outdoors. ...

[Deer hunting numbers continue to drop](#) November 13, 2011 Ohio, Dayton Daily News, By Jim Morris

,,, The statewide deer population was estimated to be 750,000 in early October. Approximately 345,000 bow hunters are expected to participate in the statewide deer-archery hunting season.... Ohio had a record deer kill two years ago and dropped off about 8 percent for the entire season last year... "our liberal seasons and use of the antlerless deer permit may be having the desired impact on herds ... " said Mike Tonkovich, deer project leader for Ohio Division of Wildlife.

**Deer** kill numbers down in Ohio February 16, 2011 Ohio Mansfield News Journal

With the end of the 2010-11 **deer** season in Ohio, it looks like the total harvest will be 8 to 10 percent lower than the 261314 **deer** taken in 2009-10. The tally this year by all methods stands at 227469.

[Deer population not an easy explanation](#) - Toledo Blade June 7, 2011 Urban

Beginning with incursions from neighboring states in the early 1930s, Ohio's deer herd grew from about 17000 deer in 1970 to an estimated 700000 deer today. ... Don Rettig, director of the Metroparks of the Toledo Area, has said on multiple occasions that he would not hesitate to recommend a professional

culling of deer if it is shown that they are damaging sensitive parks habitats irreversibly. Rettig openly has shared the parks' studies and the numbers and so far, he is right in not taking that step.

[Deer will be down on the farm this season](#) September 30, 2011 Ohio, Port Huron Times Herald  
Proos has introduced a bill meant to increase the toll farmers take on the state's deer herd. To be fair, farmers have an honest gripe with deer, especially in the southern third of the state. Proos' legislation would allow up to 15 shooters to use a ...Department of Natural Resources spokeswoman Mary Dettloff said the change probably wasn't necessary because it's already easy for farmers to get crop-damage permits.

[Deer, what else, top topic at open houses](#) March 7, 2011 Ohio Wooster Daily Record  
By ART HOLDEN AKRON — Here's a news flash — Ohio sportsmen don't think there's as many **deer** in the state as the Ohio Division of Wildlife says there are. Like death and taxes, **deer** comments ruled the day at the District 3 open house in Akron on ..

[Deer-archery season is upon us](#)October 12, 2011 Ohio, Press News  
Approximately 345,000 bow hunters, representing more than half of all Ohioans who hunt deer, are expected to participate in the statewide archery deer hunting season that opens Sept. 24, according the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, ..."I expect both the pre-hunt deer population and the harvest to be near their three-year averages of 750,000 and 250,000 deer, respectively," said Mike Tonkovich, Division of Wildlife deer-project leader....All hunters must still report their harvest of deer, but they are no longer required to take their deer to a check station for physical inspection.

[Deer-gun take put at 110.000](#) November 27, 2011 Ohio, Toledo Blade  
For several years the preseason deer herd has hovered around 750,000 and the all-seasons kill has trended to 250,000.... Mike Tonkovich, the state deer biologist. said ... The idea to

remember is quality ... Healthy deer, good buck-to-doe ration, good antler quality.... "The problem is, we just don't know the true relationship between license numbers and harvest numbers." In short, who is taking how many and where....Each year, hunting has a \$859 million economic impact in Ohio through the sale of equipment, fuel, food, lodging, and more, according to the Ohio Division of Wildlife.

[Deer kill in gun season](#) December 4, 2011 Ohio, Tallmadge Express

The Ohio Division of Wildlife estimates a deer population of 750000, and anticipates a kill of 115000 to 125000 animals during the nine days, which started Nov. 28. Hunters are encouraged to kill more does this season using the reduced-priced antlerless deer permit where valid.

