

2005 VERMONT WHITE-TAILED DEER HARVEST REPORT



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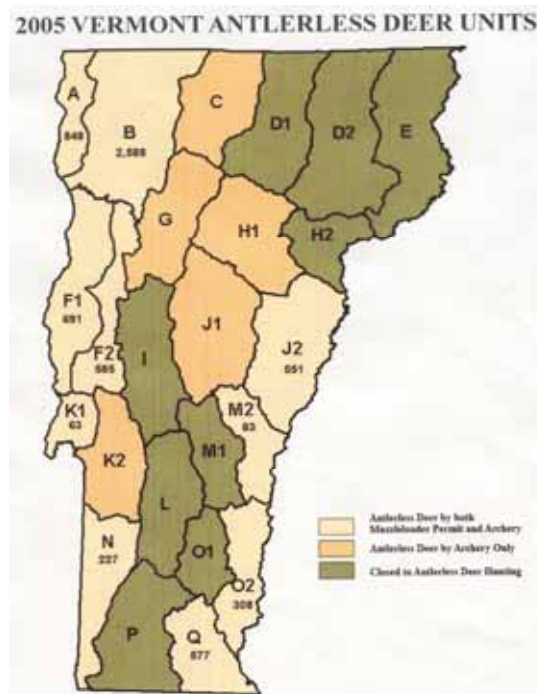
Introduction.

The biggest change in Vermont deer seasons in more than 100 years occurred during 2005. The Vermont General Assembly delegated authority to manage deer to the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Board during 2004. This authority was delegated for an experimental period having a sunset date of June 30th 2008. Following a vigorous public process during the first half of 2005, the Board enacted sweeping changes to deer regulations. For the first time in more than 100 years, spike-horn bucks were not included in the definition of “legal buck.”

During the regulatory process, the Fish and Wildlife Department advised that spike-horns have averaged about 35 % of the total buck harvest, the Fish and Wildlife Department recommended restricting harvest of spike-horn bucks as the most effective and socially acceptable means to significantly increase the number of bucks living and passing to older age classes. The Fish and Wildlife Board re-defined a “legal buck” to be “deer having at least one antler having two or more points that are one-inch or greater in length.” This regulation was implemented in the fall of 2005.

At the same time, the Board reduced the annual bag limit from three to two deer, stopped antlerless deer harvest by archers in some Wildlife Management Units (WMUs) (Figure 1.),

Figure 1. Antlerless deer hunting seasons and permit distribution



and banned the practices of baiting and feeding of deer. These changes were made in order to attempt to address declining deer numbers in some WMUs, desire by hunters for larger numbers of older age bucks, and to reduce the risk of spreading disease and parasites by feeding and baiting deer.

Results

Hunters harvested a total of 8546 deer in 2005 of which 4956 (58%) were legal bucks. Adult does numbered 2734 (32%) of the harvest and fawns numbered 856, or 10% of the total harvest. Harvest totals are broken down by numbers (Table1) and percentage (Table 2) and compared with harvest totals and percentages for 2004.

Table 1. Comparative deer season harvest frequencies by age and sex 2004 - 2005.

2005					
	Bow	Youth	Rifle	Muzzleloader	Total
Bucks	367	336	3944	309	4956
Does	1123	575	0	1036	2734
Fawns	206	413	0	237	856
Total	1696	1324	3944	1582	8546

2004					
	Bow	Youth	Rifle	Muzzleloader	Total
Bucks	1037	382	5589	604	7612
Does	2067	640	0	665	3372
Fawns	436	331	0	138	905
Total	3540	1353	5589	1407	11889

Table 2. Comparative deer season harvest percentages by age and sex 2004 - 2005.

2005					
	Bow	Youth	Rifle	Muzzleloader	Total
Bucks	4.3%	3.9%	46.2%	3.6%	58.0%
Does	13.1%	6.7%	0.0%	12.1%	32.0%
Fawns	2.4%	4.8%	0.0%	2.8%	10.0%
Total	19.8%	15.5%	46.2%	18.5%	100.0%

2004					
	Bow	Youth	Rifle	Muzzleloader	Total
Bucks	8.7%	3.2%	47.0%	5.1%	64.0%
Does	17.4%	5.4%	0.0%	5.6%	28.4%
Fawns	3.7%	2.8%	0.0%	1.2%	7.6%
Total	29.8%	11.4%	47.0%	11.8%	100.0%

Two of the most anticipated changes in harvest did occur. First, the harvest of yearling bucks was reduced by at least 50%. The two-point antler restriction was designed to spare as many as 35 % of the total bucks from hunter harvest. Second, harvest totals for all seasons except Youth Season, were significantly reduced from 2004. Antler restrictions and the change in bag limit account for most of the reduction. These changes, plus the prohibition on baiting, may have also reduced the amount of time archery hunters were willing to spend afield as indicated by the drop in percentage of harvest occurring during the archery season from 30% in 2004 to just under 20% in 2005.

