



2017 QUABBIN DEER HUNT SUMMARY

After 50 years without hunting, in 1991 Quabbin Reservation was opened to limited, controlled public deer hunting. This action was in response to growing concern about the impacts of deer browsing on forest regeneration and the potential long-term consequences of those impacts on water quality. The hunt is held during the 2-week shotgun season.

This was the 27th successful season of the Quabbin Deer Management Program. The results below for **Prescott, New Salem, Pelham and Hardwick** are *preliminary numbers*. This data will be finalized and published in the report: *Quabbin Reservation White-Tailed Deer Impact Management Program: Results from 2017*. Overall, there were **50** deer harvested during the 2017 season. The harvest sex ratio was **30 bucks** to **20 does**. The largest deer harvested at Quabbin this year was a **178 lb.**, 6-pointer from Pelham.

First Week: November 31st and 1st

New Salem: 7 total deer harvested

November 31, 2017

- *Number Harvested:* 3
- *Sex Ratio:* 1 male/ 2 female
- *Largest Buck:* 82 lbs. (0.5yrs, button buck)
- *Largest Doe:* 147 lbs. (2.5yrs)

December 1, 2017

- *Number Harvested:* 4
- *Sex Ratio:* 4 male/ 0 female
- *Largest Buck:* 146 lbs. (2.5yrs, 8 pts)
- *Largest Doe:* No does harvested

Prescott: 13 total deer harvested

November 31, 2017

- *Number Harvested:* 9
- *Sex Ratio:* 6 male/ 3 female
- *Largest Buck:* 158.5 lbs. (3.5 yrs, 8pt)
- *Largest Doe:* 125 lbs. (3.5 yrs)

December 1, 2017

- *Number Harvested:* 4
- *Sex Ratio:* 3 male/ 1 female
- *Largest Buck:* 118 lbs. (1.5 yrs, 6pt)
- *Largest Doe:* 96 lbs. (1.5 yrs)

Second Week: December 7th and 8th

Pelham: 15 total deer harvested

December 7, 2017

- *Number Harvested:* 13
- *Sex Ratio:* 8 male/ 5 female
- *Largest Buck:* 178 lbs. (3.5 yrs, 6 pt)
- *Largest Doe:* 113 lbs. (2.5 yrs)

December 8, 2017

- *Number Harvested:* 2
- *Sex Ratio:* 2 male/ 0 female
- *Largest Buck:* 136 lbs. (3.5 yrs, 8 pt)
- *Largest Doe:* No does harvested

Hardwick: 15 total deer harvested

December 7, 2017

- *Number Harvested:* 11
- *Sex Ratio:* 5 male/ 6 female
- *Largest Buck:* 157 lbs. (3.5 yrs, 10pt)
- *Largest Doe:* 110 lbs. (2.5 yrs)

December 8, 2017

- *Number Harvested:* 4
- *Sex Ratio:* 1 male/ 3 female
- *Largest Buck:* 112 lbs. (1.5 yrs, 5pts)
- *Largest Doe:* 125 lbs. (3.5 yrs)