[Earth Day 2011: Some wildlife adapting to 'modern-day Ohio'](#) April 19, 2011 Ohio

Dayton Daily News

...By 1904, white-tailed deer were completely wiped out across the state, after a century of deforestation and high demand by European settlers for the official state mammal's coveted hides, according to Ohio History Central. ... "By 1900, we were down (from more than 95 percent) to 10 percent forest. We pushed out those large animals completely," said Suzan Jervey, educator at the Ohio Wildlife Center in Columbus. "The state is now 33 percent forested. We've seen a return of animals...

Deer Population, [What's Great In Dayton](#) February 7, 2020 Ohio, WYSO

... in 1909 the White-tailed Deer were once considered nearly extinct in Ohio ...

[Farmers Not Interested In Hosting Deer Hunters](#) December 7, 2011 Ohio By News-Herald Blogs

The notion that Ohio's farmers would welcome hunters with open arms in order to help control the state's deer herd has crashed and burned... Ohio's Division of Wildlife is reporting that the

HuntOhioFarms.com Web site will be discontinued due to lower than anticipated participation from Ohio's farming community.

[Gov. Rick Snyder signs bill allowing younger children to hunt](#) July 21, 2011 Ohio, Detroit Free Press

The age requirement is 12 if it involves hunting deer with a firearm. The new legislation sets up a mentoring program that would allow children to get licenses earlier....Hunters under 10 could get a license if they meet requirements that would be outlined by a state commission.

[Northeast Ohio preserves to be closed to controlled deer hunts](#) August 17, 2011 Ohio, The News-Herald

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources' fiscal belt-tightening has pinched deer hunting opportunities in Northeast Ohio. And elsewhere in the state, too, ... there simply isn't enough money and manpower to conduct hunts but on a fraction of the preserves opened last year, says state officials...."I know the hunts have been popular," said Jeff Johnson, the Natural Resources official in charge of the preserve program.

[OH: Preserves to open up for deer hunts](#) September 1, 2011, Ohio, Outdoor News, Inc: News

...the DNR Division of Natural Areas and Preserves has scheduled special archery deer hunts at nine state nature preserves across the state.... Hunters must purchase tickets for the lotteries immediately prior to the drawings. The tickets are \$5 each, and there is a limit of five tickets per person....

[Ohio 2011 Whitetail Forecast](#) October 26, 2011 Outdoor Channel

... "My No. 1 concern is the average age of the hunting public right now – it's only going to continue to rise. Very closely tied in to that is recruitment of new hunters and retention of existing hunters. It's very bleak, quite honestly. There's not a lot of positive on the horizon." ... He [Mike Tonkovich, [Ohio's](#) deer project leade] said an irony is "we're asking the hunting public

to support recruitment and retention, but we're losing more land due to development, so we're asking them to hunt in more crowded conditions."

[Ohio deer gun season opens Nov. 28](#) November 20, 2011 ODU Hunting News

... With a pre-hunting season population estimate of 750,000 white-tailed deer, the Division of Wildlife anticipates 115,000 to 125,000 deer will be taken during the nine-day season.

Approximately 420,000 hunters are expected to participate in this year's season, including many out-of-state hunters.... Hunters may take only one antlered deer, regardless of zone, hunting method or season.

[Ohio's archery deer kill should mirror '10 total](#) September 20, 2011 News-Herald.com

By the end of the season Feb. 5, [archery] hunters are projected to kill between 85,000 and 90,000 deer out of a herd of 700,000 to 750,000....Last year, longbow archers killed 40,889 deer, and crossbow hunters shot 44,123 deer...wildlife managers who are hoping to reduce the state's deer herd even more.

[Ohio's shrinking deer kill raises concerns. but it's too early to tell if it's a trend](#) December 18, 2011, Columbus Dispatch

... Deer permits alone accounted for \$10.5 million, or 19 percent, of its \$56.3 million in revenue ... From a wildlife watcher's standpoint, dwindling interest or participation in hunting — Ohio deer permit sales, as an example, have decreased during each of the past two years — is likely to translate into decreasing enrollment in conservation organizations ... Biologist Mike Tonkovich, the wildlife division's deer project leader, said ... statewide herd estimate of 750,000 before the start of bow season was as high as it has ever been...

