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Overview

Hunters harvested a total of 13,757 deer during the four Vermont deer seasons in 2012. The total buck harvest (8,073 deer) increased by 9 percent above 2011 buck harvest totals (7,374 deer, Figure 1). The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department estimated there would be an increase in the deer population in 2012 due to a mild winter and due to a reduction in the number of antlerless permits issued in 2011. In response to the projected increase, the department increased muzzleloader season antlerless permits by 30 percent above 2011 levels. This increase provided hunters with the opportunity to harvest antlerless deer while still allowing for the slow increase of deer herds in many regions of the state.

Antlered bucks comprised 59 percent of the total harvest, while adult does made up 33 percent of the total. Antlerless bucks and fawn does each added 4 percent to the 2012 harvest (Figure 2).

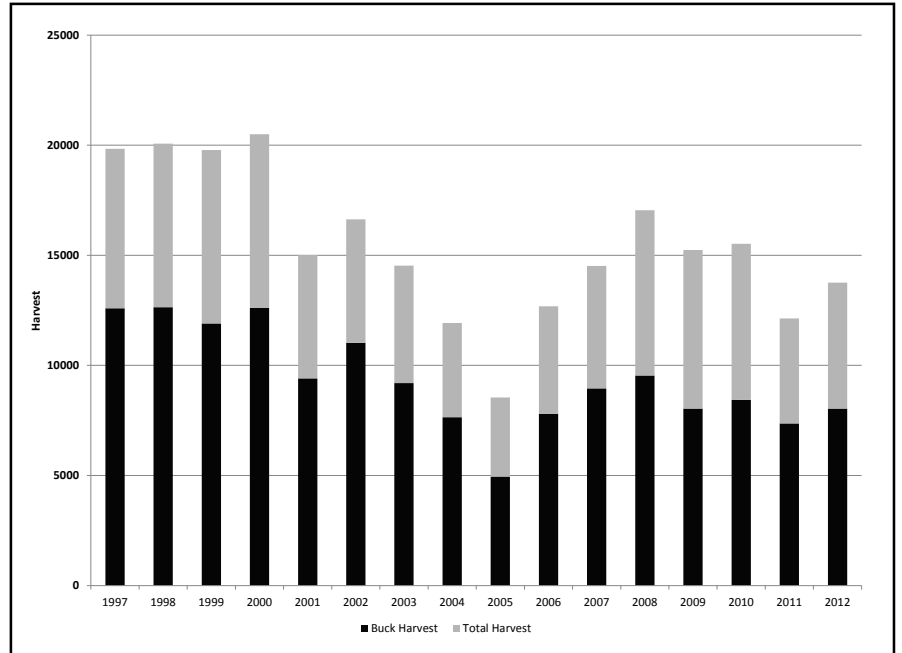
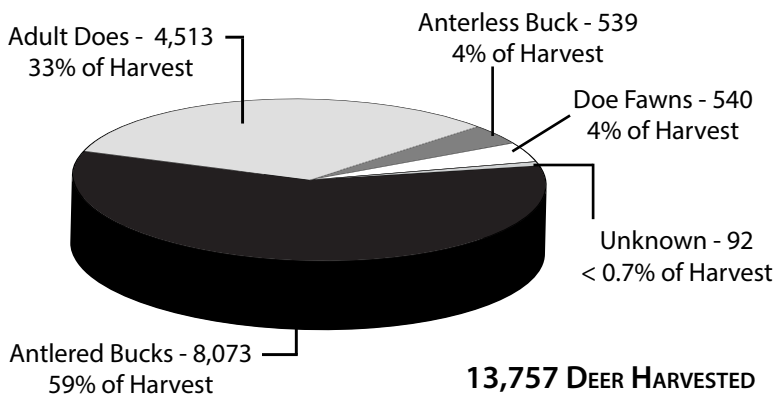


Figure 1. Annual total deer and antlered buck harvest trends in Vermont from 1997–2012.

FIGURE 2. AGE AND SEX DISTRIBUTION OF HARVEST

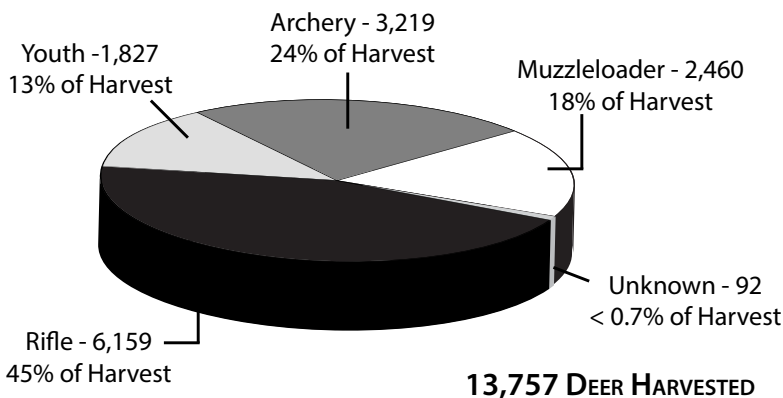


Of the total deer harvest, 45 percent occurred during rifle season, 24 percent during archery season, 18 percent during muzzleloader season, and 13 percent during youth season (Figure 3).

A lack of abundant apples, as well low acorn and beechnut crops may have concentrated deer in more accessible areas, contributing to increased deer sighting rates. Conversely, very warm temperatures during the opening weekend on rifle season may have contributed to a smaller than anticipated increase in buck harvest.

Bucks harvested during the opening weekend of rifle season accounted for 35 percent (2,162 deer) of the total rifle harvest (6,159 deer, Table 1). This is lower than the previous 5-year average, where 39 percent of the rifle harvest occurred on opening weekend. Hunting effort on opening weekend of the 2012 rifle season (25 percent of total rifle effort) was comparable with the previous 5-year average (26 percent).

FIGURE 3. HARVEST TOTALS BY SEASON



Harvest summary by season and wildlife management unit is reported in Table 5 on page 7. Town-by-town results for each season can be found in Table 6, and Table 7 shows the weights of deer reported in 2012 at 200 pounds or more. Figure 12, located at the end of this report, maps the distribution of Vermont's 2012 deer harvest by town.

Season Results

Archery Season (October 6-28, December 1-9, 2012)

Archers harvested a total of 3,219 deer during the split 32-day archery season (23 days in October and 9 days in December). Adult does comprised the majority of the archery season harvest (66 percent). Antlered bucks comprised 23 percent of the archery season harvest, while antlerless bucks comprised 5 percent, and fawn does made up the remaining 6 percent of the harvest (Figure 4). The late archery season often accounts for less than 5 percent of the archery harvest. In 2012, the late archery season accounted for 6 percent (222 deer) of the overall archery harvest, with 7 percent of those deer (15 deer) registered as antlered bucks.

