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Table 1. Estimated statewide deer harvest in South Carolina in 2014.

County	Acres*	Square Miles	Buck Harvest	Doe Harvest	Total Harvest	Harvest Rates		% Change from 2013
						Ac/Deer	Deer/Mi. ²	
Abbeville	223,113	349	2,682	2,404	5,086	43.9	14.6	-0.7
Aiken	500,546	782	2,816	2,180	4,996	100.2	6.4	-15.0
Allendale	216,455	338	1,959	2,095	4,054	53.4	12.0	-29.0
Anderson	219,068	342	2,616	2,074	4,690	46.7	13.7	-9.8
Bamberg	196,573	307	2,346	3,177	5,523	35.6	18.0	-3.8
Barnwell	281,764	440	2,068	2,306	4,374	64.4	9.9	-14.3
Beaufort	147,441	230	1,480	1,331	2,811	52.5	12.2	80.9
Berkeley	567,530	887	3,787	2,583	6,370	89.1	7.2	15.6
Calhoun	190,584	298	1,774	1,871	3,645	52.3	12.2	-25.5
Charleston	288,732	451	2,538	2,163	4,701	61.4	10.4	8.5
Cherokee	156,664	245	1,558	1,251	2,809	55.8	11.5	-23.2
Chester	300,589	470	2,651	2,106	4,757	63.2	10.1	-14.4
Chesterfield	372,478	582	1,782	1,797	3,579	104.1	6.1	-26.2
Clarendon	298,087	466	2,239	1,937	4,176	71.4	9.0	-29.9
Colleton	502,666	785	4,530	4,132	8,662	58.0	11.0	8.0
Darlington	286,228	447	990	598	1,588	180.2	3.6	-26.5
Dillon	214,069	334	865	1,150	2,015	106.2	6.0	34.3
Dorchester	302,717	473	2,802	2,182	4,984	60.7	10.5	-9.0
Edgefield	246,543	385	2,317	1,530	3,847	64.1	10.0	-29.2
Fairfield	384,607	601	3,194	2,539	5,733	67.1	9.5	-28.3
Florence	397,888	622	2,899	2,441	5,340	74.5	8.6	-3.6
Georgetown	399,638	624	1,888	2,083	3,971	100.6	6.4	17.3
Greenville	294,257	460	1,843	1,558	3,401	86.5	7.4	12.8
Greenwood	204,400	319	3,062	1,892	4,954	41.3	15.5	20.1
Hampton	324,840	508	3,122	4,055	7,177	45.3	14.1	-3.3
Horry	533,336	833	2,385	1,334	3,719	143.4	4.5	-22.5
Jasper	309,889	484	1,826	1,880	3,706	83.6	7.7	-2.6
Kershaw	360,485	563	2,881	2,262	5,143	70.1	9.1	-9.4
Lancaster	266,382	416	2,457	2,340	4,797	55.5	11.5	-5.8
Laurens	317,916	497	3,126	2,418	5,544	57.3	11.2	-12.9
Lee	220,106	344	1,647	1,433	3,080	71.5	9.0	-18.0
Lexington	280,742	439	1,678	1,015	2,693	104.2	6.1	-11.1
McCormick	212,021	331	1,244	778	2,022	104.9	6.1	-31.7
Marion	216,907	339	1,047	778	1,825	118.9	5.4	4.7
Marlboro	281,271	439	1,214	1,047	2,261	124.4	5.1	-21.0
Newberry	317,761	497	3,081	2,676	5,757	55.2	11.6	-28.3
Oconee	284,348	444	1,147	603	1,750	162.5	3.9	18.7
Orangeburg	504,516	788	5,485	4,745	10,230	49.3	13.0	-13.0
Pickens	219,926	344	1,355	716	2,071	106.2	6.0	-5.0
Richland	340,121	531	1,807	1,609	3,416	99.6	6.4	-2.6
Saluda	192,173	300	1,838	1,388	3,226	59.6	10.7	-19.7
Spartanburg	265,939	416	3,146	3,158	6,304	42.2	15.2	-8.2
Sumter	338,968	530	2,972	2,423	5,395	62.8	10.2	15.2
Union	258,111	403	2,516	2,299	4,815	53.6	11.9	-33.4
Williamsburg	513,851	803	4,308	3,215	7,523	68.3	9.4	0.1
York	276,650	432	2,478	1,954	4,432	62.4	10.3	-16.8
Total	#####	21,920	109,446	93,506	202,952	76.8	9.6	-9.0
95% Confidence Interval for harvest			(+ -) 3,678	(+ -) 3,707	(+ -) 5,986			

* Acreage shown represents the acreage of forested land and acreage of row crops considered to be significant deer habitat within each county.