Antler point restrictions were responsible for reducing the frequency of 1½-year-old bucks (yearlings) from 59% in 2004 to 44% in 2005 (Table 2). Data also suggest 2½ and older bucks were harvested at the same frequencies as in 2004 and as many as 35% of the legal bucks, mostly yearlings, were not harvested in 2005. Physical characteristics of bucks remained comparable to those of recent years with the exception of yearling bucks. For that age group, the average point count, beam diameter, and dressed weight increased from recent years due to the antler point restriction (Table 3).

Table 2. Comparative age distribution by wear and replacement 2004-2005.

Age (years)	2004		2005	
	n	%	n	%
1.5	343	59	195	44
2.5	156	26	145	32
3.5	72	12	86	19
4.5	18	3	20	4
5.5	1	<1	1	<1

Table 3. Average point count, beam diameter, and dressed weight by age class of bucks examined at bio-check stations November 12-13, 2005.

Age	Points	Beam Diameter	Weight
1.5	3.9	18.4	116.6
2.5	5.4	22.3	135.7
3.5	6.4	25.1	153.8
4.5	7.8	29.4	172.1
5.5+	8.0	33.5	195.0

Reducing the three-deer annual limit to a two-deer annual limit may account for the change in percentage of second deer harvested during archery season. In 2004 the second deer represented 10% of the season's harvest. In 2005 the second deer comprised only 2% of the total harvest (Table 4). However, limit reductions do not appear to have significantly affected limit proportions when total harvest is considered. Hunters successfully harvesting two deer in 2004 made up 8 % of the successful hunters while 7% of the 2005 successful hunters harvested two deer. Hunters harvesting one deer in 2004 comprised 90% of the successful hunters and in 2005 that figure rose to 93% (Table 5).

Table 4. Annual bag limit distribution by season

<u>Season</u>	<u>% hunter's 1st deer</u>	<u>% hunter's 2nd deer</u>
Bow	0.98	0.02
Youth	0.99	0.01
Rifle	0.94	0.06
Muzzleloader	0.78	0.22
Total	0.93	0.07

Table 5. Percent of successful hunters harvesting 1 or more deer 2004-05.

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>
1 Deer	0.90	0.93
2 Deer	0.08	0.07
3 Deer	0.02	0.00

Weekend days continue to be the period of greatest hunting time investment as measured by harvest and by hours spent afield. Table 6 illustrates that greater harvest frequencies occur on Saturdays and Sundays of each deer season.

Table 6. Percent of harvest by day of season.

Day	October				December			
	Archery	Cum.	Rifle	Cum.	Muzzleloader	Cum.	Archery	Cum.
1	0.13	0.13	0.25	0.25	0.19	0.19	0.12	0.12
2	0.10	0.23	0.14	0.39	0.14	0.33	0.13	0.25
3	0.04	0.27	0.05	0.44	0.07	0.40	0.10	0.35
4	0.03	0.30	0.04	0.48	0.07	0.47	0.07	0.42
5	0.04	0.34	0.03	0.51	0.05	0.52	0.05	0.47
6	0.03	0.37	0.04	0.55	0.05	0.57	0.11	0.58
7	0.03	0.40	0.04	0.59	0.06	0.63	0.03	0.61
8	0.04	0.44	0.09	0.68	0.18	0.81	0.18	0.79
9	0.08	0.52	0.06	0.74	0.19	1.00	0.21	1.00
10	0.05	0.57	0.04	0.78				
11	0.03	0.60	0.02	0.80				
12	0.03	0.63	0.03	0.83				
13	0.03	0.66	0.03	0.86				
14	0.01	0.67	0.04	0.90				
15	0.03	0.70	0.05	0.95				
16	0.03	0.73	0.05	1.00				
17	0.03	0.76						
18	0.02	0.78						
19	0.03	0.81						
20	0.03	0.84						
21	0.03	0.87						
22	0.06	0.93						
23	0.07	1.00						

Bold indicates weekend days.

