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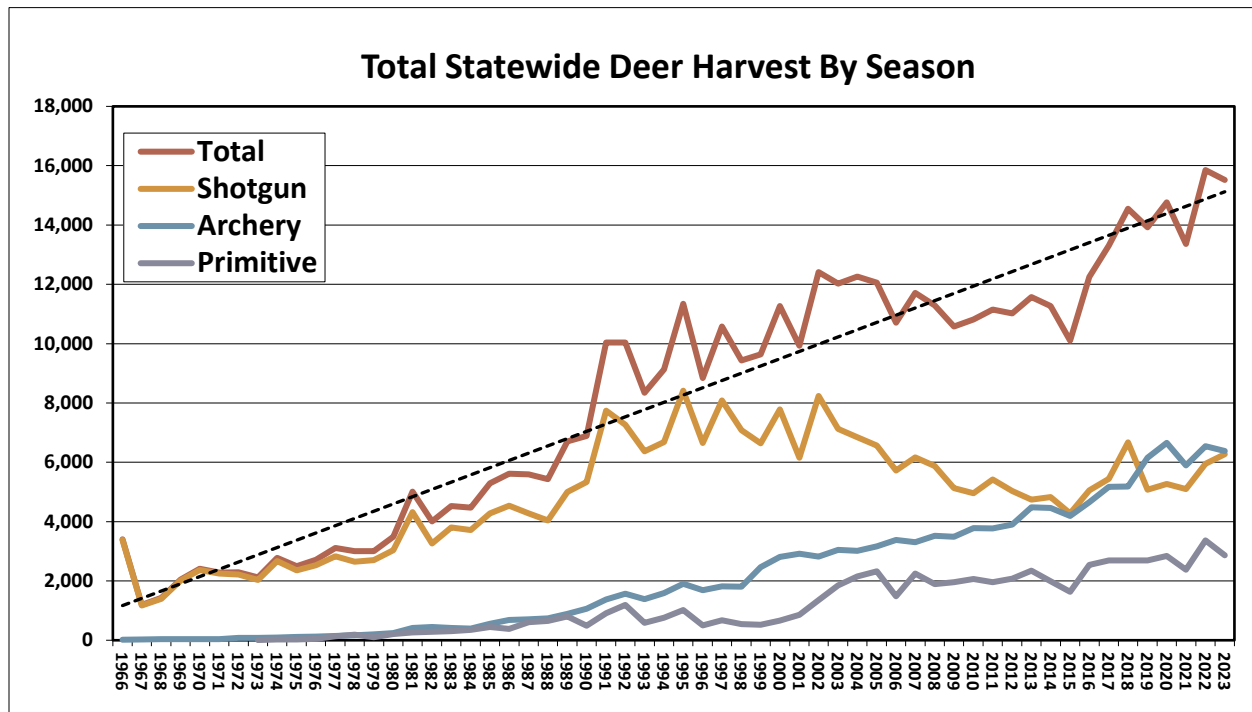
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2023 Deer Harvest Preliminary Summary

Preliminary results indicate the 2023 hunting season had a harvest of 15,520 deer, which was a decline of approximately 2% from the record-setting 2022 season. Poor weather conditions during much of the archery and primitive firearms seasons lowered the overall harvest, which likely would have set a new record if it were not for the poor conditions. In spite of these conditions, there were new zone record harvests in zones 9 and 14, and a record number of deer were harvested by participating youth on Youth Deer Hunt Day. Approximately 17,800 meals of venison were distributed to Massachusetts communities through MassWildlife's Hunters Share the Harvest program thanks to the generous donation of harvested deer by participating hunters.