Table 2. County rankings based on deer harvested per unit area in South Carolina in 2014.

County	Acres*	Square Miles	Buck Harvest	Doe Harvest	Total Harvest	Harvest Rates		% Change from 2013
						Ac/Deer	Deer/Mi. ²	
Bamberg	196,573	307	2,346	3,177	5,523	35.6	18.0	-3.8
Greenwood	204,400	319	3,062	1,892	4,954	41.3	15.5	20.1
Spartanburg	265,939	416	3,146	3,158	6,304	42.2	15.2	-8.2
Abbeville	223,113	349	2,682	2,404	5,086	43.9	14.6	-0.7
Hampton	324,840	508	3,122	4,055	7,177	45.3	14.1	-3.3
Anderson	219,068	342	2,616	2,074	4,690	46.7	13.7	-9.8
Orangeburg	504,516	788	5,485	4,745	10,230	49.3	13.0	-13.0
Calhoun	190,584	298	1,774	1,871	3,645	52.3	12.2	-25.5
Beaufort	147,441	230	1,480	1,331	2,811	52.5	12.2	80.9
Allendale	216,455	338	1,959	2,095	4,054	53.4	12.0	-29.0
Union	258,111	403	2,516	2,299	4,815	53.6	11.9	-33.4
Newberry	317,761	497	3,081	2,676	5,757	55.2	11.6	-28.3
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Cherokee	156,664	245	1,558	1,251	2,809	55.8	11.5	-23.2
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Colleton	502,666	785	4,530	4,132	8,662	58.0	11.0	8.0
Saluda	192,173	300	1,838	1,388	3,226	59.6	10.7	-19.7
Dorchester	302,717	473	2,802	2,182	4,984	60.7	10.5	-9.0
Charleston	288,732	451	2,538	2,163	4,701	61.4	10.4	8.5
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Edgefield	246,543	385	2,317	1,530	3,847	64.1	10.0	-29.2
Barnwell	281,764	440	2,068	2,306	4,374	64.4	9.9	-14.3
Fairfield	384,607	601	3,194	2,539	5,733	67.1	9.5	-28.3
Williamsburg	513,851	803	4,308	3,215	7,523	68.3	9.4	0.1
Kershaw	360,485	563	2,881	2,262	5,143	70.1	9.1	-9.4
Clarendon	298,087	466	2,239	1,937	4,176	71.4	9.0	-29.9
Lee	220,106	344	1,647	1,433	3,080	71.5	9.0	-18.0
Florence	397,888	622	2,899	2,441	5,340	74.5	8.6	-3.6
Jasper	309,889	484	1,826	1,880	3,706	83.6	7.7	-2.6
Greenville	294,257	460	1,843	1,558	3,401	86.5	7.4	12.8
Berkeley	567,530	887	3,787	2,583	6,370	89.1	7.2	15.6
Richland	340,121	531	1,807	1,602	3,409	99.8	6.4	-2.8
Aiken	500,546	782	2,816	2,180	4,996	100.2	6.4	-15.0
Georgetown	399,638	624	1,888	2,083	3,971	100.6	6.4	17.3
Chesterfield	372,478	582	1,782	1,797	3,579	104.1	6.1	-26.2
Lexington	280,742	439	1,678	1,015	2,693	104.2	6.1	-11.1
McCormick	212,021	331	1,244	778	2,022	104.9	6.1	-31.7
Pickens	219,926	344	1,355	716	2,071	106.2	6.0	-5.0
Dillon	214,069	334	865	1,150	2,015	106.2	6.0	34.3
Marion	216,907	339	1,037	773	1,810	119.8	5.3	3.8
Marlboro	281,271	439	1,214	1,047	2,261	124.4	5.1	-21.0
Horry	533,336	833	2,385	1,334	3,719	143.4	4.5	-22.5
Oconee	284,348	444	1,147	603	1,750	162.5	3.9	18.7
Darlington	286,228	447	990	598	1,588	180.2	3.6	-26.5
Total	14,028,896	21,920	109,436	93,494	202,930	76.9	9.6	-9.0

Table 3. County rankings based on total deer harvested in South Carolina in 2014.