FIGURE 4. ARCHERY SEASON – 3,219 DEER HARVESTED

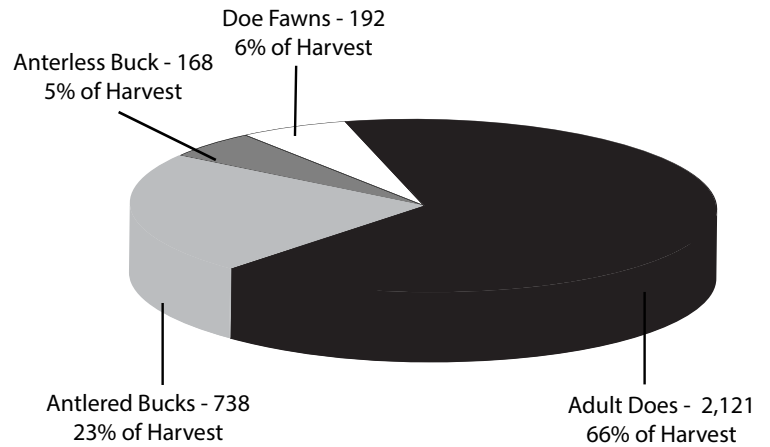
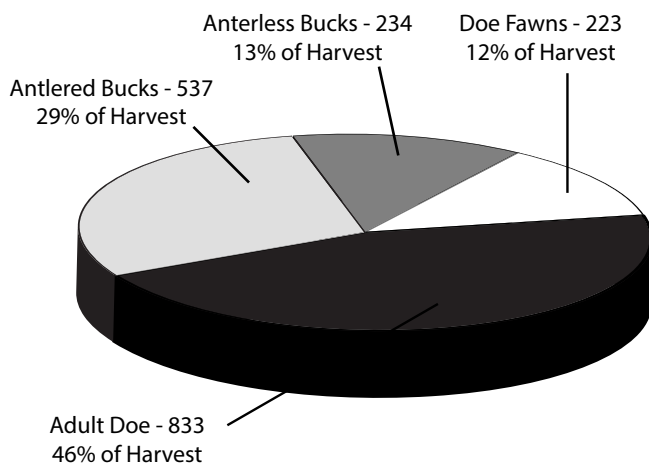


FIGURE 5. YOUTH SEASON – 1,837 DEER HARVESTED



Youth Season (November 3-4, 2012)

Youth hunters, (hunters under the age of 16 prior to the season who have passed their hunter safety exam and are accompanied by a licensed, unarmed adult mentor), harvested a total of 1,827 deer during the 2-day season on the first weekend in November, 2012. Antlered bucks comprised 29 percent (537 deer) of the harvest, of which 55 percent were “spike bucks.” Yearlings comprised 62 percent of deer examined at biological check stations (Figure 5). Adult does were 46 percent (833 deer), fawn does were 12 percent (223 deer), and antlerless bucks made up 13 percent (234 deer) of the youth weekend harvest (Figure 5).

TABLE 1. 2012 LEGAL DEER HARVEST COUNTS AND PERCENTAGES BY SEASON AND AGE-SEX

Season	Season/Age-Sex	Antlered Buck	Adult Doe	Antlerless Buck	Fawn Doe	Unkown	Total
Archery	Count	738	2,121	168	192		3,219
	% of Season	23%	66%	5%	6%		
	% of Deer Type	9%	47%	31%	36%		
	% of Total	5%	15%	1%	1%		
Youth	Count	537	833	234	223		1,827
	% of Season	29%	46%	13%	12%		
	% of Deer Type	7%	18%	43%	41%		
	% of Total	4%	6%	2%	2%		
Rifle	Count	6,159	0	0	0		6,159
	% of Season	100					
	% of Deer Type	76%					
	% of Total	45%					
Muzzleloader	Count	639	1,559	137	125		2,460
	% of Season	26%	63%	6%	5%		
	% of Deer Type	8%	35%	25%	23%		
	% of Total	5%	11%	1%	1%		
Total	Count	8,073	4,513	539	540	92	13,757
	% of Total	59%	33%	4%	4%	<1%	100%

Youth season is an important data collection period because youth hunters may harvest a deer of either sex. The harvest is therefore more representative of the larger deer population with respect to age and sex than the other deer seasons. The youth season allows biologists to measure weight, antlers, age, and sex of all deer taken. Biologists examined 599 deer at 23 designated biological-check stations during youth weekend in 2012. The stations were selected to represent an appropriate cross-section of Vermont for purposes of statistical analysis.

The distribution of ages (determined by tooth wear and replacement) from check station data indicates yearling bucks were 62 percent of the buck harvest, with 2.5 year-olds comprising 28 percent, and 3.5 year-olds or greater comprising 10 percent (Figure 6). Female age distribution

was more consistent than males across age classes. Two important measurements of deer population health are yearling antler beam diameter and fawn weights. The mean antler beam diameter of 104 yearling bucks examined during youth weekend was 16.78 millimeters. The mean dressed weight for yearling bucks was 115.8 lbs. The mean dressed weight for female fawns was 58.5 pounds; for male fawns, it was 62.8 pounds. Mean weights for all age classes (by tooth wear and replacement) are reported in Table 2.

TABLE 2. MEAN DRESSED WEIGHTS OF WHITE-TAILED DEER BY AGE AND SEX FROM BIO-CHECK STATIONS

	Age Class	Mean Weight	n	%*
Males	0.5	62.8	81	
	1.5	115.8	140	48.61
	2.5	138.4	96	33.33
	3.5	154.9	44	15.28
	4.5	180.4	8	2.78
	5.5+	0	0	0.00
Females	0.5	58.5	91	
	1.5	102.5	45	21.84
	2.5	115.1	51	24.76
	3.5	118.5	42	20.39
	4.5	122.9	29	14.08
	5.5+	116	39	18.93