The new limit regulations also enabled the Fish and Wildlife Board greater regulatory control over each season other than rifle season. To hasten the growth of the herd in the regions of the state hardest hit by the winters of 2001 and 2003, the board accepted the department's recommendation to close nine WMUs to antlerless harvests during the archery, rifle, and muzzleloader seasons. Furthermore, the board accepted the department's recommendation to close six more WMU's during the muzzleloader season. A total of 6521 antlerless permits were authorized for muzzleloader season to be issued in 10 of the 24 WMU's. All of the authorized permits were issued to landowners, nonresidents (10%), and by lottery to the remainder of the applicant pool. All WMU's were filled by available applicants except for WMU 'A' which was undersubscribed by 368 (43%). Table 7 illustrates the distribution of permits by landowner and residency categories. Table 8 illustrates the relative hunter success by WMU.

Table 7. Antlerless Permits by WMU, residency, and landowner status.

WMU	Permits Authorized	Permits Issued		Landowners		Lottery	
		Resident	Nonresident	Resident	Nonresident	Resident	Nonresident
A	848	471	9	17	0	454	9
B	2588	2549	38	281	1	2268	37
F1	691	613	17	35	0	578	17
F2	585	573	12	58	1	515	11
J2	551	490	61	122	21	368	40
K1	63	58	4	20	0	38	4
M2	83	74	9	23	3	51	6
N	227	205	23	19	0	186	23
O2	308	278	30	39	4	239	26
Q	577	529	48	26	4	503	44
Totals	6521	5840	251	640	34	5200	217

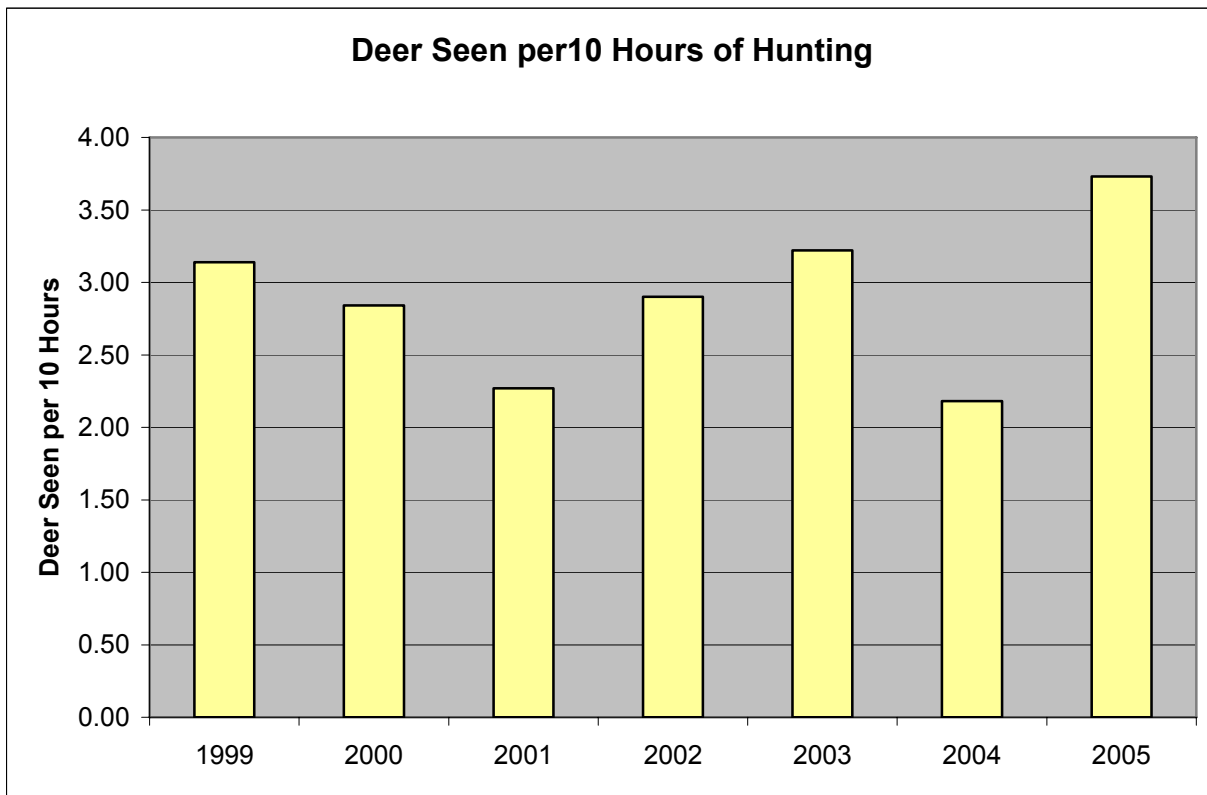
Table 8. Antlerless Permit Success by WMU

