



## **2015 Annual Harvest Report**

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#### Dear DNR Test,

Thank you for your interest and participation in the Wisconsin Deer Management Assistance Program. The information in this letter and the attached tables is your annual harvest report that summarizes the statewide and county deer harvest statistics from last year. More importantly, it summarizes the information and data that was collected for your DMAP property last year. The deer/wildlife observations and biological data collected on the deer you harvested will help determine if you are reaching the habitat and deer management goals for the property. Progress towards these goals will not be immediately obvious; however, collecting the same data in future years may reveal trends that indicate if progress is being made.

#### **Statewide Deer Season Review**

Overall, a total of 309,829 deer were harvested in Wisconsin during the 2015 deer seasons with the majority of the harvest occurring during the November 9-day gun deer season. Of the deer harvested, 151,580 were bucks, 158,247 were does and 2 were unknown (sex not reported). Statewide harvest totals were up 1.0% from 2014.

See Table 1 for additional statewide deer harvest information by management zone and weapon type. Access to the full list of big game reports can be found <u>here</u>.

#### **Columbia County Deer Season Review**

In Columbia County, 6,359 total deer were harvested during the 2015 hunting season, including 3,041 bucks, 3,317 does and 1 unknown (sex not reported). Compared to the rest of the state, Columbia County ranked #17 in the total number of deer harvested in 2015.

Additional county specific deer harvest information can be viewed <u>here.</u>

Detailed deer metric information for the county is available <u>here.</u>

#### **DMAP Cooperator Data Collection**

Table 2 summarizes the biological information you collected from deer harvested on the property. In 2015 you reported harvesting 4 bucks and 3 does on the property(s) enrolled in DMAP. Of these, 2 were taken by firearm, 2 by archery, and 3 by crossbow. You were issued 10 DMAP antlerless tags and filled 2.

Table 3 summarizes the observational data you collected on the property in 2015. A total of 10 bucks and 23 does were observed during 10 hours of hunting, equaling 4.30 deer observed per hour. Based on the deer observations you collected from August 1 - September 30, the fawn:doe ratio on the property was 0.43 fawns per doe.







#### **Comments and Recommendations**

This is the section where the local wildlife biologist may provide comments on local deer numbers, property specific deer harvest and wildlife observation data, deer harvest recommendations, progress on habitat improvement projects, opportunities to receive additional assistance, etc.

Thank you again for your interest and support of Wisconsin DMAP. I look forward to working with you to achieve your habitat and deer management goals in the future. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call or send me an email.

Best Regards,

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Table 1. 2015 statewide deer harvest by management zone and weapon type.

### **Archery Totals**

Deer Management Zone	Antlered	Antlerless	Unknown	Total
Central Farmland	17,423	14,551	0	31,974
Central Forest	1,611	528	0	2,139
Northern Forest	4,629	1,141	0	5,770
Southern Farmland	7,605	5,819	0	13,424
Total	31,268	22,039	0	53,307

### **Crossbow Totals**

Deer Management Zone	Antlered	Antlerless	Unknown	Total
Central Farmland	11,134	9,296	0	20,430
Central Forest	1,184	435	0	1,619
Northern Forest	4,728	1,269	0	5,997
Southern Farmland	3,577	2,659	0	6,236
Total	20,623	13,659	0	34,282

### **Gun Totals**

<b>Deer Management Zone</b>	Antlered	Antlerless	Unknown	Total <sup>1</sup>
Central Farmland	52,085	78,568	0	130,653
Central Forest	5,496	3,548	0	9,044
Northern Forest	19,522	9,206	0	28,728
Southern Farmland	22,586	31,203	2	53,791
Unknown	0	24	0	24
Total <sup>1</sup>	99,689	122,549	2	222,240

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Includes damage deer





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Table 2. Biological data collected from deer harvested on the property enrolled in DMAP.

	2014	2015	2016
Total bucks harvested	2	4	
Total doe harvested	2	3	
Buck Fawns	1	0	
• Average Weight (lbs.)	123	0	
1.5 year old bucks	0	2	
• Average Weight (lbs.)	0	175	
Average Points	0	6	
• Average Spread (in.)	0.00	9	
Average Beam Length (in.)	0.00	11	
• Average Base (in.)	0.00	4	
2.5 year old bucks	0	1	
• Average Weight (lbs.)	0	200	
Average Points	0	14	
Average Spread (in.)	0.00	23	
Average Beam Length (in.)	0.00	23	
• Average Base (in.)	0.00	8	
3.5 year old bucks	0	1	
Average Weight (lbs.)	0	234	
Average Points	0	0	
Average Spread (in.)	0.00	0	
Average Beam Length (in.)	0.00	0	
Average Base (in.)	0.00	0	
4.5+ year old bucks	1	0	
• Average Weight (lbs.)	185	0	
Average Points	12	0	
Average Spread (in.)	23.00	0	
Average Beam Length (in.)	21.25	0	
Average Base (in.)	6.00	0	
Doe Fawns	0	0	
Average Weight (lbs.)	0	0	
1.5 year old does	1	0	
Average Weight (lbs.)	150	0	
2.5 year old does	1	1	
• Average Weight (lbs.)	170	230	
3.5+ year old does	0	0	
• Average Weight (lbs.)	0	0	
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• 1.5 year old	0 %	0 %	
• 2.5 year old	100 %	0 %	
• 3.5+ year old	0 %	0 %	

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Table 3. Deer observation data and hunting effort for the property enrolled in DMAP.

	2014	2015	2016
Bucks observed	9	10	
Does observed	17	23	
Fawns observed	9	10	
Total deer observed	35	43	
Total days hunted	6	7	
Total hours hunted	15.0	10.0	
Deer seen/hour hunting	2.33	4.30	
Fawn:doe ratio 1	0.53	0.43	

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 1}$  Deer observations from August 1 - September 30