* Adult age distribution only, n equals number of deer examined

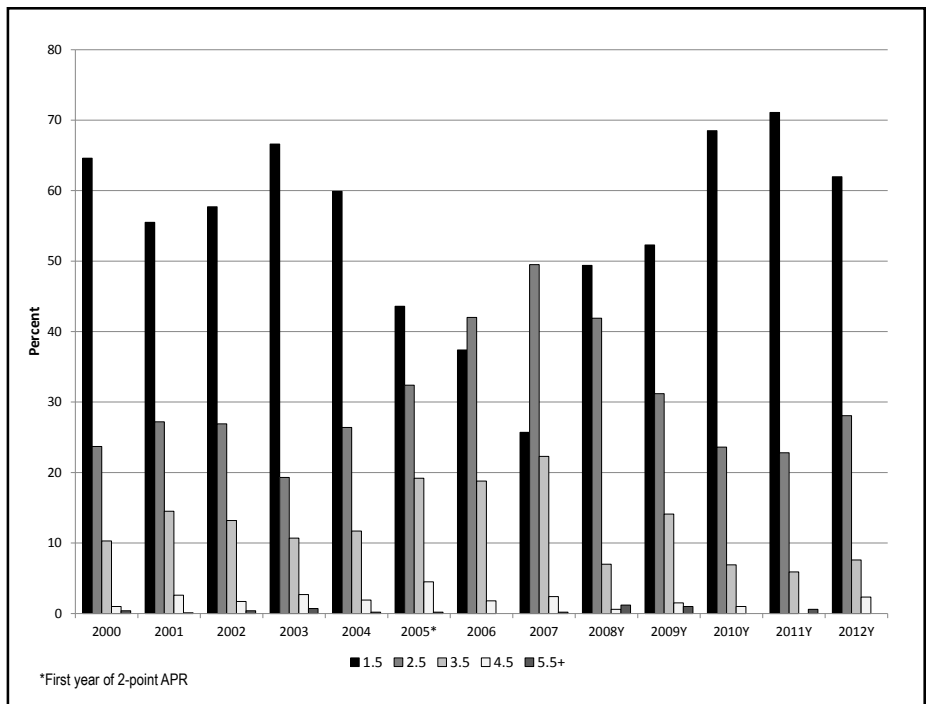


Figure 6. Age structure of Vermont bucks sampled by department biologists during opening weekend of Rifle Seasons 2000–2012 as determined by tooth wear and replacement. Data for 2008Y–2012Y represent age structure of bucks taken during Youth Weekend, with no antler rule in place, so are more representative of the actual population.

Rifle Season (November 10-25, 2012)

More hunters participate in the November rifle season than any of the other Vermont deer hunting seasons. Rifle season has the longest history in Vermont, dating back 115 years to 1897. Hunters harvested a total of 6,159 bucks during the traditional 16-day season, which ends annually the weekend after Thanksgiving.

Hunter effort surveys were mailed to 5,000 randomly selected Vermont hunters for the thirteenth consecutive season in 2012. This survey helps measure the number of hunters actively participating in deer hunting, the hours they spent afield, and the number of deer and moose sighted while hunting. Sighting data

are used to monitor moose and deer population trends. Hunters returned 1,150 surveys, with 7 percent reporting they did not hunt in 2012, which is lower than the three-year average of 18 percent of respondents who did not hunt.

Hunters reported an average of 44 hours afield during the rifle season in 2012. The opening weekend was responsible for the greatest buck harvest relative to the amount of effort expended, which has been the case every year of the survey since the survey began in 2000 (Figure 7). Results of the survey indicate that most hunters are available to hunt on weekends more than weekdays (Figure 8).

Hunters reported seeing an average of 2.52 deer per 10 hours of afield (Table 3). This is 43 percent more than the rate reported in 2011 (1.76 deer/10 hours). Hunters reported seeing an average of

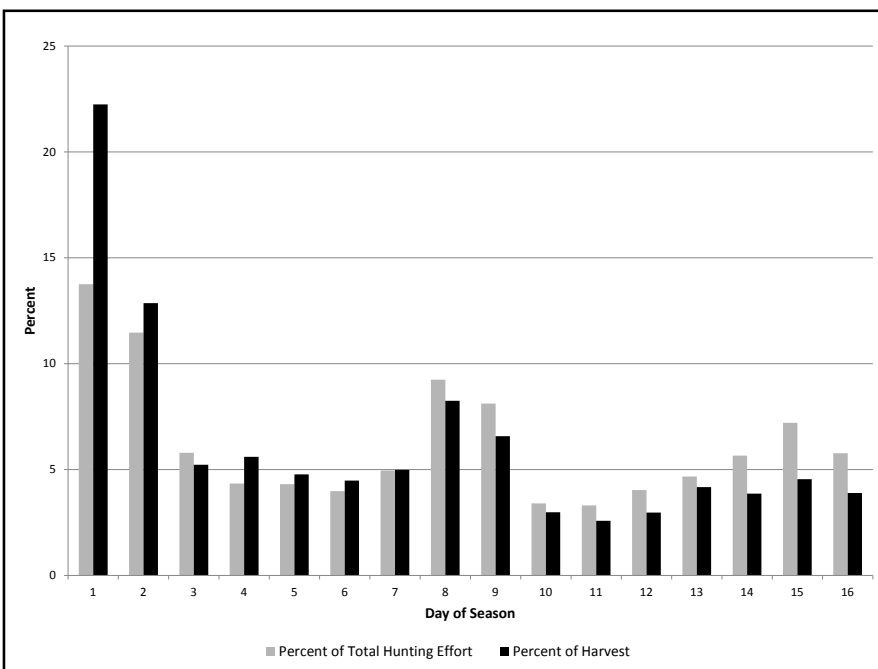


Figure 7. Percent of effort compared with percent of buck harvest by day of season

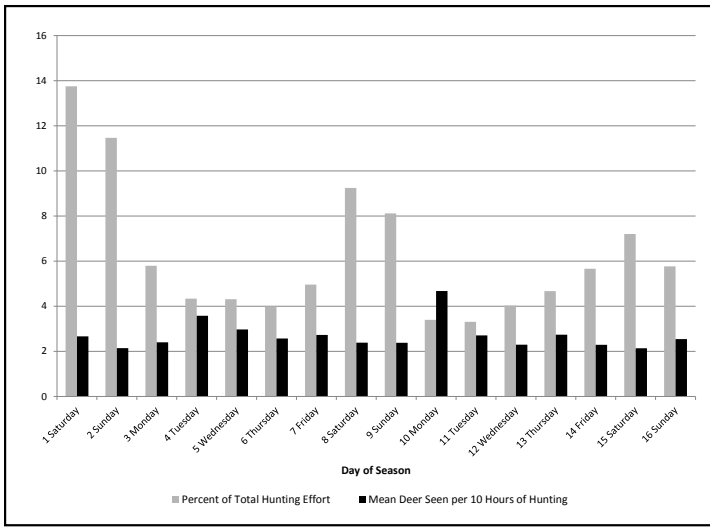


Figure 8. Percent participation and mean deer seen per 10 hours by day of 2012 November Rifle Season

0.27 bucks per 10 hours afield in 2012, which is 35 percent more than the rate reported in 2011 (0.20 deer/10 hours).

Biologist examined 140 bucks at five biological check stations during the 2012 November rifle season. Of all bucks examined and aged using tooth wear and replacement, 41 percent (58 deer) were determined to be yearlings (1.5 year-olds), 34 percent (48 deer) were determined to be 2.5 year-olds, and 24 percent (34 deer) were determined to be \geq 3.5 year-olds.