WMU	Resident	Nonresident	Total	Harvest	% Success
A	471	9	480	66	0.14
B	2549	38	2587	552	0.21
F1	613	17	630	120	0.19
F2	573	12	585	127	0.22
J2	490	61	551	141	0.26
K1	58	4	62	9	0.15
M2	74	9	83	18	0.22
N	205	23	228	67	0.29
O2	278	30	308	63	0.20
Q	529	48	577	96	0.17
Totals	5840	251	6091	1259	0.21

A combination of factors is responsible for an increase in the number of deer seen by hunters in 2005. A four-year continuous decrease in the antlerless harvest since 2000 combined with average winter severity in 2004 and in 2005 are the biggest factors contributing to the increase. However, the fact that fewer deer were harvested, especially bucks, and therefore were available to be seen by hunters

on multiple days, along with some brief periods of snow, also played important roles in the number of deer seen per 10 hours of hunting (i.e. per day) during the 2005 rifle season. Figure 1 illustrates the comparative difference between deer sightings per day (rifle season) from 1999 to 2005.

Figure 1. Comparative deer sightings per 10 hours of hunting 1999 – 2005.



The deer harvest for 2005 was distributed throughout the state, reflecting a wide variety of habitat conditions, terrain difficulties, land accessibility, deer densities, and hunter densities. Harvest densities ranged between 0 deer/square mile (Warner’s Grant) and 6.85 deer square mile (Alburg). Harvest totals by season are reported by town (Table 9) and wildlife management unit (Table 10).

Table 9. 2005 Deer Harvest by Town and Season.

County	Town of Kill	Archery	Youth	Rifle	Muzzleloader	Total Harvest	Deer harvest/mi2
Addison	ADDISON	6	3	12	14	35	1.40
	BRIDPORT	3	3	7	4	17	0.66
	BRISTOL	5	2	12	3	22	0.62
	CORNWALL	8	10	12	18	48	2.64
	FERRISBURG	14	14	27	38	93	3.10
	GOSHEN	0	0	4	1	5	0.23
	GRANVILLE	2	0	4	0	6	0.12
	HANCOCK	0	1	3	0	4	0.11
	LEICESTER	1	3	6	2	12	0.63
	LINCOLN	2	5	23	1	31	0.81
	MIDDLEBURY	16	8	21	12	57	2.58
	MONKTON	10	11	25	18	64	2.03
	NEW HAVEN	16	19	40	32	107	4.42
	ORWELL	8	25	32	8	73	2.39
	PANTON	2	0	0	9	11	1.17
	RIPTON	0	0	14	0	14	0.30
	SALISBURY	1	5	9	9	24	1.26
	SHOREHAM	4	9	14	14	41	1.45
	STARKSBORO	2	2	17	8	29	0.73
	VERGENNES	0	1	0	1	2	0.00
	WALTHAM	2	1	4	4	11	2.20
WEYBRIDGE	5	1	7	9	22	2.29	
WHITING	1	3	8	7	19	1.52	
TOTAL		108	126	301	212	747	1.28
Bennington	ARLINGTON	10	9	41	9	69	1.77
	BENNINGTON	28	7	42	14	91	2.99
	DORSET	2	4	25	5	36	0.85
	GLASTENBURY	0	0	6	0	6	0.14
	LANDGROVE	0	0	3	1	4	0.48
	MANCHESTER	1	1	13	3	18	0.49
	PERU	0	0	1	0	1	0.03
	POWNAI	19	0	50	13	82	1.86
	READSBORO	2	17	9	0	28	0.87
	RUPERT	20	8	25	15	68	1.63
	SANDGATE	7	15	35	6	63	1.59
	SEARSBURG	0	5	2	0	7	0.37
	SHAFTSBURY	19	13	51	9	92	2.37
	STAMFORD	1	2	14	1	18	0.45
	SUNDERLAND	1	4	13	1	19	0.43
	WINHALL	1	1	7	0	9	0.22
	WOODFORD	0	3	13	1	17	0.37
TOTAL		111	89	350	78	628	1.01
Caledonia	BARNET	3	9	16	1	29	0.85
	BURKE	0	8	16	0	24	0.97
	DANVILLE	1	4	20	2	27	0.55
	GROTON	4	2	19	3	28	0.92
	HARDWICK	12	10	15	1	38	1.25
	KIRBY	0	3	7	0	10	0.53
	LYNDON	0	4	10	1	15	0.50
	NEWARK	0	1	4	1	6	0.18
	PEACHAM	1	7	6	0	14	0.37
	RYEGATE	2	16	27	5	50	1.61
	SHEFFIELD	0	2	1	1	4	0.15
	ST JOHNSBURY	4	7	23	2	36	1.36
	STANNARD	0	0	3	1	4	0.39
	SUTTON	2	3	12	1	18	0.53
	WALDEN	5	4	11	2	22	0.68
	WATERFORD	1	13	27	2	43	1.38
	WHEELOCK	0	2	10	1	13	0.41
TOTAL		35	95	227	24	381	0.72