County	Acres	Square Miles	Buck Harvest	Doe Harvest	Total Harvest	Harvest Rates		% Change from 2013
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Orangeburg	504,516	788	5,485	4,745	10,230	49.3	13.0	-13.0
Colleton	502,666	785	4,530	4,132	8,662	58.0	11.0	8.0
Williamsburg	513,851	803	4,308	3,215	7,523	68.3	9.4	0.1
Hampton	324,840	508	3,122	4,055	7,177	45.3	14.1	-3.3
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Newberry	317,761	497	3,081	2,676	5,757	55.2	11.6	-28.3
Fairfield	384,607	601	3,194	2,539	5,733	67.1	9.5	-28.3
Laurens	317,916	497	3,126	2,418	5,544	57.3	11.2	-12.9
Bamberg	196,573	307	2,346	3,177	5,523	35.6	18.0	-3.8
Sumter	338,968	530	2,972	2,423	5,395	62.8	10.2	15.2
Florence	397,888	622	2,899	2,441	5,340	74.5	8.6	-3.6
Kershaw	360,485	563	2,881	2,262	5,143	70.1	9.1	-9.4
Abbeville	223,113	349	2,682	2,404	5,086	43.9	14.6	-0.7
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Georgetown	399,638	624	1,888	2,083	3,971	100.6	6.4	17.3
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Jasper	309,889	484	1,826	1,880	3,706	83.6	7.7	-2.6
Calhoun	190,584	298	1,774	1,871	3,645	52.3	12.2	-25.5
Chesterfield	372,478	582	1,782	1,797	3,579	104.1	6.1	-26.2
Richland	340,121	531	1,807	1,602	3,409	99.8	6.4	-2.8
Greenville	294,257	460	1,843	1,558	3,401	86.5	7.4	12.8
Saluda	192,173	300	1,838	1,388	3,226	59.6	10.7	-19.7
Lee	220,106	344	1,647	1,433	3,080	71.5	9.0	-18.0
Beaufort	147,441	230	1,480	1,331	2,811	52.5	12.2	80.9
Cherokee	156,664	245	1,558	1,251	2,809	55.8	11.5	-23.2
Lexington	280,742	439	1,678	1,015	2,693	104.2	6.1	-11.1
Marlboro	281,271	439	1,214	1,047	2,261	124.4	5.1	-21.0
Pickens	219,926	344	1,355	716	2,071	106.2	6.0	-5.0
McCormick	212,021	331	1,244	778	2,022	104.9	6.1	-31.7
Dillon	214,069	334	865	1,150	2,015	106.2	6.0	34.3
Marion	216,907	339	1,037	773	1,810	119.8	5.3	3.8
Oconee	284,348	444	1,147	603	1,750	162.5	3.9	18.7
Darlington	286,228	447	990	598	1,588	180.2	3.6	-26.5
Total	14,028,896	21,920	109,436	93,494	202,930	76.9	9.6	-9.0

Table 4. Estimated deer harvest on Wildlife Management Areas in South Carolina in 2014.

Area	Acreage	Bucks	Does	Total	Deer/Mi.²
Mountain Hunt Unit	193,566	985	563	1,548	5.1
Central Piedmont Hunt Unit	159,793	1,528	1,318	2,846	11.4
Western Piedmont Hunt Unit	119,077	1,018	728	1,746	9.4
Subtotal for Upstate WMA's	472,436	3,532	2,610	6,140	8.3
Coastal WMA's*					
Bear Island WMA	1,519	8	15	23	9.7
Bonneau Ferry	10,697	50	33	83	5.0
Botany Bay WMA	2,000	13	19	32	10.2
Crackerneck WMA	10,470	69	47	116	7.1
Cross Generating Station WMA	654	9	6	15	14.7
Donnelley WMA	8,048	34	61	95	7.6
Francis Marion WMA	252,578	112	111	223	0.6
Hamilton Ridge	13,281	40	35	75	3.6
Hickory Top WMA ¹	1,836			6	2.1
Manchester State Forest WMA	25,505	80	56	136	3.4
Moultrie WMA	9,480	15	12	27	1.8
Oak Lea WMA ²	2,024	24	31	57	18.0
Palachucola WMA	5,947	36	18	54	5.8
Santee Cooper WMA	2,828	11	15	26	5.9
Victoria Bluff WMA	800	5	7	12	9.6
Webb Wildlife Center WMA	5,866	49	45	94	10.3
Subtotal for Coastal WMA's	353,533	555	511	1,074	1.9
Total	825,969	4,087	3,121	7,214	5.6