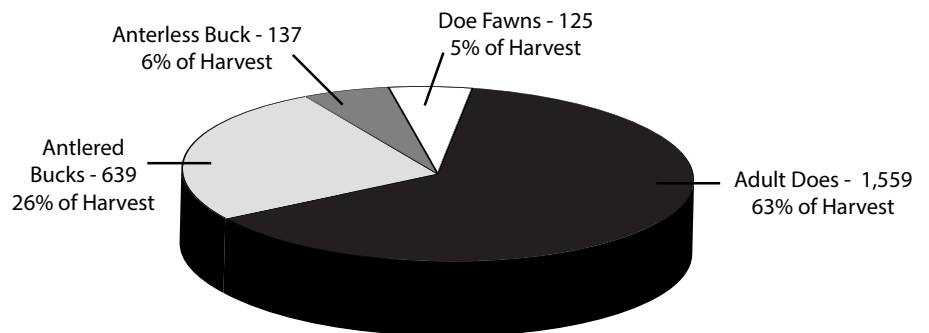
TABLE 3. NUMBER OF DEER SEEN PER 10 HOURS HUNTING BY WMU AS REPORTED BY RIFLE HUNTERS

WMU	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
A	1.35	2.00	6.03	2.72	3.51	4.57	4.47	3.04	1.48	4.08	2.60	4.94
B	2.14	3.35	3.18	2.10	3.62	3.56	4.07	3.35	2.98	3.04	1.95	3.26
C	1.14	2.07	2.67	1.23	2.41	1.87	3.20	2.73	2.90	2.40	1.20	2.13
D1	1.78	1.48	2.07	1.12	3.26	3.76	2.86	3.30	2.63	2.41	2.08	2.77
D2	1.59	1.74	1.69	1.01	2.70	2.03	3.43	2.79	2.39	2.35	2.01	2.10
E	0.48	0.26	0.53	0.52	0.75	1.16	1.89	1.08	0.97	0.86	0.72	1.60
F1	2.57	3.92	3.79	2.44	3.60	3.17	5.16	2.58	3.00	2.36	2.38	4.08
F2	1.92	3.50	2.66	2.09	3.11	3.01	3.85	3.63	1.69	3.48	1.83	4.56
G	1.10	1.42	2.79	1.69	1.57	1.86	2.93	2.04	2.18	1.68	1.67	1.75
H1	1.86	1.49	3.84	1.48	2.22	2.55	4.68	1.85	1.66	1.85	1.70	2.31
H2	1.60	2.60	2.88	1.95	2.71	2.86	3.15	2.74	2.46	2.23	1.67	3.12
I	1.19	2.18	1.63	1.05	1.63	1.32	3.07	1.04	1.57	1.42	1.00	1.30
J1	2.26	2.23	2.83	1.82	3.62	3.94	4.17	3.29	2.03	2.90	2.46	2.45
J2	1.94	2.92	4.08	2.60	3.40	3.33	4.25	2.29	1.88	2.39	2.29	2.19
K1	3.02	3.53	4.03	2.28	4.04	5.59	5.23	4.27	3.59	4.52	4.24	4.17
K2	2.73	2.71	1.98	2.33	3.49	2.57	3.07	4.02	3.03	1.96	2.49	3.49
L	1.84	2.28	1.24	1.23	1.62	1.52	1.79	1.73	1.80	1.58	1.38	1.30
M1	1.04	3.50	1.40	1.08	1.91	2.41	2.16	2.32	2.06	1.40	1.55	1.15
M2	3.75	2.28	3.63	2.31	3.94	4.37	4.58	3.32	2.23	2.50	1.67	4.45
N	2.10	3.75	2.81	3.53	3.13	3.25	2.79	3.24	3.65	2.25	1.86	2.45
O1	0.80	1.97	1.77	1.86	2.23	1.45	2.36	1.38	1.00	0.87	0.72	1.47
O2	1.54	2.82	2.00	1.03	2.39	2.49	3.99	2.03	1.86	1.42	1.40	1.70
P	0.73	1.62	0.87	1.80	2.10	1.22	1.24	1.17	1.00	0.73	1.01	1.19
Q	1.14	2.08	1.90	2.27	2.01	1.37	3.48	1.56	1.33	0.54	1.18	1.41
Total	1.82	2.43	2.56	1.75	2.75	2.74	3.51	2.64	2.24	2.22	1.76	2.52

FIGURE 9. MUZZLELOADER SEASON – 2,460 DEER HARVESTED

Muzzleloader Season (December 1-9, 2012)

Hunters using single-shot, muzzle-loaded rifles harvested 2,460 deer in 2012. Of that total, 639 (26 percent) were antlered bucks, 1,559 (63 percent) were adult does, 137 (6 percent) were antlerless bucks, and 125 (5 percent) were fawn does (Figure 9).



Winter Severity Index

The winter of 2012 was the mildest winter recorded in the past 43 years. The winter severity index (WSI) of 11 was 80 percent below the long-term average of 54 (Figure 10). The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department estimated that this mild winter resulted in an increase in the deer population, which was projected to result in a corresponding increase in deer sightings during the 2012 hunting seasons. The department recommended an increase in antlerless deer permits by 30 percent from the previous year to allow for slow growth in the state's deer population.

A total of 12,425 permits were authorized by the Fish and Wildlife Board, issued in 15 of the 24 Wildlife Management Units (WMUs) (Table 4). Those units not recommended for antlerless permits were largely in the mountain and northeast highland regions of Vermont, where deer populations were estimated to be below