County	Town of Kill	Archery	Youth	Rifle	Muzzleloader	Total Harvest	Deer harvest/mi2
Chittenden	BOLTON	1	1	9	0	11	0.29
	BUELLS GORE	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
	BURLINGTON	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
	CHARLOTTE	17	8	11	14	50	2.03
	COLCHESTER	13	7	16	22	58	2.35
	ESSEX	14	3	16	22	55	2.13
	HINESBURG	12	4	22	20	58	1.98
	HUNTINGTON	8	5	13	3	29	1.06
	JERICO	11	4	15	7	37	1.16
	MILTON	12	9	26	27	74	1.99
	RICHMOND	4	2	17	8	31	1.15
	SHELBURNE	12	1	6	0	19	1.13
	S. BURLINGTON	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
	ST GEORGE	0	0	1	1	2	0.77
	UNDERHILL	13	4	20	20	57	1.24
	WESTFORD	8	9	26	39	82	2.76
WILLISTON	5	2	15	9	31	1.47	
WINOOSKI	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	
TOTAL		130	59	213	192	594	1.14
Essex	AVERILL	0	0	11	0	11	0.31
	AVERYS GORE	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
	BLOOMFIELD	0	1	7	4	12	0.30
	BRIGHTON	0	3	9	0	12	0.23
	BRUNSWICK	0	1	2	0	3	0.12
	CANAAN	0	3	2	1	6	0.19
	CONCORD	1	2	20	2	25	0.49
	EAST HAVEN	0	0	7	0	7	0.19
	FERDINAND	0	0	3	1	4	0.08
	GRANBY	0	0	2	0	2	0.05
	GUILDHALL	0	0	3	1	4	0.12
	LEMINGTON	0	0	1	1	2	0.06
	LEWIS	0	0	4	0	4	0.10
	LUNENBURG	0	2	15	2	19	0.42
	MAIDSTONE	0	0	2	1	3	0.10
	NORTON	0	0	6	4	10	0.27
	VICTORY	1	0	4	2	7	0.15
	WARNER'S GRANT	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
WARRENS GORE	0	0	2	0	2	0.19	
TOTAL		2	12	100	19	133	0.24
Franklin	BAKERSFIELD	14	15	19	30	78	2.41
	BERKSHIRE	20	22	33	49	124	4.01
	ENOSBURG	23	19	30	24	96	2.47
	FAIRFAX	11	17	17	27	72	2.26
	FAIRFIELD	17	20	37	58	132	2.55
	FLETCHER	9	4	21	43	77	2.50
	FRANKLIN	23	21	56	51	151	5.26
	GEORGIA	13	6	31	31	81	3.03
	HIGHGATE	31	33	65	55	184	5.23
	MONTGOMERY	10	7	35	1	53	1.06
	RICHFORD	15	11	23	6	55	1.41
	SHELDON	8	13	23	24	68	2.39
	ST ALBANS	7	9	11	5	32	1.41
	SWANTON	9	9	21	30	69	2.05
TOTAL		210	206	422	434	1272	2.52
Grand Isle	ALBURG	17	23	40	31	111	6.85
	GRAND ISLE	6	3	12	7	28	3.11
	ISLE LA MOTTE	6	4	9	5	24	5.58
	NORTH HERO	4	5	12	18	39	5.13
	SOUTH HERO	4	8	10	8	30	3.66
TOTAL		37	43	83	69	232	5.12

