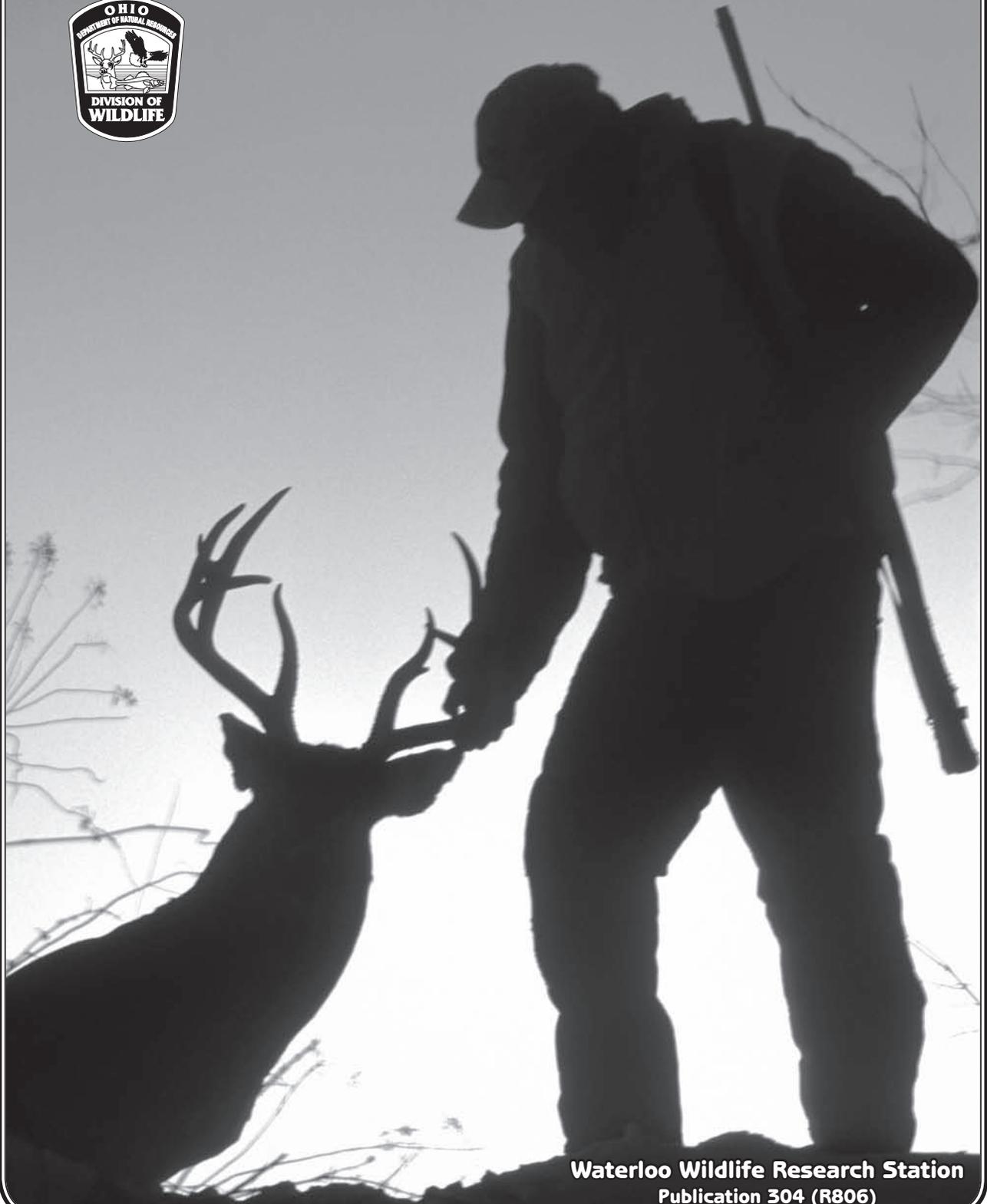


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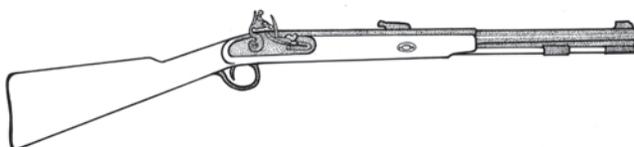
Our Management Strategy

The goal of Ohio's deer management program is to provide a deer population that maximizes recreational opportunity including viewing, photographing, and hunting deer while minimizing conflicts with agriculture, motor travel, and other areas of human endeavor. This has been the goal of our deer program for over 40 years. Public surveys indicate strong support for this approach. Farmer attitude survey data are used to establish and update target population goals for most counties. We believe these targets represent a reasonable compromise between those interests with opposing opinions on appropriate deer population levels. Furthermore, although these targets are based on social values, the resulting populations have never exceeded the biological carrying capacity of the habitat. Deer herd condition data collected annually and through periodic studies confirm this. Our deer management goal ensures that Ohio's deer herd is maintained at a level that is acceptable to most, and biologically sound. Maintaining the deer population at or near target is accomplished through harvest management.

Seasons, Permits, and Bag Limits

A valid hunting license (resident = \$19, nonresident = \$125) and Special Deer Permit (\$24) are required (landowners are exempt) to hunt deer in Ohio. Hunters could harvest up to 3 deer using Special Deer Permits provided that they did not exceed the bag limit in any Deer Zone (Fig. 1). Hunters were allowed only 1 antlered deer. The Urban Deer Permit (\$15), valid for an antlerless deer only, could be used in urban deer zones and during most Division of Wildlife (DOW) special and controlled hunts. A maximum of 4 deer could be harvested using Urban Deer Permits. Hunters were required to purchase at least one Special Deer Permit before purchasing an Urban Deer Permit.

Hunters had the opportunity to harvest deer during any of Ohio's 4 deer seasons including the 110-day, statewide either-sex archery season, Oct. 1, 2005-Jan. 31, 2006, the 4-day statewide either-sex muzzleloader hunt, Dec. 27-30, and the 6-day early muzzleloader hunt, Oct. 24-29 at Shawnee State Forest, Wolf Creek Wildlife Area/ Wildcat Hollow, and Salt Fork Wildlife Area. The 7-day, either-sex gun season ran from Nov. 28-Dec. 4, statewide.



Harvest Summary

A total of 209,513 deer was harvested this year, a 3.2% decrease from last season (Table 1). Coshocton County led the state in total harvest. A complete harvest summary by county and season and for the top 5 counties is presented in Tables 2 and 3, respectively.

Hunters harvested 116,517 deer during the statewide gun season, 5.3% less than last year. Coshocton, Muskingum, Guernsey, Tuscarawas and Knox counties led the state in total gun harvest. Archers reported harvesting 60,090 deer this year, just 526 fewer deer than last season (Table 1). Once again, the vertical bow harvest (26,432) set a record, making the 2005-06 season the 6th consecutive record season. Licking County led the state in both the vertical bow and crossbow harvest (Table 3). Coshocton, Tuscarawas, Guernsey, and Holmes rounded out the top 5 counties in crossbow harvest, while Coshocton, Knox, Holmes, and Muskingum completed the list of top 5 counties in vertical bow harvest. There were 23,289 deer harvested during the 4-day statewide muzzleloader season, December 27-30 (Table 1). Coshocton County had the highest muzzleloader harvest followed by Jefferson, Tuscarawas, Knox, and Belmont counties (Table 3). Young hunters harvested a record 8,641 deer, nearly 25% more than last year and 62% more than the inaugural 2003 season. Tuscarawas, Coshocton, Holmes, Knox, and Muskingum reported the highest harvest during the 2-day youth season. Statewide and county summaries are presented in Tables 1 and 2. Hunters purchased 515,181 deer permits and harvested 209,513 deer for a permit success rate of approximately 41% (Table 4).

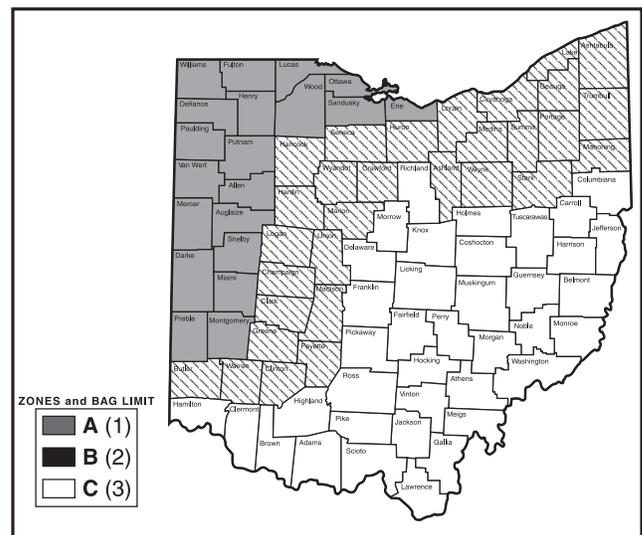


Figure 1. Ohio's 2005-06 deer zones.