*Check Station data. ¹ No sex data for harvest. ² Includes 2 unknown antlerless.

Table 5. Hunter opinion (percent) regarding the number of deer in the area hunted most often in South Carolina in 2014 compared to previous years.

	Increasing	About the Same	Decreasing
Residents	10.8	47.6	41.6
Non-Residents	12.6	50.7	36.7
Overall	11.1	47.9	41.0

Table 6. Resident deer hunter and deer harvest statistics in South Carolina in 2014.

County	Number Hunters	Man/Days Hunted	Percent Success	Deer/Hunter	Days/Deer	Buck Harvest	Doe Harvest	Total Harvest
Abbeville	4,016	60,752	68	1.23	12.3	2,583	2,338	4,921
Aiken	4,016	60,752	68	1.21	12.5	2,734	2,131	4,865
Allendale	1,282	18,366	82	1.69	8.5	999	1,169	2,168
Anderson	4,224	62,656	68	1.10	13.5	2,583	2,074	4,657
Bamberg	1,980	39,408	83	2.17	9.2	1,867	2,432	4,299
Barnwell	1,904	26,680	84	1.94	7.2	1,754	1,942	3,696
Beaufort	1,584	19,251	83	1.70	7.1	1,414	1,282	2,696
Berkeley	4,374	72,554	73	1.45	11.4	3,771	2,583	6,354
Calhoun	2,244	35,824	78	1.58	10.1	1,772	1,772	3,545
Charleston	3,488	44,084	71	1.32	9.5	2,489	2,131	4,619
Cherokee	1,508	31,978	74	1.69	12.6	1,376	1,169	2,545
Chester	2,602	39,803	75	1.28	12.0	1,923	1,395	3,318
Chesterfield	1,640	36,295	69	1.68	13.2	1,452	1,301	2,753
Clarendon	2,413	41,613	80	1.65	10.5	2,206	1,772	3,979
Colleton	4,129	66,824	79	1.92	8.4	4,167	3,752	7,919
Darlington	1,471	21,024	68	1.01	14.1	924	566	1,490
Dillon	754	16,555	77	2.65	8.3	848	1,150	1,999
Dorchester	2,904	52,473	78	1.69	10.7	2,753	2,150	4,903
Edgefield	2,847	39,387	68	1.26	11.0	2,168	1,414	3,583
Fairfield	4,148	59,999	67	1.19	12.1	2,847	2,093	4,940
Florence	3,224	63,901	75	1.63	12.2	2,866	2,376	5,242
Georgetown	2,376	48,137	71	1.60	12.7	1,772	2,017	3,790
Greenville	3,337	49,476	64	0.99	14.9	1,810	1,508	3,319
Greenwood	3,281	49,776	74	1.42	10.7	2,847	1,810	4,657
Hampton	2,244	26,981	83	1.79	6.7	1,848	2,168	4,016
Horry	2,885	47,251	56	1.25	13.1	2,319	1,301	3,620
Jasper	1,263	18,365	88	1.93	7.6	1,131	1,301	2,432
Kershaw	3,149	59,298	72	1.50	12.6	2,583	2,130	4,714
Lancaster	2,149	43,688	75	1.69	12.0	1,961	1,678	3,639
Laurens	4,450	60,451	62	1.13	12.1	2,828	2,187	5,015
Lee	1,904	32,658	83	1.57	10.9	1,565	1,433	2,998
Lexington	2,866	42,652	72	0.93	15.9	1,678	999	2,677
McCormick	2,300	29,131	74	0.78	16.3	1,112	679	1,791
Marion	1,565	29,622	66	1.16	16.4	1,037	773	1,810
Marlboro	886	13,689	64	1.64	9.4	867	585	1,452
Newberry	4,035	56,978	69	1.27	11.1	2,734	2,395	5,129
Oconee	1,848	23,645	60	0.94	13.6	1,131	603	1,735
Orangeburg	5,449	95,899	79	1.77	10.0	5,204	4,431	9,635
Pickens	2,357	28,943	64	0.87	14.1	1,339	716	2,055
Richland	3,582	42,517	64	0.95	12.5	1,791	1,603	3,394
Saluda	2,508	39,201	71	1.24	12.6	1,772	1,339	3,111
Spartanburg	4,638	74,989	69	1.28	12.6	2,998	2,960	5,958
Sumter	3,450	63,524	72	1.53	12.0	2,923	2,357	5,280
Union	3,224	43,708	62	1.13	11.9	1,904	1,754	3,658
Williamsburg	4,412	80,172	77	1.62	11.2	4,110	3,017	7,127
York	3,262	52,286	63	1.20	13.4	2,131	1,773	3,903
Total	130,176	2,063,216	70	1.39	11.4	98,896	82,511	181,406
% Change from 2013	-1.4	-2.3	0.0	-1.3	-9.8	-11.1	-7.8	-9.1

