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Hunters Harvest 55,708 Deer During Illinois Firearm First Season

SPRINGFIELD, IL – Hunters in Illinois harvested a preliminary total of 55,708 deer during the opening weekend of the 2013 Illinois Firearm Deer Season on Nov. 22-24, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) announced today. The second portion of the firearm season will be Dec. 5-8.

The preliminary harvest total of 55,708 for the first three days of the 2013 firearm season compares with the first weekend harvest of 72,111 deer during the 2012 deer season. For the entire seven-day firearm season in 2012, hunters harvested 99,546 deer in Illinois.

Counties with the highest reported preliminary harvest totals last weekend were Pike (1,535), Jackson (1,526), Randolph (1,436), Fulton (1,409), and Adams (1,393).

The preliminary first season figures reported for each county include those deer taken on special hunt areas within that county as well as on private land.

"Weather conditions were difficult throughout most of the season, with some parts of the state seeing rain or snow, and virtually everywhere getting a taste of high winds and frigid temperatures," said IDNR Forest Wildlife Program Manager Paul Shelton. "Southern Illinois counties appear to have been the least impacted."

Approximately 59 percent of the deer taken during the first weekend of firearm hunting were bucks, compared with 60 percent bucks taken during the first weekend of the firearm season in 2012.

The IDNR has issued more than 340,000 firearm deer hunting permits so far for the 2013 season. For information on remaining permits, check the IDNR website at this link:
www.dnr.illinois.gov/hunting/deer.

Remaining firearm deer hunting opportunities in Illinois include the second segment of the firearm season on Dec. 5-8, 2013, the three-day Muzzleloader-only Deer Season on Dec. 13-15, 2013, and the seven-day split Late Winter Firearm Antlerless-only Deer Season and Special CWD Deer Season on Dec. 26-29, 2013 and Jan. 17-19, 2014.

For more information on Illinois deer hunting regulations, check the IDNR website at this link:

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The table below provides preliminary county harvest totals for the first segment of the 2013 firearm season and comparable figures for the first season in 2012.

County	2012	2013
Adams	1938	1393
Alexander	304	319
Bond	545	427
Boone	96	49
Brown	992	734
Bureau	1014	730
Calhoun	668	532
Carroll	835	597
Cass	580	421
Champaign	239	147
Christian	472	401
Clark	951	725
Clay	909	659
Clinton	580	420
Coles	502	355
Crawford	831	632
Cumberland	701	444
DeKalb	143	100
DeWitt	299	202
Douglas	145	108
Edgar	605	453
Edwards	314	269
Effingham	728	517
Fayette	1284	1067
Ford	96	70
Franklin	907	853
Fulton	2048	1409
Gallatin	331	323
Greene	991	763
Grundy	322	237
Hamilton	841	778
Hancock	1515	1183
Hardin	790	719
Henderson	485	374

Henry	592	458
Iroquois	549	413
Jackson	1621	1526
Jasper	852	658
Jefferson	1540	1340
Jersey	677	479
JoDaviess	1877	1356
Johnson	1309	1134
Kane	36	23
Kankakee	170	106
Kendall	56	56
Knox	1146	750
Lake	9	3
LaSalle	887	588
Lawrence	432	341
Lee	565	385
Livingston	468	306
Logan	358	251
Macon	229	159
Macoupin	1366	890
Madison	686	502
Marion	1319	1007
Marshall	597	424
Mason	438	318
Massac	463	422
McDonough	736	569
McHenry	287	168
McLean	602	427
Menard	345	211
Mercer	755	565
Monroe	794	645
Montgomery	773	656
Morgan	658	543
Moultrie	226	138
Ogle	796	632
Peoria	1093	689
Perry	956	832
Piatt	135	84
Pike	2108	1535
Pope	1212	1108
Pulaski	439	409

Putnam	389	278
Randolph	1665	1436
Richland	532	465
Rock Island	690	544
Saline	690	569
Sangamon	644	395
Schuyler	1225	981
Scott	352	299
Shelby	940	714
St. Clair	691	483
Stark	247	156
Stephenson	797	517
Tazewell	619	338
Union	1319	1297
Vermilion	627	386
Wabash	216	189
Warren	559	394
Washington	803	715
Wayne	1188	1037
White	602	556
Whiteside	648	482
Will	260	202
Williamson	1145	1107
Winnebago	379	223
Woodford	726	429
Total	72111	55708