Summary of 2005-06 Ohio Deer Seasons

Table 1. Ohio's 2005-06 antlered and antlerless deer harvest by season and percent change from the previous year.

Season/hunt	Antlered	Antlerless	Total	% Change
Gun	42,561	73,956	116,517	-5.3
Crossbow	17,445	16,213	33,658	-5.8
Vertical Bow	12,718	13,714	26,432	6.2
Archery	30,163	29,927	60,090	-0.9
Salt Fork ¹	26	81	107	-0.9
Wildcat Hollow ¹	27	55	82	5.1
Shawnee ¹	8	19	27	12.5
Statewide Muzzleloader ²	6,037	17,252	23,289	-6.0
Muzzleloader	6,098	17,407	23,505	-5.9
Statewide Youth	4,111	4,530	8,641	24.4
NASA/Plumbrook	123	275	398	-26.6
Ravenna Hunt	105	257	362	14.9
Season Total	83,161	126,352	209,513	-3.2

¹Special muzzleloader season only Oct. 24-29, 2005.

²Statewide either-sex muzzleloader season Dec. 27-30, 2005.

Beginning this year, the early muzzleloader deer hunt at Salt Fork, Shawnee, and Wildcat Hollow was by permit only. Hunters interested in participating were required to submit a controlled hunt application from June 1 - July 31, 2005. The format of the hunt changed from a bucks-only hunt to a combination of either-sex and antlerless-only permits. Approximately 10% of applicants received an either-sex permit. The permit system was designed to capture information on both participation and harvest to help determine a socially and biologically acceptable way to manage deer on these 3 areas. In addition, permits allow the DOW to distribute harvest pressure among both the antlered and antlerless segments of these populations while providing more harvest opportunity for participants.

A total of 3,657 hunters applied and received a permit for the Shawnee (545), Salt Fork (2,209), and Wildcat Hollow (903) hunts. Based on a follow up survey of approximately 900 hunters, 71% of applicants actually hunted at least once during the 6-day season. Nearly 15% of all hunters were successful, for a total season harvest of 216 deer, nearly 22% more than last year. Eighty-one percent of those surveyed indicated that they will likely participate in future hunts. A complete summary by hunt is presented in Table 2.

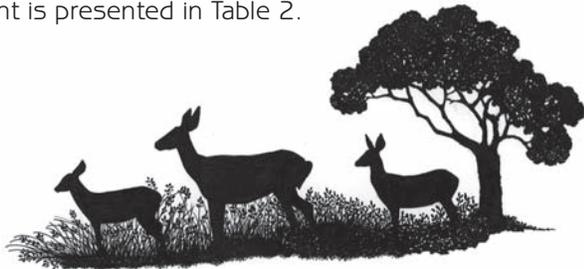


Table 2. Ohio's 2005-06 antlered and antlerless deer harvest by county and season.

County/season	Antlered		Antlerless	
	2004	2005	2004	2005
Adams				
Gun	759	695	1,180	1,091
Crossbow	380	236	250	188
Vertical Bow	205	268	175	255
Muzzleloader	206	109	345	251
Youth	66	65	51	52
Total	1,619	1,374	2,001	1,837
Allen				
Gun	190	146	225	209
Crossbow	124	76	37	33
Vertical Bow	190	69	24	27
Muzzleloader	21	27	52	56
Youth	22	27	21	25
Total	547	345	359	350
Ashland				
Gun	448	590	803	1,004
Crossbow	310	270	277	214
Vertical Bow	186	141	160	164
Muzzleloader	102	90	356	246
Youth	61	69	50	80
Total	1,107	1,160	1,646	1,708
Ashtabula				
Gun	858	792	1,587	1,674
Crossbow	462	374	428	366
Vertical Bow	265	271	277	291
Muzzleloader	115	135	526	414
Youth	44	62	61	101
Total	1,744	1,634	2,879	2,846
Athens				
Gun	1,165	1,017	2,254	1,762
Crossbow	256	277	293	261
Vertical Bow	264	304	279	300
Muzzleloader	157	134	586	466
Youth	78	59	66	74
Total	1,920	1,791	3,478	2,863
Auglaize				
Gun	145	143	215	209
Crossbow	32	61	18	19
Vertical Bow	20	49	12	26
Muzzleloader	21	17	45	37
Youth	15	25	25	23
Total	233	295	315	314
Belmont				
Gun	1,270	1,200	1,998	1,845
Crossbow	363	310	258	248
Vertical Bow	194	199	160	169
Muzzleloader	178	192	680	559
Youth	93	111	67	83
Total	2,098	2,012	3,163	2,904
Brown				
Gun	626	619	886	922
Crossbow	254	219	165	227
Vertical Bow	181	224	168	278
Muzzleloader	127	111	260	298
Youth	44	75	55	61
Total	1,232	1,248	1,534	1,786
Butler				
Gun	203	187	354	241
Crossbow	123	153	121	149
Vertical Bow	112	171	117	180
Muzzleloader	48	52	104	124
Youth	20	31	23	18
Total	506	594	719	712
Carroll				
Gun	837	927	1,414	1,862
Crossbow	355	389	227	291
Vertical Bow	211	168	155	200
Muzzleloader	119	103	388	361
Youth	47	67	77	108
Total	1,569	1,654	2,261	2,822

Table 2. Continued

County/season	Antlered		Antlerless	
	2004	2005	2004	2005
Champaign				
Gun	295	276	558	475
Crossbow	122	142	132	130
Vertical Bow	104	132	113	131
Muzzleloader	5	48	22	133
Youth	32	44	37	30
Total	558	642	862	899
Clark				
Gun	165	132	257	188
Crossbow	60	113	77	88
Vertical Bow	68	93	57	91
Muzzleloader	15	25	78	46
Youth	3	18	7	14
Total	311	381	476	427
Clermont				
Gun	428	417	723	707
Crossbow	190	318	229	352
Vertical Bow	167	291	182	392
Muzzleloader	97	68	252	203
Youth	33	51	16	29
Total	915	1,145	1,402	1,683
Clinton				
Gun	225	198	322	259
Crossbow	137	93	88	56
Vertical Bow	219	76	96	75
Muzzleloader	42	37	107	69
Youth	26	20	23	17
Total	649	424	636	476
Columbiana				
Gun	750	758	1,146	1,435
Crossbow	327	399	218	310
Vertical Bow	170	194	106	184
Muzzleloader	99	110	376	317
Youth	66	63	62	104
Total	1,412	1,524	1,908	2,350
Coshocton				
Gun	1,603	1,533	3,102	2,974
Crossbow	529	581	605	564
Vertical Bow	345	419	460	460
Muzzleloader	199	236	729	671
Youth	116	142	111	166
Total	2,792	2,911	5,007	4,835
Crawford				
Gun	241	247	441	448
Crossbow	86	84	71	72
Vertical Bow	52	54	35	46
Muzzleloader	23	27	87	70
Youth	20	15	22	30
Total	422	427	656	666
Cuyahoga				
Gun	11	8	18	
Crossbow	93	91	193	147
Vertical Bow	41	39	106	105
Muzzleloader	4	2	16	14
Youth	0	0	0	0
Total	149	140	333	266
Darke				
Gun	121	133	222	219
Crossbow	43	58	25	27
Vertical Bow	51	41	19	23
Muzzleloader	17	11	46	46
Youth	27	21	19	20
Total	259	264	331	335
Defiance				
Gun	368	297	647	374
Crossbow	83	65	99	40
Vertical Bow	79	101	98	33
Muzzleloader	49	28	111	69
Youth	22	26	35	29
Total	601	517	990	545

Table 2. Continued

County/season	Antlered		Antlerless	
	2004	2005	2004	2005
Delaware				
Gun	287	319	551	492
Crossbow	203	184	229	258
Vertical Bow	156	157	212	267
Muzzleloader	2	50	3	123
Youth	24	26	30	33
Total	672	736	1,025	1,173
Erie				
Gun	114	70	229	127
Crossbow	121	97	75	72
Vertical Bow	46	45	37	34
Muzzleloader	15	11	48	23
Youth	17	5	15	12
Total	313	351	404	543
Fairfield				
Gun	561	528	1,123	1,005
Crossbow	247	234	229	211
Vertical Bow	197	201	237	204
Muzzleloader	2	72	40	206
Youth	52	42	47	75
Total	1,059	1,077	1,676	1,701
Fayette				
Gun	96	94	151	108
Crossbow	44	33	19	21
Vertical Bow	27	31	15	12
Muzzleloader	3	19	2	17
Youth	12	10	6	14
Total	182	187	193	172
Franklin				
Gun	106	89	173	218
Crossbow	114	123	196	166
Vertical Bow	67	85	124	161
Muzzleloader	0	14	5	49
Youth	4	5	8	7
Total	291	316	506	601
Fulton				
Gun	168	195	170	176
Crossbow	39	61	18	33
Vertical Bow	55	61	13	18
Muzzleloader	24	31	28	20
Youth	15	23	8	12
Total	301	371	237	259
Gallia				
Gun	1,039	1,021	1,786	1,684
Crossbow	178	181	161	145
Vertical Bow	165	174	133	148
Muzzleloader	159	113	387	355
Youth	55	76	52	68
Total	1,596	1,565	2,519	2,400
Geauga				
Gun	265	250	396	516
Crossbow	311	278	361	368
Vertical Bow	162	199	253	276
Muzzleloader	51	45	186	181
Youth	16	22	13	25
Total	805	794	1,209	1,366
Greene				
Gun	181	151	303	254
Crossbow	103	112	95	102
Vertical Bow	81	102	95	123
Muzzleloader	33	20	82	75
Youth	8	19	6	13
Total	406	404	581	567
Guernsey				
Gun	1,467	1,351	2,737	2,595
Crossbow	712	507	662	398
Vertical Bow	394	271	387	281
Muzzleloader	161	158	621	516
Youth	100	118	128	129
Total	2,942	2,428	4,535	3,996

