

GEORGIA DEER HARVEST SUMMARY 2002 – 2003

April 23, 2003

TOTAL HARVEST----- 410,000 (-8.1%)	Licensed Resident Deer Hunters----- 229,836 (-4.5%)
PERCENT DOES----- 63.3%	Non-Resident Deer Hunters----- 17,734 (-9.6%)
TOTAL BUCKS----- 150,500 (-22.1%)	<u>Honorary Deer Hunters-- ----- 32,293 (+1.3%)</u>
TOTAL DOES----- 259,500 (+2.6%)	TOTAL DEER HUNTERS----- 279,863 (-4.2%)
AVERAGE DEER PER HUNTER----- 1.5	PERCENT SUCCESSFUL HUNTERS---- 56.4%
AVERAGE DAYS PER DEER----- 14.1	
AVERAGE DAYS PER HUNTER----- 20.6	

MODERN FIREARM HARVEST

(96.7% of hunters hunted with modern firearms)

Tot. Gun Hunters----- 270,627 (-3.1%)	Gun Bucks----- 136,500 (-18.9%)	% Successful Hunters----53.1%
Tot. Gun Harvest----- 337,800 (-9.1%)	Gun Does----- 201,300 (-0.9%)	Avg. Deer Per Hunter---- 1.3
% of Total Harvest--- 82.4%	% Does----- 59.6%	Avg. Days Per Deer----- 13.5
		Avg. Days Per Hunter--- 17.8

ARCHERY HARVEST

(34.8% of hunters hunted with archery equipment, including crossbow)

Tot. Archers----- 97,392 (+0.7%)	Archery Bucks----- 6,300 (-45.0%)	% Successful Hunters---- 24.0%
Tot. Archery Harvest--- 37,800 (-15.2%)	Archery Does----- 31,500 (+2.9%)	Avg. Deer Per Hunter---- 0.39
% of Total Harvest----- 9.2%	% Does----- 83.4%	Avg. Days Per Deer----- 29.6
		Avg. Days Per Hunter---- 12.2

Crossbow Hunters -----17,322 (Crossbow Hunters and Harvest included above)

Crossbow Harvest----- 4,429 (11.7% of Archery Harvest, 1.1% of Total Harvest)

MUZZLELOADER HARVEST

(23.0% of hunters hunted with muzzleloaders)

Tot. Mzl. Hunters----- 64,368 (-3.8%)	Mzl. Bucks--- 6,800 (-49.3%)	% Successful Hunters----- 26.1%
Tot. Mzl. Harvest----- 23,700 (-20.7%)	Mzl. Does---- 16,900 (-2.4%)	Avg. Deer Per Hunter----- 0.37
% of Total Harvest----- 5.8%	% Does----- 71.2%	Avg. Days Per Deer----- 11.6
		Avg. Days Per Hunter----- 4.5

HUNTER SUCCESS SUMMARY

All Deer

43.6% of hunters killed 0 deer
 20.9% of hunters killed 1 deer
 14.2% of hunters killed 2 deer
 7.4% of hunters killed 3 deer
 5.3% of hunters killed 4 deer
 3.1% of hunters killed 5 deer
 1.9% of hunters killed 6 deer
 1.1% of hunters killed 7 deer
 2.5% of hunters killed 8
 or more deer

Bucks

58.7% of hunters killed 0 bucks
 27.7% of hunters killed 1 buck
 11.6% of hunters killed 2 bucks
 2.0% of hunters killed 3
 or more bucks

Does

60.5% of hunters killed 0 does
 17.6% of hunters killed 1 doe
 9.4% of hunters killed 2 does
 5.1% of hunters killed 3 does
 2.6% of hunters killed 4 does
 1.7% of hunters killed 5 does
 1.3% of hunters killed 6 does
 0.3% of hunters killed 7 does
 1.4% of hunters killed 8
 or more does

Estimated Georgia Deer Harvest for all Hunters (any method) by DMU, 2002-2003.

DMU	Total Deer (% change)	% of Total Harvest	Percent Does	Total Bucks (% change)	Total Does (% change)	Total Hunters (% change)
1	15,170(+17.0)	3.7	46.1	8,180(-6.6)	6,990 (+67.3)	23,508 (+8.7)
2	52,480(-14.7)	12.8	60.0	20,990(-26.3)	31,490 (-4.7)	51,215 (-0.4)
3	11,890(-14.0)	2.9	65.2	4,140(-27.7)	7,750 (-4.3)	15,952 (-10.5)
4	75,030(-0.7)	18.3	59.7	30,240(+3.6)	44,790 (+5.9)	63,809 (-5.5)
5	86,100(-13.8)	21.0	62.2	32,550(-17.5)	53,550 (-11.4)	73,044 (-7.8)
6	50,430(-8.1)	12.3	62.0	19,160(-21.2)	31,270 (+2.3)	39,461(-8.1)
7	48,790(-20.1)	11.9	66.3	16,440(-41.5)	32,350 (-2.0)	38,341 (-5.6)
8	44,690(+7.7)	10.9	64.4	15,910(-9.3)	28,780 (+20.3)	32,184 (-5.1)
9	25,830(-0.1)	6.3	50.2	12,860(-4.9)	12,970 (+5.1)	20,990 (+1.2)

Estimated Georgia Deer Harvest for all Hunters (any method) by Physiographic Region, 2002-2003.

	Total Deer (% change)	Total Deer Harvest	% of Total	% Does (% change)	Total Bucks (%change)	Total Does (% change)	Total Hunters
Ridge & Valley		34,400 (-10.3)	8.4	55.8	15,200 (-19.6)	19,200 (-1.3)	27,986 (-2.3)
Blue Ridge		4,500 (-22.4)	1.1	52.8	2,100 (-45.0)	2,400* (+24.3)	9,795 (+1.6)
Piedmont		187,800 (-6.6)	45.8	61.5	72,300 (-11.0)	115,500 (-3.7)	150,846 (-2.0)
U. Coastal Plain		123,000 (-13.5)	30.0	65.2	42,800 (-31.3)	80,200 (+0.3)	90,116 (-8.2)
L. Coastal Plain		60,300 (+4.0)	14.7	57.1	25,900 (+8.6)	34,400 (+16.1)	40,300 (-18.8)

*The estimated increase over 2001-2002 is 469 does