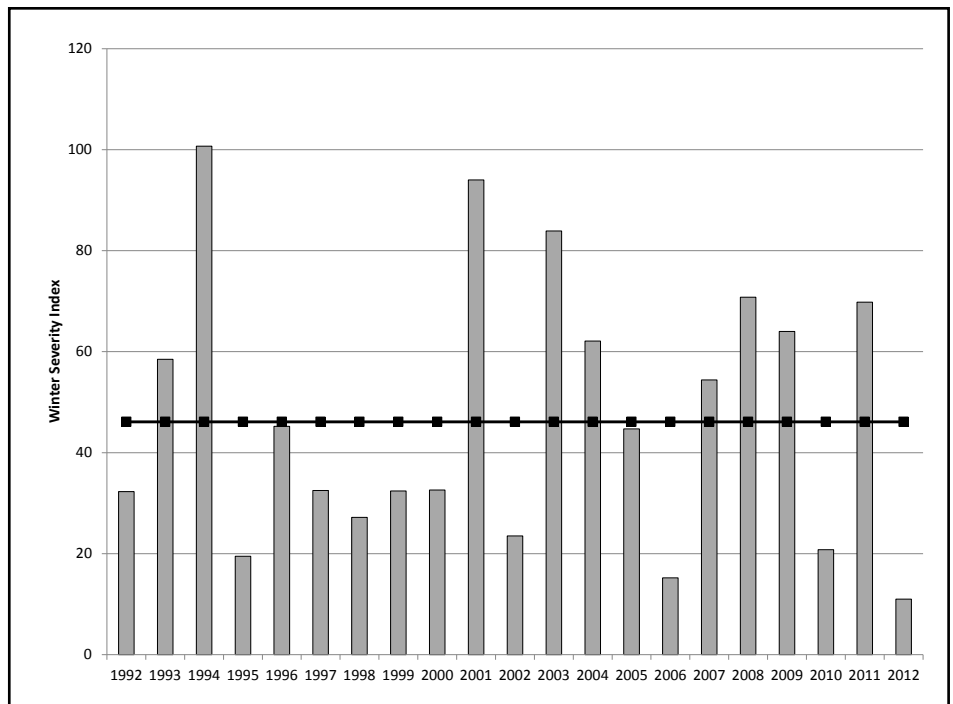


Figure 10. Vermont Winter Severity Index 1992 – 2012

TABLE 4. 2012 MUZZLELOADER ANTLERLESS PERMIT ALLOTMENTS AND HARVEST BY WMU

WMU	# Permits Issued	Permits Landowners	Permits Resident	Permits Nonresident	Antlerless Muzzleloader Harvest	% Success Rate
A	650	250	391	9	91	14.00
B	3,600	352	3,211	37	549	15.25
C	0					X
D1	250	169	79	2	60	24.00
D2	0					X
E	0					X
F1	525	40	477	8	76	14.48
F2	575	64	504	7	103	17.91
G	0					X
H1	300	147	153	0	61	20.33
H2	300	89	205	6	65	21.67
I	0					X
J1	400	149	239	12	70	17.50
J2	850	211	597	42	134	15.76
K1	750	21	702	27	84	11.20
K2	1,250	72	1,131	47	146	11.68
L	0					X
M1	0					X
M2	350	35	284	31	69	19.71
N	1,975	28	1,832	115	227	11.49
O1	0					X
O2	400	72	303	25	44	11.00
P	0					X
Q	250	32	201	17	39	15.60
Unknown					3	
Total	12,425	1,731	10,309	385	1,821	15.00

established long-term goals. As mandated by statute, landowners received first preference, with 10 percent of the remaining permits reserved for non-residents, and the remainder distributed by lottery to resident applicants. Permit holder success varied from a high of 24 percent in WMU D1 to a low of 11 percent in WMU O2 (Table 4).

Multiple Bag Limits

Of the 11,657 hunters who harvested at least one deer, 86.7 percent harvested only one deer (10,095 hunters), 11.6 percent (1,360 hunters) harvested 2 deer, and 1.7 percent (202 hunters) harvested 3 deer (Figure 11). These proportions have remained consistent annually since multiple bag limits were instituted. In 2012, 336 harvest reports did not indicate if the deer was the hunter's first, second, or third deer.

Harvest summary by season and wildlife management unit is reported in Table 5.

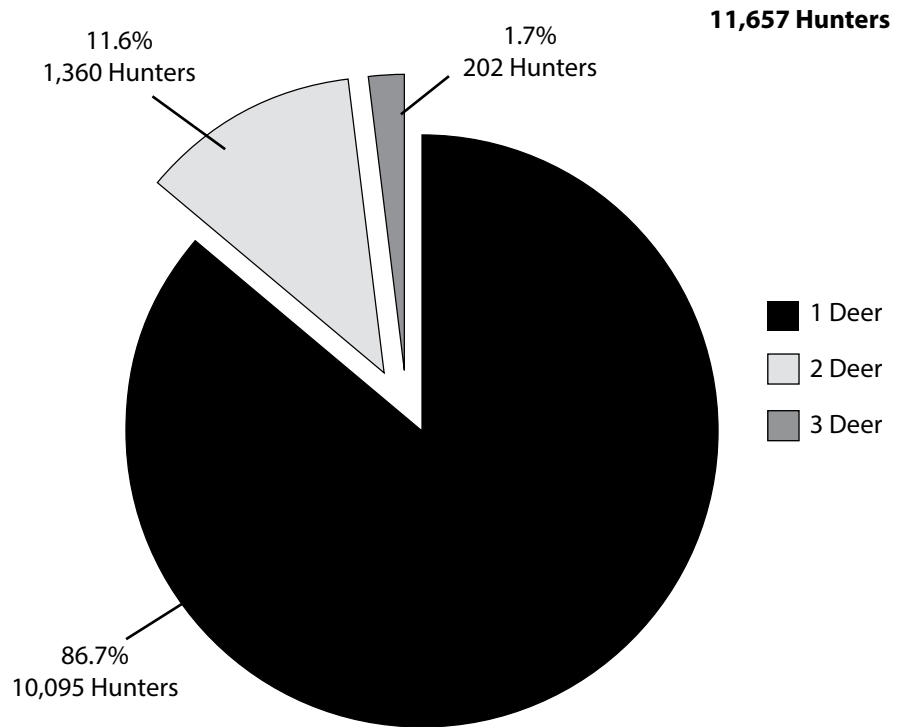


FIGURE 11. PERCENTAGE OF HUNTERS HARVESTING 1, 2 OR 3 DEER IN 2012.

TABLE 5. 2012 LEGAL DEER HARVEST BY SEASON AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT UNIT

WMU	Archery Buck	Archery Antlerless	Youth Buck	Youth Antlerless	Rifle Buck	Muzzleloader Bucks	Muzzleloader Antlerless	Unknown	Total Deer	Deer per Mile ²	Total Bucks	Bucks per Mile ²
A	31	69	8	24	139	11	91	4	377	8.38	189	4.20
B	115	429	98	191	777	81	549	22	2,262	4.35	1,071	2.06
C	22	88	23	59	262	31	0	6	491	1.46	338	1.01
D1	48	185	55	115	365	35	60	7	870	2.36	503	1.36
D2	46	163	38	122	381	44	0	7	801	1.45	509	0.92
E	2	0	11	16	155	24	0	0	208	0.28	192	0.26
F1	31	89	20	47	194	16	76	3	476	2.06	261	1.13
F2	36	95	22	45	232	22	103	2	557	2.41	312	1.35
G	25	99	16	31	252	18	0	2	446	1.24	311	0.86
H1	54	170	28	52	301	39	61	11	716	1.86	422	1.09
H2	14	72	10	54	169	19	65	2	405	2.28	212	1.20
I	9	45	8	29	120	16	0	0	227	0.53	153	0.36
J1	51	132	25	73	325	38	70	4	718	1.42	439	0.87
J2	53	212	24	99	456	39	134	2	1,019	2.19	572	1.23
K1	11	38	21	46	150	8	84	2	360	3.62	190	1.91
K2	48	151	41	99	441	37	146	3	966	3.45	567	2.03
L	14	44	18	24	160	17	0	2	279	0.80	209	0.60
M1	3	26	1	16	118	14	0	1	179	0.77	136	0.59
M2	12	71	11	30	193	24	69	0	410	1.98	240	1.16
N	49	127	36	49	426	45	227	7	966	3.18	556	1.83
O1	7	15	4	3	56	6	0	0	91	0.44	73	0.36
O2	30	75	9	28	186	29	44	1	402	1.47	254	0.93
P	10	37	5	17	155	11	0	3	238	0.48	181	0.37
Q	17	49	5	21	146	15	39	1	293	1.10	183	0.69
Unknown							3					
Total	738	2,481	537	1,290	6,159	639	1,821	92	13,757	1.43	8,073	1.00