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County/season	Antlered		Antlerless	
	2004	2005	2004	2005
Hamilton				
Gun	150	112	309	217
Crossbow	120	206	198	340
Vertical Bow	110	203	234	425
Muzzleloader	39	27	138	99
Youth	15	10	8	12
Total	434	558	887	1,093
Hancock				
Gun	254	277	268	458
Crossbow	208	122	55	94
Vertical Bow	242	99	42	129
Muzzleloader	19	31	58	99
Youth	41	31	22	39
Total	764	560	445	819
Hardin				
Gun	292	260	485	422
Crossbow	83	74	67	44
Vertical Bow	66	70	55	59
Muzzleloader	28	34	46	84
Youth	33	50	19	36
Total	502	488	672	645
Harrison				
Gun	1,069	1,210	1,858	2,089
Crossbow	417	381	398	372
Vertical Bow	199	198	248	289
Muzzleloader	157	151	764	512
Youth	60	86	63	126
Total	1,902	2,026	3,331	3,388
Henry				
Gun	174	142	164	176
Crossbow	163	30	37	15
Vertical Bow	59	38	17	
Muzzleloader	61	15	50	36
Youth	25	34	5	15
Total	482	259	273	242
Highland				
Gun	564	558	893	967
Crossbow	205	192	147	195
Vertical Bow	148	162	120	182
Muzzleloader	67	81	178	225
Youth	49	52	52	55
Total	1,033	1,045	1,390	1,624
Hocking				
Gun	955	946	1,922	1,653
Crossbow	317	266	280	241
Vertical Bow	247	261	269	250
Muzzleloader	100	110	413	320
Youth	73	62	70	76
Total	1,692	1,645	2,954	2,540
Holmes				
Gun	859	911	1,636	1,719
Crossbow	445	451	530	421
Vertical Bow	285	286	493	488
Muzzleloader	118	118	523	440
Youth	74	105	81	169
Total	1,781	1,871	3,263	3,237
Huron				
Gun	417	458	867	881
Crossbow	184	207	143	134
Vertical Bow	111	96	97	92
Muzzleloader	53	53	202	154
Youth	35	51	53	67
Total	800	865	1,362	1,328
Jackson				
Gun	863	730	1,712	1,433
Crossbow	301	255	298	242
Vertical Bow	202	229	295	286
Muzzleloader	113	140	421	297
Youth	54	71	75	66
Total	1,533	1,425	2,801	2,324

Table 2. Continued

County/season	Antlered		Antlerless	
	2004	2005	2004	2005
Jefferson				
Gun	1,454	1,233	2,206	1,975
Crossbow	389	362	348	302
Vertical Bow	222	220	214	185
Muzzleloader	163	205	780	629
Youth	87	127	76	111
Total	2,315	2,147	3,624	3,202
Knox				
Gun	1,170	1,155	2,384	2,399
Crossbow	470	383	544	448
Vertical Bow	340	348	490	480
Muzzleloader	86	179	205	574
Youth	107	133	122	139
Total	2,173	2,198	3,745	4,040
Lake				
Gun	80	67	178	164
Crossbow	162	121	231	196
Vertical Bow	63	44	112	107
Muzzleloader	38	8	90	37
Youth	3	5	7	10
Total	346	245	618	514
Lawrence				
Gun	773	675	1,054	937
Crossbow	186	185	85	115
Vertical Bow	183	206	135	164
Muzzleloader	101	110	254	227
Youth	35	68	34	49
Total	1,278	1,244	1,562	1,492
Licking				
Gun	1,198	1,174	2,189	1,950
Crossbow	603	633	628	590
Vertical Bow	425	468	498	496
Muzzleloader	16	174	56	453
Youth	92	119	106	111
Total	2,334	2,568	3,477	3,600
Logan				
Gun	383	372	874	678
Crossbow	110	108	130	128
Vertical Bow	128	138	145	193
Muzzleloader	4	54	22	197
Youth	38	44	59	75
Total	663	716	1,230	1,271
Lorain				
Gun	251	289	445	574
Crossbow	313	319	379	325
Vertical Bow	101	116	124	126
Muzzleloader	47	32	155	118
Youth	21	23	32	41
Total	733	779	1,135	1,184
Lucas				
Gun	40	56	161	124
Crossbow	84	81	191	144
Vertical Bow	52	58	132	120
Muzzleloader	21	5	71	22
Youth	3	4	5	11
Total	200	204	560	421
Madison				
Gun	140	129	200	135
Crossbow	54	57	45	32
Vertical Bow	49	61	37	31
Muzzleloader	1	12	1	40
Youth	15	20	11	7
Total	259	279	294	245
Mahoning				
Gun	214	219	433	409
Crossbow	186	179	226	171
Vertical Bow	87	93	100	81
Muzzleloader	54	29	185	92
Youth	9	20	18	23
Total	550	540	962	776

Table 2. Continued

County/season	Antlered		Antlerless	
	2004	2005	2004	2005
Marion				
Gun	211	168	266	253
Crossbow	58	55	63	51
Vertical Bow	40	51	36	45
Muzzleloader	4	18	10	50
Youth	18	15	14	23
Total	331	307	389	422
Medina				
Gun	220	229	328	416
Crossbow	266	274	251	203
Vertical Bow	88	78	64	110
Muzzleloader	45	32	100	107
Youth	12	27	18	23
Total	631	640	761	859
Meigs				
Gun	1,048	895	1,939	1,577
Crossbow	272	279	207	248
Vertical Bow	213	203	149	166
Muzzleloader	176	187	516	499
Youth	75	81	78	71
Total	1,784	1,645	2,889	2,561
Mercer				
Gun	140	116	190	177
Crossbow	11	29	5	30
Vertical Bow	17	40	11	29
Muzzleloader	19	19	35	27
Youth	8	15	19	28
Total	195	219	260	291
Miami				
Gun	111	114	154	123
Crossbow	101	75	40	44
Vertical Bow	84	62	36	44
Muzzleloader	22	19	28	44
Youth	8	9	7	13
Total	326	279	265	268
Monroe				
Gun	1,055	993	2,026	1,839
Crossbow	371	249	371	254
Vertical Bow	158	114	202	153
Muzzleloader	152	155	547	470
Youth	76	81	96	82
Total	1,812	1,592	3,242	2,798
Montgomery				
Gun	65	59	97	77
Crossbow	36	71	51	62
Vertical Bow	24	47	45	60
Muzzleloader	16	9	37	43
Youth	4	9	2	6
Total	145	195	232	248
Morgan				
Gun	988	876	1,847	1,637
Crossbow	204	175	165	163
Vertical Bow	168	168	139	175
Muzzleloader	101	118	434	334
Youth	69	65	68	65
Total	1,581	1,420	2,653	2,418
Morrow				
Gun	433	410	607	657
Crossbow	180	189	133	165
Vertical Bow	117	107	67	128
Muzzleloader	10	43	24	111
Youth	28	36	33	41
Total	768	785	864	1,102
Muskingum				
Gun	1,633	1,538	2,893	2,774
Crossbow	492	429	408	331
Vertical Bow	367	390	317	342
Muzzleloader	191	173	609	549
Youth	131	108	106	155
Total	2,814	2,639	4,333	4,154