Table 7. Non-resident deer hunter and deer harvest statistics in South Carolina in 2014.

County	Number Hunters	Man/Days Hunted	Percent Success	Deer/Hunter	Days/Deer	Buck Harvest	Doe Harvest	Total Harvest
Abbeville	215	2,334	46	0.77	14.1	99	66	166
Aiken	149	1,159	33	0.89	8.7	83	50	132
Allendale	1,092	10,824	70	1.73	5.7	960	927	1,887
Anderson	66	348	25	0.50	10.5	33	0	33
Bamberg	679	6,720	78	1.80	5.5	480	745	1,225
Barnwell	381	3,476	78	1.78	5.1	314	364	679
Beaufort	99	1,605	83	1.17	13.9	66	50	116
Berkeley	83	463	40	0.20	28.0	17	0	17
Calhoun	166	1,672	80	1.70	16.5	2	99	101
Charleston	83	960	60	1.00	11.6	50	33	83
Cherokee	149	2,632	67	1.78	9.9	182	83	265
Chester	1,125	15,045	69	1.28	10.4	728	712	1,440
Chesterfield	447	8,358	59	1.85	10.1	331	497	828
Clarendon	99	248	50	2.00	1.3	33	166	199
Colleton	414	6,240	80	1.80	8.4	364	381	745
Darlington	83	298	80	1.20	3.0	66	33	99
Dillon	83	1,622	80	0.20	98.0	17	0	17
Dorchester	99	794	83	0.83	9.6	50	33	83
Edgefield	265	3,178	50	1.00	12.0	149	116	265
Fairfield	761	9,682	63	1.04	12.2	348	447	794
Florence	99	314	67	1.00	3.2	33	66	99
Georgetown	182	1,076	64	1.00	5.9	116	66	182
Greenville	83	612	60	1.00	7.4	33	50	83
Greenwood	166	1,705	60	1.80	5.7	215	83	298
Hampton	1,390	20,275	72	2.27	6.4	1,274	1,887	3,161
Horry	83	1,423	60	1.20	14.3	66	33	99
Jasper	530	9,798	78	2.41	7.7	695	579	1,274
Kershaw	430	5,445	77	1.00	12.7	298	132	430
Lancaster	712	10,957	72	1.63	9.5	497	662	1,159
Laurens	298	5,429	78	1.78	10.2	298	232	530
Lee	116	1,605	57	0.71	19.4	83	0	83
Lexington	83	381	60	0.20	23.0	0	17	17
McCormick	248	3,343	60	0.93	14.4	132	99	232
Marion	50	348	33	0.30	23.3	10	5	15
Marlboro	331	6,885	80	2.45	8.5	348	463	811
Newberry	414	4,866	72	1.52	7.7	348	281	629
Oconee	99	596	67	0.17	36.0	17	0	17
Orangeburg	281	4,088	76	2.12	6.9	281	314	596
Pickens	50	679	67	0.33	41.0	17	0	17
Richland	66	563	25	0.35	24.3	17	7	23
Saluda	83	861	89	1.40	7.4	66	50	116
Spartanburg	232	3,790	64	1.50	10.9	149	199	348
Sumter	83	728	40	1.40	6.3	50	66	116
Union	679	8,805	83	1.71	7.6	612	546	1,159
Williamsburg	265	2,400	75	1.50	6.0	199	199	397
York	497	4,767	63	1.07	9.0	348	182	530
TOTAL	14,085	179,397	70	1.74	8.3	10,571	11,018	21,590
% Change from 2012	3.8	9.1	-2.8	-11.9	-4.8	11.9	7.0	9.8