TABLE 6. 2012 LEGAL DEER HARVEST BY COUNTY, TOWN AND SEASON

COUNTY	Town of Kill	Archery	Youth	Rifle	Muzzleloader	Total Deer Harvest	Deer Harvest per Mile ²
ADDISON	ADDISON	8	12	27	11	58	1.18
	BRIDPORT	8	5	16	7	36	0.77
	BRISTOL	12	3	17	7	39	0.94
	CORNWALL	14	4	19	13	50	1.74
	FERRISBURG	29	12	31	18	90	1.5
	GOSHEN	1	0	6	1	8	0.39
	GRANVILLE	1	1	3	0	5	0.1
	HANCOCK	0	1	2	0	3	0.08
	LEICESTER	9	2	15	4	30	1.42
	LINCOLN	13	8	23	3	47	1.02
	MIDDLEBURY	13	5	24	13	55	1.39
	MONKTON	6	5	21	12	44	1.21
	NEW HAVEN	18	22	40	20	100	2.43
	ORWELL	22	16	44	15	97	1.95
	PANTON	4	4	5	2	15	0.68
	RIPTON	4	1	15	3	23	0.47
	SALISBURY	11	6	13	14	44	1.46
	SHOREHAM	14	15	35	15	79	1.71
	STARKSBORO	12	8	29	12	61	1.33
	VERGENNES	0	0	0	0	0	0
	WALTHAM	4	0	8	2	14	1.51
	WEYBRIDGE	6	5	9	4	24	1.37
	WHITING	4	3	4	1	12	0.87
UNKNOWN					4		
	TOTAL	213	138	406	177	938	1.16
BENNINGTON	ARLINGTON	14	9	46	20	89	2.11
	BENNINGTON	28	16	46	27	117	2.79
	DORSET	13	4	31	24	72	0.15
	GLASTENBURY	0	0	7	1	8	0.18
	LANDGROVE	0	3	5	2	10	1.12
	MANCHESTER	7	4	21	13	45	1.07
	PERU	0	0	9	3	12	0.32
	POWNAI	27	13	52	20	112	2.38
	READSBORO	3	0	12	1	16	0.44
	RUPERT	22	11	68	31	132	2.97
	SANDGATE	10	5	41	18	74	1.74
	SEARSBURG	0	0	6	0	6	0.28
	SHAFTSBURY	53	19	77	61	210	4.92
	STAMFORD	8	5	24	2	39	0.98
	SUNDERLAND	4		16	4	24	0.52
	WINHALL	0	1	7	1	9	0.2
	WOODFORD	2	0	9	0	11	0.23
	UNKNOWN					13	
		TOTAL	191	90	477	228	999
CALEDONIA	BARNET	14	8	50	16	88	2.02
	BURKE	11	3	18	3	35	1.03
	DANVILLE	21	22	24	10	77	1.26

TABLE 6. 2012 LEGAL DEER HARVEST BY COUNTY, TOWN AND SEASON

COUNTY	Town of Kill	Archery	Youth	Rifle	Muzzleloader	Total Deer Harvest	Deer Harvest per Mile ²
CALEDONIA (CONT.)	GROTON	1	3	16	9	29	0.52
	HARDWICK	31	16	28	9	84	2.17
	KIRBY	8	5	10	1	24	0.97
	LYNDON	12	13	17	4	46	1.15
	NEWARK	3	4	14	3	24	0.64
	PEACHAM	5	10	21	14	50	1.04
	RYEGATE	14	15	28	8	65	1.76
	SHEFFIELD	2	3	8	2	15	0.45
	ST. JOHNSBURY	35	8	12	3	58	1.57
	STANNARD	3	0	6	2	11	0.87
	SUTTON	2	6	13	1	22	0.57
	WALDEN	8	3	19	2	32	0.82
	WATERFORD	38	23	38	16	115	2.91
	WHEELOCK	5	3	24	6	38	0.95
	UNKNOWN					6	
	TOTAL	213	145	346	109	819	1.24
CHITTENDEN	BOLTON	7	4	17	1	29	0.68
	BUELLS GORE	2	0	0	0	2	5.79
	BURLINGTON	7	4	17	1	29	1.89
	CHARLOTTE	6	7	27	13	53	1.05
	COLCHESTER	29	7	28	20	84	1.39
	ESSEX	26	3	18	9	56	1.42
	HINESBURG	16	10	26	13	65	1.63
	HUNTINGTON	7	2	30	11	50	1.3
	JERICO	29	5	29	11	74	2.08
	MILTON	25	9	36	36	106	1.75
	RICHMOND	18	2	30	14	64	1.94
	SHELBURNE	22	1	6	4	33	0.75
	SOUTH BURLINGTON	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ST GEORGE	0	1	2	0	3	0.82
	UNDERHILL	27	4	46	27	104	2.02
	WESTFORD	18	4	36	24	82	2.09
	WILLISTON	16	4	16	7	43	1.38
	WINOOSKI	0	0	0	0	0	0
	UNKNOWN					11	
	TOTAL	255	67	364	191	888	1.43
ESSEX	AVERILL	0	0	10	0	10	0.26
	AVERY'S GORE	0	0	0	0	0	0
	BLOOMFIELD	1	2	12	4	19	0.47
	BRIGHTON	3	3	18	1	25	0.46
	BRUNSWICK	0	0	7	1	8	0.32
	CANAAN	0	5	15	3	23	0.69
	CONCORD	2	7	26	4	39	0.73
	EAST HAVEN	0	0	6	0	6	0.16
	FERDINAND	0	0	13	1	14	0.26
	GRANBY	0	0	3	1	4	0.1
	GUILDHALL	0	2	9	0	11	0.33