Table 2. Continued

County/season	Antlered		Antlerless	
	2004	2005	2004	2005
Noble				
Gun	1,059	917	1,705	1,567
Crossbow	236	240	204	219
Vertical Bow	147	154	160	149
Muzzleloader	114	114	358	311
Youth	71	71	84	90
Total	1,627	1,496	2,511	2,336
Ottawa				
Gun	56	64	80	83
Crossbow	45	45	34	22
Vertical Bow	24	29	15	
Muzzleloader	14	7	32	12
Youth	8	6	9	12
Total	147	151	170	129
Paulding				
Gun	143	175	224	212
Crossbow	25	40	22	24
Vertical Bow	45	51	9	9
Muzzleloader	20	23	57	51
Youth	10	22	17	19
Total	243	311	329	315
Perry				
Gun	979	1,001	2,010	1,780
Crossbow	249	258	257	212
Vertical Bow	183	181	204	197
Muzzleloader	123	122	464	368
Youth	72	96	92	82
Total	1,633	1,669	3,027	2,639
Pickaway				
Gun	251	271	325	368
Crossbow	96	90	69	99
Vertical Bow	54	72	46	54
Muzzleloader	7	26	3	68
Youth	24	29	19	27
Total	432	488	462	616
Pike				
Gun	595	474	1,094	740
Crossbow	168	160	162	140
Vertical Bow	136	123	133	88
Muzzleloader	69	68	230	162
Youth	41	37	24	28
Total	1,009	862	1,643	1,158
Portage				
Gun	253	271	420	555
Crossbow	320	348	374	360
Vertical Bow	124	120	181	169
Muzzleloader	79	46	213	115
Youth	18	25	30	35
Total	794	915	1,218	1,491
Preble				
Gun	141	132	191	147
Crossbow	42	74	31	48
Vertical Bow	32	80	14	34
Muzzleloader	26	34	57	70
Youth	11	21	4	23
Total	252	341	297	322
Putnam				
Gun	128	130	143	169
Crossbow	67	52	33	25
Vertical Bow	96	54	31	24
Muzzleloader	19	11	37	25
Youth	26	33	25	38
Total	336	280	269	281
Richland				
Gun	618	704	1,110	1,264
Crossbow	465	360	328	377
Vertical Bow	209	190	199	258
Muzzleloader	95	93	254	256
Youth	60	66	56	91
Total	1,447	1,413	1,947	2,246

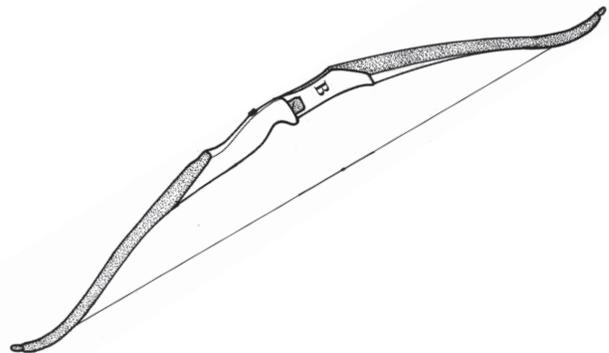
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	2004	2005	2004	2005
Ross				
Gun	906	710	1,560	1,251
Crossbow	323	244	281	216
Vertical Bow	223	250	205	195
Muzzleloader	107	114	333	288
Youth	94	97	56	80
Total	1,653	1,415	2,435	2,030
Sandusky				
Gun	122	118	201	183
Crossbow	76	87	68	53
Vertical Bow	63	64	32	26
Muzzleloader	22	21	64	46
Youth	15	11	13	20
Total	298	301	378	328
Scioto				
Gun	655	454	1,032	771
Crossbow	187	197	128	137
Vertical Bow	136	179	136	139
Muzzleloader	84	62	237	138
Youth	31	41	37	48
Total	1,114	940	1,570	1,252
Seneca				
Gun	381	358	714	733
Crossbow	167	203	132	156
Vertical Bow	107	109	81	80
Muzzleloader	40	30	148	125
Youth	43	42	39	59
Total	738	742	1,114	1,153
Shelby				
Gun	154	141	240	244
Crossbow	53	62	40	38
Vertical Bow	52	45	26	21
Muzzleloader	14	18	54	79
Youth	25	27	27	45
Total	298	293	387	427
Stark				
Gun	270	284	424	498
Crossbow	210	244	189	228
Vertical Bow	107	101	71	72
Muzzleloader	72	33	162	124
Youth	23	30	23	39
Total	682	692	869	961
Summit				
Gun	91	77	134	94
Crossbow	328	237	459	375
Vertical Bow	115	107	189	195
Muzzleloader	33	25	123	51
Youth	2	6	4	8
Total	569	452	909	723
Trumbull				
Gun	504	511	1,030	1,058
Crossbow	398	302	501	372
Vertical Bow	215	182	319	267
Muzzleloader	120	51	416	209
Youth	37	50	47	65
Total	1,274	1,096	2,313	1,971
Tuscarawas				
Gun	1,384	1,338	2,637	2,491
Crossbow	497	455	515	512
Vertical Bow	289	267	350	392
Muzzleloader	157	198	704	556
Youth	111	143	116	173
Total	2,438	2,401	4,322	4,124
Union				
Gun	229	215	377	333
Crossbow	74	76	64	56
Vertical Bow	59	74	54	69
Muzzleloader	1	35	4	55
Youth	18	26	23	20
Total	381	426	522	533

Table 2. Continued

County/season	Antlered		Antlerless	
	2004	2005	2004	2005
Van Wert				
Gun	66	120	87	121
Crossbow	41	42	16	28
Vertical Bow	14	20	5	16
Muzzleloader	13	11	46	44
Youth	8	16	1	29
Total	142	209	155	238
Vinton				
Gun	726	668	1,513	1,204
Crossbow	180	175	156	144
Vertical Bow	165	210	147	157
Muzzleloader	65	76	298	220
Youth	40	50	55	42
Total	1,176	1,179	2,169	1,767
Warren				
Gun	222	194	356	256
Crossbow	91	175	107	173
Vertical Bow	80	154	100	179
Muzzleloader	47	41	141	123
Youth	15	15	12	14
Total	455	579	716	745
Washington				
Gun	1,318	1,188	2,206	2,008
Crossbow	306	243	176	194
Vertical Bow	317	195	149	193
Muzzleloader	219	198	598	515
Youth	89	117	81	95
Total	2,249	1,941	3,210	3,005
Wayne				
Gun	270	379	355	614
Crossbow	172	200	82	145
Vertical Bow	110	140	48	134
Muzzleloader	44	41	117	123
Youth	22	47	29	51
Total	618	807	631	1,067
Williams				
Gun	497	421	813	485
Crossbow	143	125	108	46
Vertical Bow	159	130	147	51
Muzzleloader	41	36	100	60
Youth	32	36	43	38
Total	872	748	1,211	680
Wood				
Gun	168	169	188	178
Crossbow	80	70	45	50
Vertical Bow	79	84	33	34
Muzzleloader	29	24	36	40
Youth	12	19	8	16
Total	368	366	310	318
Wyandot				
Gun	334	323	600	575
Crossbow	101	85	106	108
Vertical Bow	81	69	95	107
Muzzleloader	39	43	130	114
Youth	42	34	34	46
Total	597	554	965	950



Age, Sex, and Condition Data

Each year during the gun season, DOW personnel age approximately 5-7% of the harvest. Typically, this amounts to between 6,000-8,000 deer. A total of 6,117 deer was examined at check stations in 22 counties this year. The distribution of those check stations is presented in Figure 3. A total of 38% of aged deer were antlered bucks; yearlings (1.5-year-olds) accounted for 56% of the antlered bucks. Antler measurements from yearling bucks provide a snapshot of the relative condition of the deer herd. Because young bucks are still growing quite rapidly, much of the animal's energy intake is devoted to body growth; antler development is secondary. Body growth will take precedence when deer are faced with dietary deficiencies. Antler development will be compromised and declines in beam diameter and number of points can be expected. However, when adequate nutrition is available, body size and antler development will improve. By annually monitoring yearling antler development and changes in herd size, we are better able to understand the relationship between deer abundance and herd condition. Yearling buck antler beam data for 1973, 2005, and the average for the past 5 years are presented in Figure 4.

The age data collected each year are used to estimate adult buck harvest mortality, the adult sex ratio, and fawns per adult doe in the harvest, which is a relative measure of reproduction and survival (Table 5). By extrapolating this sample to harvest data from the entire state, we can estimate changes in herd size and generate population estimates for the upcoming season. The average age of all deer in this year's harvest sample and for the last 5 years, is presented in Figure 5.

Deer-vehicle Accidents

Because they represent a significant cost to the public, the DOW has monitored deer-vehicle accident trends since the 1940s. Moreover, deer-vehicle accident trends should reflect fluctuations in deer populations if changes in traffic volume are considered and accident reporting rates do not vary over time. Statewide, there was a total of 27,366 reported deer-vehicle accidents in 2005, down nearly 8.5% from the previous year and 14% from the record number reported in 2003 (Table 6).

Deer Damage Complaints

Because target levels for most of Ohio's rural counties are based on farmer tolerances, the likelihood of widespread agricultural problems should be minimal when deer populations are at target. However, some localized damage is still likely to

Table 3. Ohio's 2005-06 antlered and antlerless deer harvest by season for the top 5 harvest counties.