[Outdoors: Deer kill numbers take substantial dip\(concern about declining population\)](#) February 13, 2011 Ohio Columbus Dispatch By Dave Golowenski Much effort has been expended in recent years to get a handle on Ohio's seemingly ever-expanding **deer**

herd, which is why hunting outcomes ... Hunters tagged 237,646 whitetails, about 9.3 percent fewer than the record 261,366 tagged in the 2009-10 season.

[Outdoors: Deer season falls short in Ohio](#) January 18, 2011 News-Herald.com 8 to 11, hunters killed 17108 **deer**. In 2010, a preliminary total of 24078 **deer** were shot during the same four-day season. The shortage represented about a ...

[Plentiful deer, plenty of opportunities in Ohio](#) September 25, 2011 Ohio, Toledo Blade ... Most counties across the state are above target levels ... "it's a rather bland forecast," summed Mike Tonkovich, the deer biologist with the Ohio Division of Wildlife. "It's going to look a lot like it has the last several years."... From 2007 through 2010, the numbers come up with about 250,000 deer killed out of a pre-season population of 750,000 animals.... food availability is the key limiting factor for deer, for less browse is available as forestland matures and deer-productive undergrowth and brushy cover decline somewhat. In the western half of the state the key is the social pressure of deer numbers on farmland...

[Probe: Antler confiscation improper](#) November 23, 2011 Ohio, Columbus Dispatch, By Catherine Candisky

...The yearlong probe by Ohio Inspector General Randall J. Meyer found that wildlife officer Brad St. Clair acted without a warrant or probable cause when he seized and later destroyed the 11-point antler rack. The case was referred to the Guernsey County prosecutor for possible criminal charges....Meyer found that the antlers were legally obtained by Jeffrey Schultice, who said he found the deer carcass while bow hunting on his property...

[Sign of the season](#) May 22, 2011 Ohio Management The-News-Leader



It's springtime and that means area residents who live near wooded areas are beginning to see young deer hiding in and around their homes. According to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, unregulated hunting led to the virtual elimination of white tailed deer in the state between 1904 and 1923.

After the fall mating season, fawns are born in the spring. The department says fawn does in good habitat may breed their first autumn, giving birth to a single offspring. Adult does will have twins and occasionally triplets.

Does may return to the same place each year to give birth. When born, male fawns weigh between 4 and 14 pounds, and females 3-8 pounds. Fawns are born with their eyes open and they are able to walk within an hour

or two. Fawns will nurse two or three times a day for the first few days after birth and then return to thick cover after each meal. At about one month the fawns begin to accompany their mother when she goes to eat. The family group of mother and fawns will stay together until the following spring.

While female white tail deer will remain close to their mothers their entire life, buck fawns, in most cases, will leave their birth area in the spring and travel great distances to set up new home ranges. Bucks that don't leave in the

spring will be forced to do so in the fall, both by their mother and other related females.

[State ends program pairing hunters, farms](#) December 13, 2011 Ohio, Toledo Blade

... the HuntOhioFarms.com Web site and program launched in August, 2009, in hopes of putting together well-behaved deer hunters and willing landowners in hopes of whittling down deer-damage on cropland. The Ohio Division of Wildlife last week said it will discontinue the effort "due to lower than anticipated participation from Ohio's farming community," ... that shouldn't include a return of doling out truckloads of free "deer-damage" kill permits, a former system rife with abuses that too often set up cozy deals and at times local overkill.

[State pleased with on-going reduced deer kill](#) December 19, 2011 Ohio, News-Herald Blogs

"Well, the take is that we may have fewer deer - and that's reason to celebrate because that's what we've been trying to achieve that goal since 2007," said Mike Tonkovich, the Ohio Division of Wildlife's deer management administrator. ... the news is good for the deer herd since it has begun to degrade the habitat as well as started to produce bucks with small antler mass. Some

of the state's most fabled deer-hunting counties experienced declines, some by substantial percentages...