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Lamoille	BELVIDERE	3	1	11	1	16	0.52
	CAMBRIDGE	15	3	14	16	48	0.87
	EDEN	11	2	13	2	28	0.45
	ELMORE	6	1	7	0	14	0.38
	HYDE PARK	2	5	13	1	21	0.61
	JOHNSON	10	4	25	5	44	1.11
	MORRISTOWN	15	5	17	1	38	0.83
	STOWE	27	8	28	5	68	1.03
	WATERVILLE	3	3	7	1	14	0.89
	WOLCOTT	1	4	13	0	18	0.48
	TOTAL	93	36	148	32	309	0.73
Orange	BRADFORD	8	4	21	11	44	1.80
	BRAINTREE	2	4	13	0	19	0.58
	BROOKFIELD	7	6	10	4	27	0.75
	CHELSEA	16	12	27	19	74	2.14
	CORINTH	10	2	11	11	34	0.78
	FAIRLEE	3	6	15	7	31	1.68
	NEWBURY	31	13	47	19	110	2.12
	ORANGE	4	1	15	6	26	0.73
	RANDOLPH	20	12	22	1	55	1.62
	STRAFFORD	9	2	17	17	45	1.14
	THETFORD	11	7	32	15	65	1.59
	TOPSHAM	13	10	11	6	40	0.94
	TUNBRIDGE	15	9	29	11	64	1.60
	VERSHIRE	8	4	19	10	41	1.24
	WASHINGTON	15	1	19	8	43	1.28
	WEST FAIRLEE	3	3	11	4	21	1.02
	WILLIAMSTOWN	23	17	24	2	66	1.90
		TOTAL	198	113	343	151	805
Orleans	ALBANY	0	5	14	3	22	0.71
	BARTON	1	10	14	1	26	0.80
	BROWNINGTON	1	4	15	2	22	0.99
	CHARLESTON	1	5	19	1	26	0.76
	COVENTRY	2	6	9	0	17	0.83
	CRAFTSBURY	0	5	9	0	14	0.42
	DERBY	2	14	27	2	45	1.24
	GLOVER	1	6	22	1	30	0.93
	GREENSBORO	2	9	9	2	22	0.68
	HOLLAND	1	10	15	2	28	0.94
	IRASBURG	3	17	14	3	37	1.23
	JAY	5	2	12	3	22	0.72
	LOWELL	5	2	20	4	31	0.62
	MORGAN	2	7	17	3	29	1.05
	NEWPORT	1	4	23	0	28	1.21
	TROY	2	6	15	2	25	0.85
	WESTFIELD	2	0	7	1	10	0.28
	WESTMORE	0	3	14	0	17	0.54
	TOTAL	31	115	275	30	451	0.80
Rutland	BENSON	10	17	34	1	62	1.70
	BRANDON	6	9	11	6	32	0.99
	CASTLETON	12	10	22	0	44	1.41
	CHITTENDEN	1	3	21	0	25	0.36
	CLARENDON	18	12	17	0	47	1.73
	DANBY	11	8	24	4	47	1.26
	FAIR HAVEN	4	7	6	3	20	1.56
	HUBBARDTON	3	2	17	1	23	1.00
	IRA	4	5	10	1	20	1.03
	KILLINGTON	0	0	5	1	6	0.13
	MENDON	0	2	9	0	11	0.34
	MIDDLETOWN SPR.	11	7	15	0	33	1.75
	MT HOLLY	4	12	32	2	50	1.18