Season/county	Antlered		Antlerless	
	2004	2005	2004	2005
Gun				
Coshocton	1,603	1,533	3,102	2,974
Muskingum	1,633	1,538	2,893	2,774
Guernsey	1,467	1,351	2,737	2,595
Tuscarawas	1,384	1,338	2,637	2,491
Knox	1,454	1,155	2,206	2,399
Crossbow				
Licking	712	633	662	590
Coshocton	603	581	628	564
Tuscarawas	529	455	605	512
Guernsey	470	507	544	398
Holmes	497	451	515	421
Vertical Bow				
Licking	425	468	498	496
Coshocton	340	419	490	460
Knox	345	348	460	480
Holmes	394	286	387	488
Muskingum	285	390	493	342
Muzzleloader				
Coshocton	163	236	780	671
Jefferson	199	205	729	629
Tuscarawas	157	198	764	556
Knox	157	179	704	574
Belmont	178	192	680	559
Youth				
Tuscarawas	131	143	106	173
Coshocton	107	142	122	166
Holmes	100	105	128	169
Knox	111	133	116	139
Muskingum	116	108	111	155
Total				
Coshocton	2,792	2,911	5,007	4,835
Muskingum	2,942	2,639	4,535	4,154
Tuscarawas	2,814	2,401	4,333	4,124
Guernsey	2,438	2,428	4,322	3,996
Knox	2,315	2,198	3,624	4,040

occur and in these instances, producers may be eligible for a Deer Damage Control permit. In 2005, a total of 1,892 crop damage complaints was received by the DOW, a decrease of 15% from last year (Table 7). A total of 9,731 deer was killed on damage permits this year, an increase of 2% over last year.

Beginning in 1997, the DOW began issuing damage permits that were valid only during deer season. The goal was to reduce abuse and hunter dissatisfaction, while still effectively addressing bona fide damage problems. Where hunting was ineffective (damage occurring outside the hunting

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season or deer simply were not available for harvest during legal shooting hours), the traditional out-of-season permit would be issued. A total of 3,961 deer was harvested on in-season damage permits this year, accounting for 41% of all deer taken on damage permits (Table 7). A total of 5,770 deer was killed on out-of-season permits, an increase of 8% over last year.



Figure 3. Distribution of deer aging stations for the 2005-06 deer season.

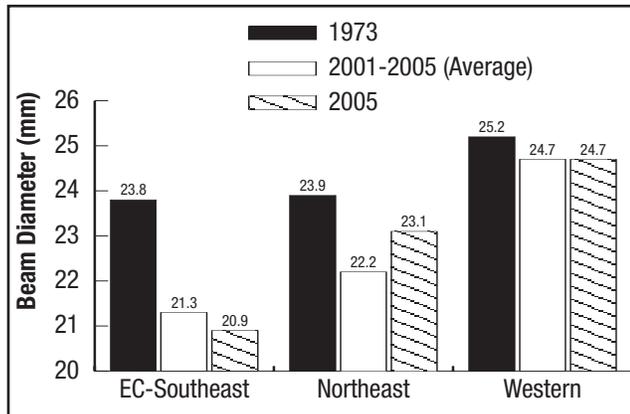


Figure 4. Average yearling beam diameter from gun season harvest samples for select years.

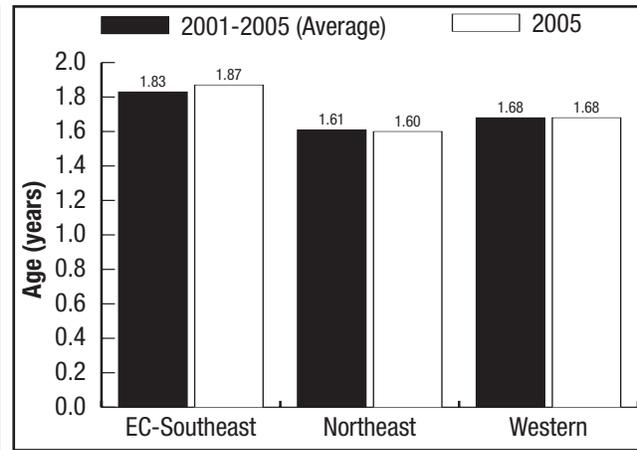


Figure 5. Average age of all deer sampled by region for gun season harvest samples, 2001-2005.

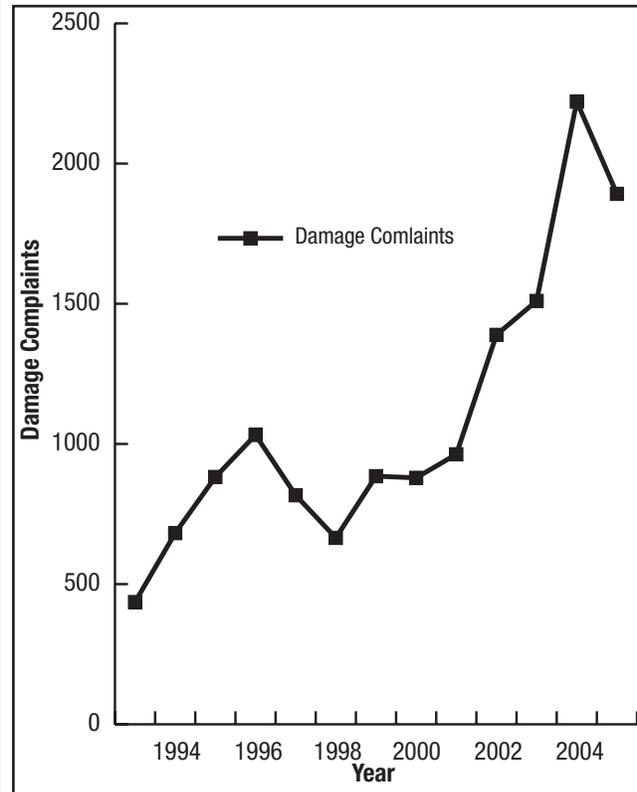


Figure 6. Statewide trends in deer damage complaints, 1993-2005.

Table 4. Deer harvest and permit data, 1900-2005.^a

Year	Number of Open Counties in Gun Season	Number of Permits Sold	Number of Deer Harvested ^b	Deer Harvested per Number of Permits Sold ^c
1900	88	?	?	?
1901-42	Season closed			
1943	3	8,500	168	1 : 50.6
1944	3	9,200	117	1 : 78.6
1945	3	7,700	62	1 : 124.2
1946	Season closed			
1947	8	9,669	1,000	1 : 9.7
1948	13	23,044	1,600	1 : 14.4
1949	Season closed			
1950	19	22,728	3,500	1 : 6.5
1951	Season closed			
1952	27	14,081	450	1 : 31.3
1953	40	30,033	4,000	1 : 7.5
1954	Season closed			
1955	42	36,419	4,200	1 : 8.7
1956	88	48,263	3,911	1 : 12.3
1957	88	46,466	4,784	1 : 9.7
1958	88	42,777	4,415	1 : 9.7
1959	88	38,414	2,960	1 : 13.0
1960	88	27,430	2,584	1 : 10.6
1961	Season closed			
1962	88	23,049	2,114	1 : 10.9
1963	88	33,298	2,074	1 : 16.1
1964	88	32,400	1,326	1 : 24.4
1965	36	12,808	406	1 : 31.5
1966	48	24,079	1,073	1 : 22.4
1967	50	28,892	1,437	1 : 20.1
1968	50	35,322	1,396	1 : 25.3
1969	56	45,078	2,105	1 : 21.4
1970	51	54,807	2,387	1 : 23.0
1971	63	74,758	3,831	1 : 19.5
1972	63	88,919	5,074	1 : 17.5
1973	59	107,933	7,594	1 : 14.2
1974	65	106,867	10,747	1 : 9.9
1975	68	125,807	14,972	1 : 8.4
1976	68	138,946	23,431	1 : 5.9
1977	73	155,445	22,319	1 : 7.0
1978	74	175,314	22,967	1 : 7.6
1979	88	193,764	34,874	1 : 5.6
1980	88	216,055	40,499	1 : 5.3
1981	88	231,948	47,634	1 : 4.9
1982	88	257,504	52,885	1 : 4.9
1983	88	264,493	59,812	1 : 4.4
1984	88	273,205	66,860	1 : 4.0
1985	88	277,714	64,263	1 : 4.3
1986	88	290,293	67,626	1 : 4.3
1987	88	297,205	79,355	1 : 3.7
1988	88	373,435	100,674	1 : 3.7
1989	88	284,909	91,236	1 : 3.1
1990	88	295,127	98,468	1 : 3.0
1991	88	338,186	119,215	1 : 2.9
1992	88	359,250	126,113	1 : 2.8
1993	88	385,068	138,752	1 : 2.8
1994	88	425,797	170,527	1 : 2.5
1995	88	496,890	179,543	1 : 2.8
1996	88	475,288	158,000	1 : 3.0
1997	88	439,814	153,159	1 : 2.9
1998	88	365,875	118,270	1 : 3.1
1999	88	361,125	126,770	1 : 2.8
2000	88	438,744	150,432	1 : 2.9
2001	88	469,055	165,124	1 : 2.8
2002	88	507,723	204,652	1 : 2.5
2003	88	515,928	197,790	1 : 2.6
2004	88	520,458	216,443	1 : 2.4
2005	88	515,181	209,513	1 : 2.5

^a Season length, bag limit, type of season (e.g., buck-only versus either-sex) and weather have varied among years and have affected total harvest, hunter success rates, and the number of hunters in the field in a given year.