TABLE 6. 2012 LEGAL DEER HARVEST BY COUNTY, TOWN AND SEASON

COUNTY	Town of Kill	Archery	Youth	Rifle	Muzzleloader	Total Deer Harvest	Deer Harvest per Mile ²
ESSEX (CONT.)	LEMINGTON	0	1	10	3	14	0.39
	LEWIS	0	0	4	2	6	0.15
	LUNENBURG	0	2	14	2	18	0.39
	MAIDSTONE	0	1	7	1	9	0.28
	NORTON	0	2	18	0	20	0.52
	VICTORY	1	0	3	0	4	0.09
	WARNER'S GRANT	0	0	0	0	0	0
	WARREN'S GORE	0	0	1	0	1	0.09
	UNKNOWN					0	
TOTAL		7	25	176	23	231	0.34
FRANKLIN	BAKERSFIELD	17	13	46	29	105	2.49
	BERKSHIRE	22	20	53	34	129	2.5
	ENOSBURG	29	20	63	16	128	2.66
	FAIRFAX	50	25	62	38	175	4.33
	FAIRFIELD	51	53	93	76	273	4
	FLETCHER	12	9	43	33	97	2.52
	FRANKLIN	54	29	70	66	219	2.36
	GEORGIA	32	29	41	39	141	3.11
	HIGHGATE	98	31	95	72	296	4.93
	MONTGOMERY	10	9	45	6	70	1.24
	RICHFORD	14	14	26	10	64	1.48
	SHELDON	19	26	36	38	119	3.05
	ST ALBANS	14	7	4	15	40	0.65
	SWANTON	34	8	49	29	120	1.95
UNKNOWN					21		
TOTAL		456	293	726	501	1,997	2.90
GRAND ISLE	ALBURG	31	13	50	27	121	2.54
	GRAND ISLE	25	6	22	31	84	2.4
	ISLE LA MOTTE	6	0	3	8	17	0.92
	NORTH HERO	16	3	31	17	67	1.46
	SOUTH HERO	21	8	28	19	76	1.64
	UNKNOWN					4	
TOTAL		99	30	134	102	369	1.91
LAMOILLE	BELVIDERE	5	3	14	2	24	0.67
	CAMBRIDGE	19	19	65	18	121	1.9
	EDEN	7	7	20	7	41	0.64
	ELMORE	4	5	11	7	27	0.68
	HYDE PARK	16	4	20	4	44	1.12
	JOHNSON	22	11	31	6	70	1.53
	MORRISTOWN	22	16	39	8	85	1.66
	STOWE	48	8	51	9	116	1.59
	WATERVILLE	11	7	18	1	37	2.35
	WOLCOTT	15	18	27	9	69	1.76
	UNKNOWN					6	
TOTAL		169	98	296	71	640	1.37

TABLE 6. 2012 LEGAL DEER HARVEST BY COUNTY, TOWN AND SEASON

COUNTY	Town of Kill	Archery	Youth	Rifle	Muzzleloader	Total Deer Harvest	Deer Harvest per Mile ²
ORANGE	BRADFORD	21	12	37	14	84	2.8
	BRAINTREE	7	7	15	3	32	0.83
	BROOKFIELD	7	8	32	8	55	1.33
	CHELSEA	18	12	46	5	81	2.02
	CORINTH	16	10	32	13	71	1.47
	FAIRLEE	8	2	9	6	25	1.18
	NEWBURY	31	16	50	25	122	1.89
	ORANGE	3	0	22	4	29	0.74
	RANDOLPH	29	13	28	14	84	1.74
	STRAFFORD	21	11	54	8	94	2.12
	THETFORD	44	22	53	22	141	3.17
	TOPSHAM	6	10	22	10	48	0.97
	TUNBRIDGE	26	23	45	18	112	2.52
	VERSHIRE	13	4	18	4	39	1.07
	WASHINGTON	5	4	27	10	46	1.17
	WEST FAIRLEE	4	1	13	8	26	1.13
	WILLIAMSTOWN	49	20	39	18	126	3.12
	UNKNOWN					4	
TOTAL		308	175	542	190	1,219	1.76
ORLEANS	ALBANY	7	15	24	10	56	1.44
	BARTON	38	12	33	7	90	2.02
	BROWNINGTON	9	7	35	2	53	1.86
	CHARLESTON	14	21	38	4	77	2.0
	COVENTRY	18	15	26	4	63	2.27
	CRAFTSBURY	20	7	31	7	65	1.64
	DERBY	63	43	69	9	184	3.2
	GLOVER	7	11	26	7	51	1.3
	GREENSBORO	7	5	26	6	44	1.11
	HOLLAND	15	18	24	1	58	1.5
	IRASBURG	20	13	39	20	92	2.28
	JAY	10	2	17	2	31	0.91
	LOWELL	8	6	19	7	40	0.71
	MORGAN	12	7	23	0	42	1.23
	NEWPORT	30	22	26	5	83	1.9
	TROY	20	14	36	2	72	1.97
	WESTFIELD	1	6	13	3	23	0.57
	WESTMORE	1	3	12	1	17	0.45
UNKNOWN					10		
TOTAL		300	227	517	97	1,151	1.59
RUTLAND	BENSON	14	20	56	44	134	2.95
	BRANDON	9	9	30	5	53	1.32
	CASTLETON	24	17	38	14	93	2.19
	CHITTENDEN	10	9	26	3	48	0.64
	CLARENDON	27	23	50	18	118	3.74
	DANBY	8	17	36	29	90	2.16
	FAIR HAVEN	6	15	20	4	45	2.47
	HUBBARDTON	9	8	31	14	62	2.16

TABLE 6. 2012 LEGAL DEER HARVEST BY COUNTY, TOWN AND SEASON

COUNTY	Town of Kill	Archery	Youth	Rifle	Muzzleloader	Total Deer Harvest	Deer Harvest per Mile ²
RUTLAND (CONT.)	IRA	7	5	16	2	30	1.34
	KILLINGTON	0	0	6	0	6	0.12
	MENDON	6	2	10	6	24	0.63
	MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS	12	6	8	10	36	1.58
	MT HOLLY	14	9	25	1	49	1.0
	MT TABOR	0	0	2	2	4	0.09
	PAWLET	24	22	85	58	189	4.32
	PITTSFIELD	2	2	4	1	9	0.44
	PITTSFORD	33	15	50	19	117	2.69
	POULTNEY	22	26	58	17	123	2.84
	PROCTOR	1	2	14	11	28	3.69
	RUTLAND	10	4	8	8	30	1.56
	SHREWSBURY	14	10	34	0	58	3.91
	SUDBURY	6	7	17	7	37	1.16
	TINMOUTH	15	8	23	8	54	1.67
	WALLINGFORD	17	10	27	9	63	1.87
	WELLS	17	6	38	16	77	1.46
	WEST HAVEN	16	23	47	24	110	3.31
	WEST RUTLAND	19	4	24	14	61	3.82
	UNKNOWN					7	
TOTAL		342	279	783	344	1,755	1.86
WASHINGTON	BARRE	45	4	2	10	61	1.98
	BERLIN	17	4	25	9	55	1.49
	CABOT	11	4	22	15	52	1.35
	CALAIS	16	3	43	11	73	1.89
	DUXBURY	6	1	12	3	22	0.51
	EAST MONTPELIER	39	12	49	10	110	3.47
	FAYSTON	8	1	6	0	15	0.41
	MARSHFIELD	13	8	26	12	59	1.35
	MIDDLESEX	7	7	24	4	42	1.05
	MONTPELIER	21	1	6	2	30	2.92
	MORETOWN	15	6	14	4	39	0.98
	NORTHFIELD	8	3	34	8	53	1.18
	PLAINFIELD	22	8	24	8	62	2.94
	ROXBURY	3	0	10	3	16	0.38
	WAITSFIELD	2	0	9	5	16	0.61
	WARREN	5	1	15	6	27	0.67
	WATERBURY	20	6	33	7	66	1.33
	WOODBURY	4	2	19	7	32	0.81
	WORCESTER	7	1	9	4	21	0.54
	UNKNOWN					3	
TOTAL		269	72	382	128	854	1.23
WINDHAM	ATHENS	1	0	2	1	4	0.28
	BRATTLEBORO	24	7	21	6	58	1.77
	BROOKLINE	1	1	9	3	14	1.08
	DOVER	6	0	11	2	19	0.52
	DUMMERSTON	19	4	32	14	69	2.23