Table 8. Hunting effort (man/days) by county for successful and unsuccessful resident and nonresident deer hunters in South Carolina in 2014.

County	Residents (man/days)			Total Effort Residents	Non-Residents (man/days)			Total Effort Non-residents	Total Days
	Successful	Unsuccessful	Average		Successful	Unsuccessful	Average		
Abbeville	19.6	9.8	15.1	60,752	14.2	8.0	10.8	2,334	63,086
Aiken	20.9	7.9	15.1	60,752	16.0	3.7	7.8	1,159	61,911
Allendale	18.8	6.6	14.3	18,366	12.3	4.1	9.9	10,824	29,190
Anderson	18.4	10.4	14.8	62,656	4.0	5.7	5.3	348	63,004
Bamberg	24.2	7.6	19.9	39,408	11.3	5.5	9.9	6,720	46,127
Barnwell	16.0	9.4	14.0	26,680	10.9	4.2	9.1	3,476	30,156
Beaufort	13.8	8.9	12.2	19,251	15.2	21.0	16.2	1,605	20,857
Berkeley	22.6	8.4	16.6	72,554	10.0	4.5	5.6	463	73,017
Calhoun	20.6	8.1	16.0	35,824	10.6	6.0	10.1	1,672	37,496
Charleston	18.5	6.0	12.6	44,084	14.7	7.0	11.6	960	45,044
Cherokee	26.5	10.3	21.2	31,978	23.7	5.7	17.7	2,632	34,610
Chester	20.3	7.6	15.3	39,803	15.5	10.8	13.4	15,045	54,848
Chesterfield	27.9	13.1	22.1	36,295	24.8	9.8	18.7	8,358	44,654
Clarendon	22.1	8.5	17.2	41,613	2.0	3.0	2.5	248	41,861
Colleton	19.8	8.2	16.2	66,824	15.3	14.4	15.1	6,240	73,064
Darlington	19.0	9.3	14.3	21,024	3.3	5.0	3.6	298	21,322
Dillon	25.5	12.6	22.0	16,555	32.0	16.5	19.6	1,622	18,177
Dorchester	23.7	7.3	18.1	52,473	6.6	15.0	8.0	794	53,267
Edgefield	16.3	10.8	13.8	39,387	13.8	10.9	12.0	3,178	42,565
Fairfield	18.6	9.6	14.5	59,999	12.4	13.1	12.7	9,682	69,681
Florence	25.5	9.0	19.8	63,901	2.8	4.0	3.2	314	64,216
Georgetown	24.7	13.5	20.3	48,137	7.9	2.5	5.9	1,076	49,213
Greenville	20.5	9.0	14.8	49,476	12.5	4.0	7.4	612	50,089
Greenwood	18.7	9.5	15.2	49,776	14.5	4.0	10.3	1,705	51,481
Hampton	15.6	5.6	12.0	26,981	17.2	8.1	14.6	20,275	47,256
Horry	24.6	9.2	16.4	47,251	18.7	15.0	17.2	1,423	48,674
Jasper	17.5	8.0	14.5	18,365	21.7	9.0	18.5	9,798	28,163
Kershaw	23.6	11.9	18.8	59,298	16.0	6.3	12.7	5,445	64,744
Lancaster	24.6	11.8	20.3	43,688	16.3	13.0	15.4	10,957	54,645
Laurens	18.6	8.8	13.6	60,451	23.3	8.0	18.2	5,429	65,879
Lee	21.7	7.3	17.1	32,658	24.0	6.3	13.9	1,605	34,263
Lexington	19.8	9.2	14.9	42,652	2.0	5.3	4.6	381	43,032
McCormick	16.4	9.5	12.7	29,131	16.6	9.9	13.5	3,343	32,475
Marion	24.3	12.9	18.9	29,622	24.8	7.0	7.0	348	29,969
Marlboro	20.7	9.5	15.4	13,689	14.3	4.8	20.8	6,885	20,574
Newberry	18.9	7.6	14.1	56,978	10.0	7.3	11.8	4,866	61,844
Oconee	19.2	7.6	12.8	23,645	16.6	5.2	6.0	596	24,240
Orangeburg	21.5	9.3	17.6	95,899	27.0	5.0	14.5	4,088	99,987
Pickens	17.2	7.7	12.3	28,943	5.0	7.0	13.7	679	29,621
Richland	16.0	8.4	11.9	42,517	10.4	9.7	8.5	563	43,080
Saluda	19.4	9.4	15.6	39,201	25.0	4.8	10.4	861	40,062
Spartanburg	21.1	8.3	16.2	74,989	7.5	9.7	16.4	3,790	78,779
Sumter	24.3	9.4	18.4	63,524	14.4	7.8	8.8	728	64,252
Union	19.1	7.9	13.6	43,708	10.5	4.8	13.0	8,805	52,513
Williamsburg	24.7	6.8	18.2	80,172	16.1	4.6	9.1	2,400	82,572
York	22.2	9.4	16.0	52,286	17.9	12.0	9.6	4,767	57,052
Total	20.8	8.9	15.8	2,063,216	15.3	8.1	12.7	179,397	2,242,613
% Change from 2013	-0.1	19.1	-0.1	-2.6	-12.0	-9.0	-11.9	-19.3	-4.2