- Youth Deer Hunt Day: 142
- Paraplegic Hunt: 10
- Archery Season: 6,385
- Shotgun Season: 6,118
- Primitive Firearms Season: 2,865



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2023 Deer Harvest by Sex & Season

Season	Adult Male	Female	Male Fawn	Total	% Harvest
Para/Youth	70	77	5	152	1.0%
Archery	4,119	1,939	327	6,385	41.1%
Shotgun	3,450	2,206	462	6,118	39.4%
Primitive	1,219	1,388	258	2,865	18.5%
Statewide	8,858	5,610	1,052	15,520	100.0%

2023 Deer Harvest: Implement Used by Season

Implement	Para/Youth	Archery	Shotgun	Primitive	Total	% Harvest
Bow/Crossbow	12	6,375	286	442	7,115	46%
Shotgun	107	5	5,092	12	5,216	34%
Muzzleloader	33	5	740	2,411	3,189	21%
Total	152	6,385	6,118	2,865	15,520	100%

2023 Deer Harvest by Season & Wildlife Management Zone

Zone	Para/Youth	Archery	Shotgun	Primitive	Total
1	5	94	151	57	307
2	28	177	241	80	526
3	7	166	264	111	548
4N	13	191	256	121	581
4S	9	139	149	64	361
5	6	267	354	152	779
6	7	61	272	45	385
7	6	335	358	181	880
8	8	312	367	187	874
9	14	570	582	323	1,489
10	15	1,383	675	529	2,602
11	21	1,951	1,460	720	4,152
12	6	130	132	43	311
13	2	298	429	117	846
14	5	311	428	135	879
Statewide	152	6,385	6,118	2,865	15,520

2023 Deer Harvest by Sex & Wildlife Management Zone

Zone	Adult Male	Female	Male Fawn	Total
1	220	80	7	307
2	447	76	3	526
3	371	157	20	548
4N	439	126	16	581
4S	302	48	11	361
5	551	209	19	779
6	255	110	20	385
7	509	324	47	880
8	627	213	34	874
9	780	599	110	1,489
10	1,312	1,104	186	2,602
11	2,124	1,675	353	4,152
12	214	85	12	311
13	357	384	105	846
14	350	420	109	879
Statewide	8,858	5,610	1,052	15,520

2023 Para/Youth Season Harvest by Wildlife Management Zone

Zone	Adult Male	Female	Male Fawn	Total
1	3	2	0	5
2	11	17	0	28
3	4	3	0	7
4N	3	10	0	13
4S	4	5	0	9
5	6	0	0	6
6	1	5	1	7
7	4	2	0	6
8	2	6	0	8
9	8	3	3	14
10	8	7	0	15
11	10	11	0	21
12	3	3	0	6
13	1	1	0	2
14	2	2	1	5
Statewide	70	77	5	152

2023 Archery Season Harvest by Wildlife Management Zone

Zone	Adult Male	Female	Male Fawn	Total
1	80	14	0	94
2	168	9	0	177
3	125	34	7	166
4N	161	26	4	191
4S	131	6	2	139
5	223	40	4	267
6	54	5	2	61
7	243	84	8	335
8	263	41	8	312
9	369	174	27	570
10	784	527	72	1383
11	1124	699	128	1951
12	112	16	2	130
13	155	113	30	298
14	127	151	33	311
Statewide	4119	1939	327	6385

2023 Shotgun Season Harvest by Wildlife Management Zone

Zone	Adult Male	Female	Male Fawn	Total
1	107	40	4	151
2	216	23	2	241
3	189	68	7	264
4N	207	43	6	256
4S	128	18	3	149
5	259	87	8	354
6	169	88	15	272
7	201	132	25	358
8	257	91	19	367
9	286	254	42	582
10	335	284	56	675
11	683	620	157	1460
12	76	48	8	132
13	165	203	61	429
14	172	207	49	428
Statewide	3450	2206	462	6118

2023 Primitive Season Harvest by Wildlife Management Zone

Zone	Adult Male	Female	Male Fawn	Total
1	30	24	3	57
2	52	27	1	80
3	53	52	6	111
4N	68	47	6	121
4S	39	19	6	64
5	63	82	7	152
6	31	12	2	45
7	61	106	14	181
8	105	75	7	187
9	117	168	38	323
10	185	286	58	529
11	307	345	68	720
12	23	18	2	43
13	36	67	14	117
14	49	60	26	135
Statewide	1219	1388	258	2865