^b Harvest estimates based on hunter questionnaires 1946-60 and mandatory check thereafter.

^c Because license-exempt hunters generally account for 25-30% of the total harvest, the permit success rate for license buyers is somewhat lower than shown.

Table 5. Estimated harvest rate of antlered deer, preseason adult (1.5 years old and older) sex ratio, and fawns per adult doe in the gun season harvest sample. Estimates are based on 6,117 deer sampled during the 2005 gun season.

Variable	Region		
	EC-Southeast	Northeast	Western
Buck harvest rate¹			
5-year average ²	0.53	0.55	0.54
2005	0.52	0.53	0.52
Adult sex ratio			
5-year average	1.6 ³	1.55	1.51
2005	1.56	1.51	1.5
Fawn/adult doe			
5-year average	0.94	0.95	.97
2005	0.88	0.95	1.04

¹The proportion of antlered deer alive at the start of the gun season that will be harvested.

²Average based on data from 2001-2005 seasons.

³For example, for every 100 adult bucks alive at the start of the fall hunting season, there will be approximately 160 adult does.

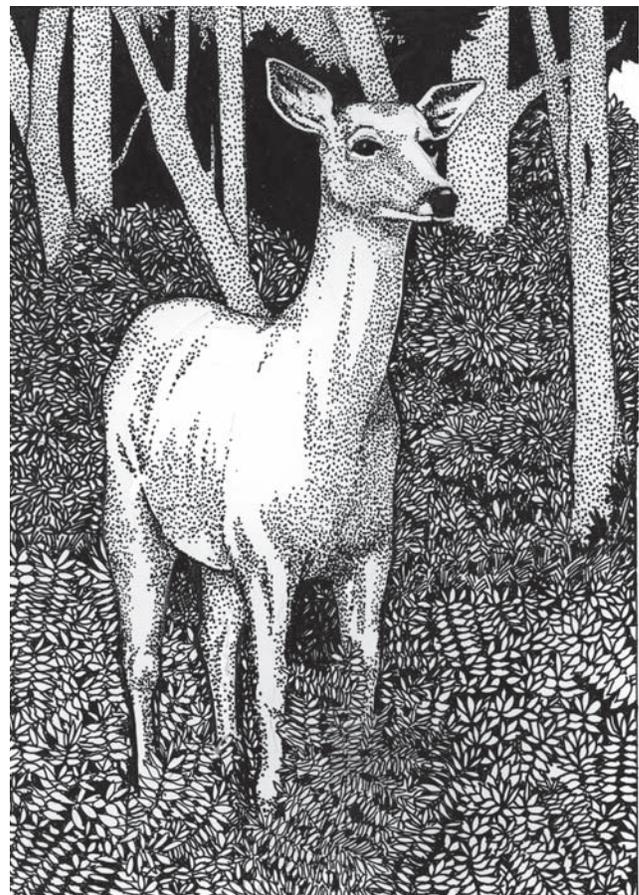


Table 6. Number of reported deer-vehicle accidents as compiled by the Ohio Department of Public Safety, 2001-2005.

County	Year				
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Adams	307	323	332	287	251
Allen	406	404	405	376	377
Ashland	374	432	488	473	442
Ashtabula	492	554	583	464	376
Athens	487	413	388	280	230
Auglaize	257	238	266	259	238
Belmont	204	160	185	149	126
Brown	350	382	359	351	301
Butler	467	484	498	483	507
Carroll	253	245	279	214	90
Champaign	131	79	56	98	120
Clark	303	265	218	191	185
Clermont	565	561	541	537	442
Clinton	297	295	290	290	283
Columbiana	392	381	447	372	334
Coshocton	537	612	577	455	282
Crawford	254	238	286	268	290
Cuyahoga	509	476	525	485	478
Darke	261	224	272	267	261
Defiance	311	335	354	378	298
Delaware	640	547	577	560	568
Erie	252	219	318	268	302
Fairfield	591	493	505	485	387
Fayette	165	195	223	195	138
Franklin	543	489	511	515	533
Fulton	206	181	190	234	219
Gallia	380	361	261	206	232
Geauga	380	425	443	374	405
Greene	494	493	445	391	366
Guernsey	475	475	435	410	336
Hamilton	703	731	791	714	759
Hancock	303	373	500	460	456
Hardin	224	199	275	262	223
Harrison	243	220	219	191	146
Henry	172	170	186	201	185
Highland	433	399	394	376	311
Hocking	193	146	127	112	94
Holmes	411	392	383	416	374
Huron	265	320	359	302	292
Jackson	405	376	318	305	253
Jefferson	269	270	253	238	237
Knox	699	632	612	576	590
Lake	361	345	341	308	283
Lawrence	234	202	135	101	111

Table 6. Continued

County	Year				
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Licking	379	338	324	364	345
Logan	548	561	449	612	493
Lorain	431	419	517	540	485
Lucas	257	239	266	310	291
Madison	201	149	147	121	114
Mahoning	446	443	516	476	440
Marion	280	296	308	297	277
Medina	411	389	426	400	401
Meigs	258	204	207	220	171
Mercer	185	179	177	182	168
Miami	306	327	390	342	343
Monroe	54	32	36	26	27
Montgomery	411	415	395	325	364
Morgan	185	186	191	204	127
Morrow	343	318	319	308	340
Muskingum	757	637	703	718	559
Noble	226	228	213	186	180
Ottawa	166	167	151	154	182
Paulding	164	159	181	177	139
Perry	317	279	243	218	151
Pickaway	297	302	336	283	285
Pike	221	146	119	162	110
Portage	447	494	500	461	440
Preble	213	214	214	158	172
Putnam	145	121	130	183	147
Richland	707	699	753	670	683
Ross	621	518	555	518	444
Sandusky	269	256	320	299	304
Scioto	324	252	206	238	201
Seneca	337	308	381	399	335
Shelby	332	339	373	393	315
Stark	526	519	591	455	473
Summit	716	674	642	618	624
Trumbull	459	477	482	506	394
Tuscarawas	491	502	591	529	508
Union	372	332	364	333	293
VanWert	122	118	194	158	173
Vinton	240	229	233	155	94
Warren	456	425	482	478	407
Washington	359	312	336	275	286
Wayne	493	434	506	440	340
Williams	389	378	453	472	432
Wood	311	294	337	357	336
Wyandot	216	244	322	277	262
Statewide	31,586	30,306	31,729	29,874	27,366

Table 7. Number of damage complaints, permits issued, and deer taken, 2000-2005.

County	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Adams						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	13	13	29	38	59	69
Deer Harvested	27	56	92	137	321	219
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	4	0	2	6	4	3
Deer Killed	13	0	0	7	10	10
Complaints	15	13	37	46	65	74
Allen						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	1	4	1	0	0	3
Deer Harvested	0	2	0	0	0	1
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	3	2	2	1	0	0
Deer Killed	2	0	0	0	0	0
Complaints	3	6	5	2	2	3
Ashland						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	4	2	11	20	19	4
Deer Harvested	12	17	23	56	59	37
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	7	6	7	9	15	15
Deer Killed	20	32	51	57	124	127
Complaints	10	9	17	22	34	29
Ashtabula						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	4	12	12	8	18	11
Deer Harvested	12	22	23	29	27	22
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	4	3	7	8	17	12
Deer Killed	10	11	51	28	72	56
Complaints	8	19	16	16	35	32
Athens						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	20	23	28	34	44	29
Deer Harvested	91	138	149	200	296	259
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	25	20	29	28	25	36
Deer Killed	133	147	187	140	157	65
Complaints	40	35	47	53	70	70
Auglaize						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	0	1	0	1	2	1
Deer Harvested	0	1	0	2	3	3
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	0	0	0	0	1	0
Deer Killed	0	0	0	0	0	0
Complaints	0	1	0	1	4	1
Belmont						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	10	17	22	29	32	11
Deer Harvested	17	33	61	82	121	95
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	9	7	17	20	22	6
Deer Killed	30	25	34	69	110	85
Complaints	15	23	31	37	55	33
Brown						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	7	7	23	23	31	36
Deer Harvested	17	20	77	102	125	133
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	4	3	5	2	11	22
Deer Killed	12	17	30	6	41	139
Complaints	10	10	27	30	55	69
Butler						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	0	2	1	11	24	6
Deer Harvested	0	5	2	8	8	8