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COUNTY	Town of Kill	Archery	Youth	Rifle	Muzzleloader	Total Deer Harvest	Deer Harvest per Mile ²	
WINDHAM (CONT.)	GRAFTON	2	0	5	2	9	0.24	
	GUILFORD	22	5	37	22	86	2.16	
	HALIFAX	1	3	17	3	24	0.6	
	JAMAICA	1	1	14	1	17	0.34	
	LONDONDERRY	4	1	15	2	22	0.61	
	MARLBORO	2	0	9	4	15	0.36	
	NEWFANE	7	2	23	4	36	0.89	
	PUTNEY	10	3	15	5	33	1.23	
	ROCKINGHAM	13	8	20	17	58	1.37	
	SOMERSET	0	0	6	0	6	0.22	
	STRATTON	0		0	4	4	0.08	
	TOWNSHED	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	VERNON	4	6	9	6	25	1.25	
	WARDSBORO	1	1	6	0	8	0.27	
	WESTMINSTER	7	1	15	1	24	0.53	
	WHITINGHAM	5	3	20	1	29	0.74	
	WILMINGTON	7	5	15	3	30	0.71	
	WINDHAM	0	1	11	1	13	0.5	
	UNKNOWN					3		
	TOTAL		137	52	312	102	606	0.76
WINDSOR	ANDOVER	2	2	9	1	14	0.48	
	BALTIMORE	1	2	4	1	8	1.67	
	BARNARD	2	1	15	6	24	0.5	
	BETHEL	5	6	20	6	37	0.8	
	BRIDGEWATER	3	2	19	6	30	0.6	
	CAVENDISH	5	3	31	1	40	1.01	
	CHESTER	11	2	28	2	43	0.77	
	HARTFORD	23	10	44	23	100	2.2	
	HARTLAND	23	15	47	28	113	2.51	
	LUDLOW	5	3	9	0	17	0.47	
	NORWICH	49	7	44	16	116	2.6	
	PLYMOUTH	0	2	21	1	24	0.49	
	POMFRET	5	4	26	10	45	1.14	
	READING	5	1	18	3	27	0.65	
	ROCHESTER	3	1	11	6	21	0.37	
	ROYALTON	11	2	27	9	49	1.2	
	SHARON	9	4	38	12	63	1.56	
	SPRINGFIELD	34	14	34	24	106	2.18	
	STOCKBRIDGE	1	4	11	2	18	0.39	
	WEATHERSFIELD	18	8	42	15	83	1.89	
	WEST WINDSOR	9	2	30	13	54	2.17	
	WESTON	2	2	6	0	10	0.28	
	WINDSOR	14	7	17	4	42	2.12	
	WOODSTOCK	16	8	41	8	73	1.64	
	UNKNOWN					2		
	TOTAL		256	112	592	197	1,159	1.19
	UNKNOWN		4	24	104	0	94	
STATE	TOTAL	3,219	1,827	6,159	2,460	13,757	1.43	

TABLE 7. WEIGHTS OF DEER REPORTED AT 200 POUNDS OR MORE

Weight	Town of Kill	Season
200	Georgia	Rifle
200	Irasburg	Rifle
200	Craftsbury	Rifle
200	Stannard	Rifle
200	Richmond	Rifle
200	Corinth	Rifle
200	Troy	Rifle
200	Brighton	Rifle
200	Monkton	Rifle
201	Sudbury	Youth
201	Fairfax	Rifle
201	Brownington	Rifle
201	Dover	Rifle
201	East Montpelier	Rifle
201	Groton	Rifle
202	Charleston	Youth
202	Rupert	Rifle
202	Burke	Rifle
202	Roxbury	Rifle
202	Mt Holly	Rifle
202	Norton	Rifle
203	Brownington	Rifle
203	Chelsea	Rifle
203	Waltham	Rifle
203	Ferrisburg	Rifle
203	St Johnsbury	Rifle
203	Holland	Rifle
204	South Hero	Bow
204	Starksboro	Rifle
204	Lemington	Rifle
204	Alburg	Rifle
205	Peacham	Muzzleloader
205	Ferdinand	Rifle
205	Halifax	Rifle
206	Troy	Rifle
206	Alburg	Rifle
206	Swanton	Rifle
206	Newport Town	Youth
207	St. Albans City	Rifle
207	Barnard	Rifle
208	Lowell	Rifle
208	Granville	Rifle
208	Rupert	Rifle
208	Pomfret	Rifle
208	Rochester	Rifle

Weight	Town of Kill	Season
209	Cavendish	Rifle
209	Goshen	Rifle
209	Brandon	Rifle
209	Norton	Rifle
210	Bakersfield	Rifle
210	Canaan	Rifle
210	Belvidere	Rifle
210	Averill	Rifle
212	Newbury	Youth
212	Ferdinand	Rifle
213	Concord	Rifle
213	Chelsea	Bow
213	East Haven	Rifle
213	Brighton	Rifle
214	Norton	Rifle
214	Newark	Rifle
215	Barton	Rifle
215	Shoreham	Rifle
215	Orwell	Rifle
215	Rochester	Rifle
216	Sudbury	Bow
217	Georgia	Rifle
217	Johnson	Rifle
217	Morristown	Rifle
218	Orwell	Rifle
218	Bristol	Rifle
219	Bakersfield	Rifle
219	Ferdinand	Rifle
219	Eden	Rifle
219	Averill	Rifle
219	Norton	Rifle
220	Bloomfield	Rifle
222	Bethel	Rifle
222	Walden	Rifle
223	Troy	Bow
223	Greensboro	Rifle
228	Ferdinand	Rifle
230	Sutton	Rifle
231	Lemington	Rifle
232	Sandgate	Rifle
234	Bloomfield	Rifle
235	Greensboro	Rifle
243	Lemington	Rifle
247	Victory	Rifle

FIGURE 12. DISTRIBUTION OF VERMONT'S 2012 DEER HARVEST BY TOWN