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Rutland (Cont.)	MT TABOR	0	0	10	0	10	0.25
	PAWLET	17	21	50	11	99	2.77
	PITTSFIELD	4	0	4	3	11	0.54
	PITTSFORD	8	5	30	1	44	1.24
	POULTNEY	27	16	28	1	72	2.09
	PROCTOR	2	1	10	0	13	2.60
	RUTLAND	7	6	7	2	22	1.95
	SHREWSBURY	3	10	26	1	40	0.84
	SUDBURY	1	5	12	2	20	1.08
	TINMOUTH	15	3	20	2	40	1.55
	WALLINGFORD	4	8	16	4	32	0.85
	WELLS	22	9	22	0	53	2.85
	WEST HAVEN	7	9	18	2	36	1.57
	WEST RUTLAND	21	12	6	0	39	2.93
TOTAL	222	199	482	48	951	1.19	
Washington	BARRE	34	11	15	1	61	3.51
	BERLIN	25	12	25	1	63	2.04
	CABOT	7	3	8	0	18	0.58
	CALAIS	18	11	11	1	41	1.14
	DUXBURY	7	2	12	0	21	0.49
	E. MONTPELIER	27	9	16	2	54	2.07
	FAYSTON	7	2	8	0	17	0.52
	MARSHFIELD	17	12	21	0	50	1.28
	MIDDLESEX	3	2	24	2	31	0.82
	MONTPELIER	8	2	2	1	13	5.20
	MORETOWN	13	3	19	1	36	1.02
	NORTHFIELD	12	4	9	0	25	0.61
	PLAINFIELD	16	5	12	0	33	1.88
	ROXBURY	1	0	5	2	8	0.20
	WAITSFIELD	11	4	7	3	25	1.10
	WARREN	7	3	14	3	27	0.67
	WATERBURY	12	6	20	2	40	0.88
	WOODBURY	16	2	10	2	30	0.86
	WORCESTER	1	1	10	1	13	0.35
	TOTAL	242	94	248	22	606	1.00
Windham	ATHENS	1	0	3	0	4	0.35
	BRATTLEBORO	10	2	19	15	46	1.73
	BROOKLINE	5	1	8	1	15	1.44
	DOVER	1	3	9	3	16	0.46
	DUMMERSTON	9	11	19	17	56	2.13
	GRAFTON	2	0	6	3	11	0.29
	GUILFORD	20	5	43	32	100	2.92
	HALIFAX	7	1	23	8	39	1.03
	JAMAICA	0	2	18	0	20	0.42
	LONDONDERRY	0	2	11	0	13	0.38
	MARLBORO	3	0	22	7	32	0.84
	NEWFANE	6	0	27	26	59	1.54
	PUTNEY	5	1	13	3	22	0.87
	ROCKINGHAM	6	2	19	6	33	0.93
	SOMERSET	0	0	7	1	8	0.29
	STRATTON	0	1	6	1	8	0.17
	TOWNSHEND	3	2	12	4	21	0.52
	VERNON	11	3	17	12	43	2.59
	WARDSBORO	2	1	11	11	25	0.92
	WESTMINSTER	1	4	12	3	20	0.51
WHITINGHAM	4	0	17	5	26	0.73	
WILMINGTON	6	6	9	3	24	0.62	
WINDHAM	1	0	4	0	5	0.20	
TOTAL	103	47	335	161	646	0.88	

County	Town of Kill	Archery	Youth	Rifle	Muzzleloader	Total Harvest	Deer harvest/mi2
Windsor	ANDOVER	1	0	5	0	6	0.22
	BALTIMORE	1	0	6	4	11	2.56
	BARNARD	1	3	13	0	17	0.39
	BETHEL	6	1	26	3	36	0.87
	BRIDGEWATER	1	3	13	4	21	0.45
	CAVENDISH	4	4	14	1	23	0.66
	CHESTER	8	6	29	11	54	1.10
	HARTFORD	21	8	26	7	62	1.78
	HARTLAND	14	11	37	1	63	1.61
	LUDLOW	2	3	8	2	15	0.52
	NORWICH	17	2	45	18	82	2.14
	PLYMOUTH	0	1	11	1	13	0.31
	POMFRET	15	3	14	2	34	0.96
	READING	0	2	14	3	19	0.51
	ROCHESTER	0	3	8	2	13	0.24
	ROYALTON	5	3	15	7	30	0.85
	SHARON	3	4	17	3	27	0.76
	SPRINGFIELD	29	6	39	18	92	2.35
	STOCKBRIDGE	0	0	9	1	10	0.23
	WEATHERSFIELD	17	6	21	16	60	1.66
	WEST WINDSOR	14	2	15	3	34	1.57
WESTON	0	1	8	0	9	0.27	
WINDSOR	11	5	12	0	28	1.78	
WOODSTOCK	9	8	12	3	32	0.82	
TOTAL		179	85	417	110	791	0.92
State Total		1701	1319	3944	1582	8546	1.09

Table 10. 2005 Deer harvests by Wildlife Management Unit and season.