County	Year					
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Carroll						
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	11	16	9	14	22	17
Deer Killed	32	37	26	5	17	25
Complaints	11	18	10	19	46	27
Champaign						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	1	4	14	16	22	2
Deer Harvested	0	14	42	51	83	80
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	3	3	10	12	19	1
Deer Killed	17	12	88	72	157	149
Complaints	4	5	20	20	42	18
Clark						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	2	2	2	3	3	4
Deer Harvested	6	10	5	16	12	13
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	4	1	2	2	2	1
Deer Killed	5	0	1	1	1	1
Complaints	7	4	6	7	7	5
Clermont						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	3	3	5	10	6	6
Deer Harvested	9	12	6	20	22	11
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	3	3	11	8	5	4
Deer Killed	15	8	8	11	20	28
Complaints	6	6	15	14	13	12
Columbiana						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	4	0	5	6	5	6
Deer Harvested	17	0	5	25	14	25
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	11	10	11	18	18	23
Deer Killed	51	43	46	64	80	123
Complaints	13	10	16	23	24	31
Clinton						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	5	5	19	11	6	8
Deer Harvested	16	8	13	15	19	18
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	2	3	11	2	1	3
Deer Killed	0	0	3	0	12	11
Complaints	8	10	29	12	8	14
Crawford						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	0	0	10	9	7	1
Deer Harvested	0	0	11	31	41	25
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	2	4	9	9	13	9
Deer Killed	3	6	16	32	47	56
Complaints	2	4	15	15	20	14
Coshocton						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	18	22	29	59	50	44
Deer Harvested	89	103	149	407	420	501
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	16	15	26	21	29	13
Deer Killed	80	61	232	228	276	400
Complaints	33	33	46	61	79	22
Crawford						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	0	3	2	7	3	7
Deer Harvested	0	4	0	10	18	18
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	2	2	2	2	0	1
Deer Killed	3	1	4	2	0	1
Complaints	2	6	2	8	3	8

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County	Year					
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Cuyahoga						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	9	4	2	16	7	0
Deer Harvested	16	2	0	1	9	0
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	32	35	26	1	25	25
Deer Killed	119	59	37	30	85	38
Complaints	42	46	39	25	32	25
Darke						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deer Harvested	0	0	0	0	0	0
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	1	1	1	1	0	0
Deer Killed	4	6	1	1	0	0
Complaints	1	1	1	1	0	0
Defiance						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	1	0	0	1	0	0
Deer Harvested	0	0	0	0	0	0
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	1	0	0	1	1	0
Deer Killed	0	0	0	2	0	0
Complaints	1	0	0	2	1	0
Delaware						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	5	5	1	6	16	5
Deer Harvested	7	18	0	20	15	31
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	0	0	10	14	15	4
Deer Killed	0	0	4	31	32	29
Complaints	5	5	14	23	32	24
Erie						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	1	1	3	3	5	4
Deer Harvested	3	0	1	2	15	2
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	4	3	2	2	5	5
Deer Killed	9	11	5	7	12	11
Complaints	6	3	4	5	10	9
Fairfield						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	13	23	18	20	24	5
Deer Harvested	39	52	49	70	56	33
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	27	25	37	42	60	46
Deer Killed	98	91	133	173	306	243
Complaints	31	36	43	51	87	62
Fayette						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deer Harvested	0	0	0	0	0	0
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deer Killed	0	0	0	0	0	0
Complaints	0	0	0	0	0	0
Franklin						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	7	5	3	1	2	1
Deer Harvested	3	0	2	2	0	7
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	13	14	15	17	20	18
Deer Killed	27	52	27	45	49	63
Complaints	15	16	16	20	20	20
Fulton						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	1	1	1	2	2	1
Deer Harvested	2	2	1	4	5	0
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	1	0	0	0	0	0
Deer Killed	1	0	0	0	0	0
Complaints	2	1	1	2	2	1

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County	Year					
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Gallia						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	0	1	1	3	3	2
Deer Harvested	0	1	1	15	3	3
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	8	4	5	1	1	3
Deer Killed	3	9	26	4	4	6
Complaints	10	7	6	5	4	6
Geauga						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	0	1	5	2	2	3
Deer Harvested	0	2	3	5	5	2
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	9	9	3	14	11	18
Deer Killed	40	29	22	55	44	56
Complaints	10	10	8	17	13	21
Greene						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	8	8	14	11	17	10
Deer Harvested	12	17	31	37	31	21
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	4	10	9	7	12	11
Deer Killed	13	21	12	16	34	37
Complaints	12	17	23	18	29	26
Guernsey						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	4	8	25	31	43	18
Deer Harvested	28	39	70	90	174	167
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	8	11	19	15	32	17
Deer Killed	30	52	72	59	137	155
Complaints	11	17	35	34	75	59
Hamilton						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deer Harvested	0	0	0	0	0	0
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	32	20	22	29	24	28
Deer Killed	83	52	61	47	51	78
Complaints	34	20	23	31	25	28
Hancock						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	5	6	9	7	10	8
Deer Harvested	3	5	9	14	45	10
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	2	6	6	6	4	4
Deer Killed	8	10	8	14	26	31
Complaints	6	8	11	11	17	8
Hardin						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	0	0	0	2	0	0
Deer Harvested	0	0	0	2	0	0
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deer Killed	0	0	0	0	0	0
Complaints	1	0	0	2	1	0
Harrison						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	5	6	14	9	3	4
Deer Harvested	10	26	26	49	32	14
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	4	5	13	7	14	14
Deer Killed	22	26	46	68	118	218
Complaints	7	10	22	12	19	23
Henry						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	0	0	0	0	2	2
Deer Harvested	0	0	0	0	7	0
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	0	0	1	0	0	0
Deer Killed	0	0	0	0	0	0
Complaints	0	1	1	0	2	2

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County	Year					
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Highland						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	5	11	30	26	38	0
Deer Harvested	7	7	45	56	60	0
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	4	15	29	20	33	22
Deer Killed	13	42	87	91	124	95
Complaints	8	24	49	31	78	22
Hocking						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	3	6	16	22	30	14
Deer Harvested	44	45	76	82	130	140
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	12	11	19	16	23	4
Deer Killed	140	172	187	110	248	259
Complaints	13	12	20	25	54	59
Holmes						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	2	10	14	5	21	5
Deer Harvested	12	47	80	147	157	100
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	1	4	5	17	10	23
Deer Killed	1	6	29	48	73	194
Complaints	3	14	18	20	38	33
Huron						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	1	2	1	2	3	5
Deer Harvested	0	0	4	7	4	10
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	2	1	1	6	4	5
Deer Killed	0	2	1	6	2	10
Complaints	3	2	2	8	7	10
Jackson						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	6	14	8	17	12	14
Deer Harvested	23	47	31	90	83	47
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	7	14	16	19	14	11
Deer Killed	29	36	27	47	41	6
Complaints	12	20	19	25	26	30
Jefferson						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	13	16	42	30	25	10
Deer Harvested	64	52	140	108	118	97
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	8	15	41	22	26	17
Deer Killed	47	99	143	136	153	166
Complaints	24	22	69	35	52	41
Knox						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	40	50	9	35	60	51
Deer Harvested	121	232	13	147	195	300
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	30	39	65	59	94	65
Deer Killed	223	326	397	623	811	720
Complaints	48	67	72	81	132	138
Lake						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	1	1	1	4	3	1
Deer Harvested	0	7	0	11	6	1
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	22	23	20	27	36	24
Deer Killed	37	42	35	70	73	66
Complaints	24	24	22	32	41	25
Lawrence						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	9	11	11	17	12	11
Deer Harvested	11	15	35	36	48	45
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	15	20	14	11	9	9
Deer Killed	15	46	33	19	32	65
Complaints	19	25	24	19	21	27

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County	Year					
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Licking						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	1	3	2	4	2	1
Deer Harvested	13	22	11	11	10	5
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	22	15	27	32	48	41
Deer Killed	40	51	88	159	36	172
Complaints	23	16	30	36	50	42
Logan						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	0	0	0	1	7	5
Deer Harvested	0	0	0	1	10	9
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	3	5	8	6	8	5
Deer Killed	6	13	33	17	36	41
Complaints	3	5	8	13	12	11
Lorain						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	2	1	2	1	0	0
Deer Harvested	3	1	1	1	0	0
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	6	6	12	7	14	13
Deer Killed	20	20	14	6	20	33
Complaints	8	8	15	11	14	13
Lucas						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	0	2	0	4	0	0
Deer Harvested	0	0	0	0	0	0
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	3	5	4	0	3	2
Deer Killed	5	3	4	0	5	4
Complaints	3	6	4	8	7	2
Madison						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deer Harvested	0	0	0	0	0	0
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	0	0	0	1	0	1
Deer Killed	0	0	0	0	0	0
Complaints	0	0	0	1	0	1
Mahoning						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	0	0	0	0	1	4
Deer Harvested	0	0	0	0	1	2
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	1	2	2	4	7	4
Deer Killed	2	8	2	5	13	9
Complaints	1	2	4	5	10	8
Marion						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	0	0	1	1	0	0
Deer Harvested	0	0	0	1	0	0
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	0	0	0	1	1	1
Deer Killed	0	0	0	1	1	1
Complaints	0	0	1	1	1	1
Medina						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	4	5	8	13	13	2
Deer Harvested	0	2	6	7	11	9
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	10	9	10	13	11	2
Deer Killed	25	25	26	38	35	26
Complaints	10	11	17	18	29	12
Meigs						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	9	12	19	17	15	18
Deer Harvested	24	47	63	87	74	84
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	11	4	11	8	11	2
Deer Killed	34	12	38	6	40	12
Complaints	17	15	24	21	27	22