[What does the future hold in store for hunting?](#) December 16, 2011 Ohio, Daily Sentinel

... will it follow a more European model - limited mainly to the wealthy who pay dearly for the privilege of pursuing game... While it may be nice to think that hunters are a traditional bunch, the truth is something else. Consider the use of crossbows for deer hunting; as hunters grow older and find they are no longer able to draw and hold a compound bow ... Ohio was one of the first states to allow crossbows for deer hunting, but now almost all states allow the use of crossbows ...

[White-tailed deer and hunters now abound around the Buckeye State](#) November 25, 2011

Ohio, Cleveland.com

... Law Enforcement Supervisor Tom Donley. "... As the deer herd has grown, we've brought in handgun hunting, Sunday hunting, the bonus gun weekend, extended archery seasons, crossbows and liberal limits on does...." ... landowners... don't need an Ohio license ... [on] their own land... [less] federal funding. Excise taxes on hunting equipment are returned to Ohio based on the number of hunting licenses. A free license would qualify for federal funds, but the Ohio Farm Bureau [opposed] free licenses ...

[Claims made in outdoors article appear off the mark](#) October 23, 2011 Columbus Dispatch, By

Dave Golowenski

...According to an article in Outdoor Life magazine, the whitetail deer population will decrease "between 10 percent to 25 percent in the next few years." ...Here's part of a response to McKean's article by biologist Mike Tonkovich, deer specialist for the Ohio Division of Wildlife: "This is the closest thing to fiction that I've ever read," Tonkovich wrote in an email redirected this way....The article, penned by executive editor Andrew McKean, asserts that "habitat loss, an

ever-increasing and unmanaged predator population and a number of other factors are contributing to a nationwide crash”

[Wildlife will find fewer acorns, other nuts for winter foraging](#) November 20, 2011 Ohio, Columbus Dispatch

... wildlife officials told me that the mast crop — acorns, hickories and other nuts — is very much down this fall. That might not sound calamitous, but if you were a deer, it would be.... The size of the mast crop has a crucial effect on the survival rate ... Every year, wildlife officials survey the mast crop in late summer. This year, they found that white-oak acorns are virtually nonexistent and red-oak acorns and hickory nuts are below-average. .. Most critters prefer white-oak acorns because they contain less tannin ...

[Are There Too Many Deer](#), Ohio, National Park Ohio

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## [Assessment of coyote-wolf-dog admixture using ancestry-informative diagnostic SNPs](#)

J Monzón, R Kays, DE Dykhuizen - Molecular Ecology, 2013

.. Hybridization between coyotes and wolves may have introduced adaptive alleles into the coyote gene pool that facilitated an expansion in their geographic range and dietary niche. Furthermore, hybridization between coyotes and domestic dogs may facilitate adaptation to human-dominated environments. We genotyped 63 ancestry-informative single nucleotide polymorphisms in 427 canids in order to examine the prevalence, spatial distribution, and ecology of admixture in eastern coyotes...Ohio coyotes, previously thought to be free of admixture, are also highly admixed with wolves and dogs. Coyotes in areas of high deer density are genetically more wolf-like, suggesting that natural selection for wolf-like traits may result in local adaptation at a fine geographic scale...

# Ohio Deer Population Estimate from 1940 to 1968

## [DEER POPULATIONS IN THE MIDWEST'](#)

o CHARLES M. NIXON

Ohio Division of Wildlife

New Marshfield, Ohio

1940: 2,000

1950 12,748

1960: 8,000

1968 22,000

[White-tailed deer make comeback in Ohio](#) November 22, 2013 Lancaster Eagle

Gazette.com

... When Ohio gained statehood in 1803, the white-tailed deer were plentiful ... Between uncontrolled hunting and clearing of the forests for farmland, the white-tailed deer was nearly wiped out by the early 1900s...