WMU	Archery Bucks	Archery Antlerless	Youth Bucks	Youth Antlerless	Rifle	Muzzleloader Bucks	Muzzleloader Antlerless	Total Bucks	Bucks mi2	Total Antlerless	Total Deer	Deer Mi2
A	10	29	17	26	82	4	66	113	2.5	121	234	5.2
B	60	181	62	132	451	24	557	597	1.2	870	1467	2.9
C	15	75	6	47	169	20	0	210	0.6	122	332	0.9
D1	14	0	29	64	184	18	0	245	0.7	64	309	0.8
D2	15	0	21	54	212	24	0	272	0.5	54	326	0.6
E	2	0	1	10	94	16	0	113	0.2	10	123	0.2
F1	16	69	12	48	117	6	120	151	0.7	237	388	1.8
F2	12	54	18	52	169	15	127	214	1.0	233	447	2.0
G	7	49	7	18	122	7	0	143	0.4	67	210	0.6
H1	25	159	22	44	173	15	0	235	0.6	203	438	1.1
H2	8	0	12	34	103	5	0	128	0.7	34	162	0.9
I	9	0	5	14	115	10	0	139	0.4	14	153	0.4
J1	23	142	14	64	220	22	0	279	0.6	206	485	1.0
J2	26	127	17	62	303	29	141	375	0.8	330	705	1.5
K1	4	22	9	40	88	1	9	102	1.0	71	173	1.8
K2	30	141	31	71	216	9	0	286	1.0	212	498	1.7
L	10	0	13	24	132	9	0	164	0.5	24	188	0.5
M1	1	0	1	11	71	9	0	82	0.3	11	93	0.4
M2	8	77	6	32	124	6	18	144	0.7	127	271	1.3
N	21	86	15	63	289	16	67	341	1.1	216	557	1.9
O1	3	0	0	0	37	3	0	43	0.2	0	43	0.2
O2	18	67	8	27	149	16	64	191	0.7	158	349	1.3
P	10	0	7	23	138	7	0	162	0.3	23	185	0.4
Q	20	56	3	23	186	18	104	227	0.8	183	410	1.5
Total	367	1334	336	983	3944	309	1273	4956	0.6	3590	8546	1.1

Heavy bodied deer, especially those weighing at least 200 pounds or more, are of great interest to hunters and other deer enthusiasts. Deer weighing greater than 200 pounds were reported by 39 hunters in 2005. Although the greatest proportion of them was taken in big woods of northeastern Vermont, several were harvested in the farm and valley habitats around the state (Table 11).

Table 11. Deer weighing 200 pounds* or more by town of kill and season.

Weight	Antler Points	Town of Kill	Season
252	8	LEWIS	Rifle
236	N/A	FLETCHER	Muzzleloader
236	9	WESTMORE	Rifle
230	9	WESTFIELD	Rifle
226	9	FRANKLIN	Youth
226	10	EAST HAVEN	Rifle
226	7	WESTMORE	Rifle
225	8	AVERILL	Rifle
222	4	ST JOHNSBURY	Bow
221	10	LUNENBURG	Rifle
214	9	WESTON	Rifle
213	8	PLYMOUTH	Rifle
212	10	AVERILL	Rifle
210	4	TOWNSHEND	Rifle
210	8	IRASBURG	Rifle
210	8	HINESBURG	Rifle
209	7	BERKSHIRE	Bow
208*	7	ALBURG	Rifle
208	8	BURKE	Rifle
207	7	ORWELL	Rifle
207	6	PLAINFIELD	Youth
206	8	AVERILL	Rifle
206	8	GUILDHALL	Rifle
205	8	BENSON	Rifle
205	10	CORNWALL	Rifle
204	7	CABOT	Bow
204	10	WATERFORD	Rifle
203	8	FRANKLIN	Rifle
203	8	SHOREHAM	Rifle
203	6	NEWARK	Rifle
202*	8	FRANKLIN	Rifle
201	7	FRANKLIN	Rifle
200	8	WEST FAIRLEE	Rifle
200	8	FERDINAND	Rifle
200	6	TROY	Rifle
200	8	HALIFAX	Rifle
200	7	BARTON	Rifle
200	8	FERDINAND	Rifle
200	8	CONCORD	Rifle

* Verified complete dressed weight

Figure 2. Vermont's Wildlife Management Units