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County	Year					
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Mercer						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deer Harvested	0	0	0	0	0	0
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deer Killed	0	0	0	0	0	0
Complaints	0	0	0	1	0	0
Miami						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	1	0	1	0	0	1
Deer Harvested	0	0	4	0	0	2
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	0	0	0	0	0	1
Deer Killed	0	0	0	0	0	0
Complaints	1	0	1	0	0	2
Monroe						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	4	6	8	11	22	21
Deer Harvested	12	17	32	54	112	148
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	7	15	12	11	13	15
Deer Killed	12	18	35	28	36	70
Complaints	11	18	17	23	37	39
Montgomery						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	7	6	9	10	3	4
Deer Harvested	4	17	4	0	3	8
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	7	15	6	11	1	7
Deer Killed	3	18	0	0	0	58
Complaints	11	12	19	19	5	13
Morgan						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	1	9	18	25	32	3
Deer Harvested	10	30	70	92	96	111
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	14	8	7	15	28	5
Deer Killed	51	43	46	68	184	176
Complaints	16	12	20	26	61	30
Morrow						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	0	0	0	3	4	1
Deer Harvested	0	0	0	8	2	2
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	0	0	2	1	1	2
Deer Killed	0	0	3	0	1	9
Complaints	0	0	2	5	5	5
Muskingum						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	11	11	13	26	32	14
Deer Harvested	16	36	38	122	202	135
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	22	21	35	29	43	39
Deer Killed	74	60	148	177	271	347
Complaints	33	24	48	41	78	76
Noble						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	3	2	5	6	9	3
Deer Harvested	13	15	27	12	19	40
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	7	5	12	5	10	6
Deer Killed	14	24	50	15	24	16
Complaints	7	6	13	10	19	14
Ottawa						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	0	0	0	2	4	4
Deer Harvested	0	0	0	4	4	6
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	0	0	1	1	0	1
Deer Killed	0	0	2	4	0	0
Complaints	0	0	1	3	4	5

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County	Year					
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Paulding						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	0	0	2	0	1	1
Deer Harvested	0	0	2	0	1	2
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deer Killed	0	0	0	0	0	0
Complaints	0	0	2	0	1	1
Perry						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	4	3	9	6	19	14
Deer Harvested	5	10	31	52	96	79
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	2	6	8	10	3	9
Deer Killed	6	14	19	29	13	65
Complaints	6	8	16	15	22	24
Pickaway						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	10	8	8	13	8	0
Deer Harvested	8	2	9	7	8	0
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	9	7	13	5	14	6
Deer Killed	21	7	29	10	24	22
Complaints	10	9	14	15	22	11
Pike						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	5	7	10	13	16	10
Deer Harvested	14	14	30	31	42	51
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	6	6	4	9	12	0
Deer Killed	7	7	4	26	15	42
Complaints	11	8	12	15	29	20
Portage						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	2	2	6	7	4	0
Deer Harvested	0	1	2	5	11	0
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	5	6	9	3	8	9
Deer Killed	29	14	13	43	42	24
Complaints	6	6	12	13	12	10
Preble						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	2	4	2	6	5	7
Deer Harvested	5	4	4	4	11	10
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	2	0	0	2	2	0
Deer Killed	10	0	0	10	10	0
Complaints	4	4	2	7	7	7
Putnam						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	0	0	0	0	0	1
Deer Harvested	0	0	0	0	0	0
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	0	0	1	0	0	0
Deer Killed	0	0	0	0	0	0
Complaints	0	0	1	0	0	1
Richland						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	3	4	5	8	12	5
Deer Harvested	3	20	16	12	16	1
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	13	9	18	21	15	21
Deer Killed	62	80	79	119	77	68
Complaints	15	12	20	24	27	30
Ross						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	19	19	26	18	25	2
Deer Harvested	64	63	115	122	129	89
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	20	11	19	21	23	13
Deer Killed	141	103	185	127	131	115
Complaints	24	22	34	37	48	23

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County	Year					
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Sandusky						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	0	0	0	4	9	11
Deer Harvested	0	0	0	19	44	13
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	0	0	0	0	1	1
Deer Killed	0	0	0	0	0	0
Complaints	0	0	1	5	10	13
Scioto						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	3	4	8	12	15	12
Deer Harvested	13	12	49	37	61	52
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	5	5	10	9	13	10
Deer Killed	23	29	53	49	79	56
Complaints	8	10	12	13	28	30
Seneca						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	4	6	5	14	13	15
Deer Harvested	8	21	22	45	31	56
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	2	2	2	2	4	1
Deer Killed	6	6	7	2	17	23
Complaints	6	8	7	18	17	22
Shelby						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deer Harvested	0	0	0	0	0	0
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deer Killed	0	0	0	0	0	0
Complaints	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stark						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	2	3	1	4	2	1
Deer Harvested	7	10	0	9	12	2
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	6	5	6	10	9	9
Deer Killed	9	8	5	14	16	10
Complaints	10	8	7	17	13	10
Summit						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	1	3	4	0	0	0
Deer Harvested	4	10	5	0	0	0
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	12	5	17	16	17	19
Deer Killed	104	8	58	68	91	87
Complaints	19	22	20	20	20	19
Trumbull						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	0	3	6	6	8	0
Deer Harvested	0	3	6	9	14	0
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	2	4	5	6	11	9
Deer Killed	9	12	13	17	35	46
Complaints	2	5	10	10	19	12
Tuscarawas						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	9	7	19	25	25	10
Deer Harvested	28	27	78	120	135	137
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	1	2	12	13	19	3
Deer Killed	1	3	18	52	95	119
Complaints	9	7	25	27	45	32
Union						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	4	8	4	6	4	4
Deer Harvested	4	3	3	1	4	12
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	4	5	8	6	6	1
Deer Killed	6	15	18	21	16	13
Complaints	7	10	12	9	11	12

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County	Year					
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Van Wert						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	0	0	0	1	3	4
Deer Harvested	0	0	0	3	3	1
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deer Killed	0	0	0	0	0	0
Complaints	1	0	0	1	4	5
Vinton						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	2	5	3	2	0	4
Deer Harvested	16	13	22	29	0	20
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	6	4	3	4	4	4
Deer Killed	17	0	0	4	31	19
Complaints	7	5	4	5	4	9
Warren						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	11	15	17	9	10	10
Deer Harvested	26	21	18	12	6	9
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	19	16	19	13	18	12
Deer Killed	82	48	81	35	60	83
Complaints	30	31	33	22	29	26
Washington						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	8	11	16	25	32	19
Deer Harvested	29	61	67	71	153	241
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	10	10	16	21	35	22
Deer Killed	31	35	79	69	112	138
Complaints	18	19	23	36	71	63
Wayne						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	0	0	0	3	7	5
Deer Harvested	0	0	0	3	11	11
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	2	2	6	7	6	15
Deer Killed	3	1	6	13	8	31
Complaints	2	2	6	12	16	20
Williams						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	3	2	10	17	9	28
Deer Harvested	11	16	19	45	28	62
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	0	8	3	2	3	2
Deer Killed	0	2	12	7	10	9
Complaints	3	8	10	17	19	31
Wood						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	0	0	0	2	0	3
Deer Harvested	0	0	0	2	0	5
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	3	3	0	1	1	1
Deer Killed	0	2	0	2	5	4
Complaints	3	3	0	3	1	4
Wyandot						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	0	1	1	5	7	11
Deer Harvested	0	9	10	23	33	49
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deer Killed	0	0	0	0	0	0
Complaints	0	3	2	6	7	11
STATEWIDE						
In-Season						
Permits Issued	366	481	689	887	1,049	676
Deer Harvested	1,058	1,551	2,047	3,252	4,221	3,961
Out-of-Season						
Permits Issued	599	613	865	842	1,100	849
Deer Killed	2,241	2,347	3,288	3,674	5,337	5,770
Complaints	879	965	1,390	1,510	2,221	1,892



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