Table 9. Estimated deer harvest by weapon type in South Carolina in 2014.

	Rifle	Bow & Arrow	Shotgun	Muzzle-loader	Crossbow	Handgun	Total
Number of Deer Harvested	162,768	13,801	18,063	5,683	2,232	406	202,952
Percent Total Deer Harvest	80.2	6.8	8.9	2.8	1.1	0.2	100.0
Percent Hunter Success With Weapon	63.6	29.5	35.2	24.2	16.7	6.9	NA*

* Total is not applicable because individual hunters take deer with multiple weapons.

Table 10. Number of hunters using each type of weapon in South Carolina in 2014.

	Rifle	Bow & Arrow	Shotgun	Muzzle-loader	Crossbow	Handgun
Residents	120,543	32,674	32,023	16,923	10,414	4,556
Non-Residents	13,592	1,648	1,141	2,902	1,197	310
Total	134,135	34,322	33,164	19,824	11,611	4,866

Total across weapons not given because hunters use multiple weapons. Total hunters = 144,261.

Table 11. Weapons utilization (percent) among deer hunters in South Carolina in 2014.

	Rifle	Bow & Arrow	Shotgun	Muzzle-loader	Crossbow	Handgun
Residents	92.6*	25.1*	24.6*	13.0*	8	3.5
Non-Residents	96.5	11.7	8.1	20.6	8.5	2.2
Total	93.1	23.4	22.5	14.0	8.1	3.4

* Significant difference in weapons use category based on residency.

Table 12. Weapons preference (percent) among deer hunters in South Carolina in 2014.

	Rifle	Bow & Arrow	Shotgun	Muzzle-loader	Crossbow	Handgun	Total
Residents	77.1*	13.3*	6.4*	1.3*	1.5	0.4	100.0
Non-Residents	86.6	7.9	1.3	2.8	1.3	0.1	100.0
Total	78.3	12.6	5.7	1.5	1.5	0.4	100.0

* Significant difference in weapons preference category based on residency.

Table 13. Estimated wild hog and coyote harvest by deer hunters in South Carolina in 2014.
Rank is by per unit area harvested.

County	Hog Harv.	Harv./ Mile ²	% Change from 2013	2014 Rank	2013 Rank	Coyote Harv.	Harv./ Mile ²	% Change from 2013	2014 Rank	2013 Rank
Abbeville	1,547	4.44	-32.0	1	1	1,193	3.42	-8.7	2	1
Aiken	759	0.97	-17.8	26	27	1,020	1.30	-20.6	25	18
Allendale	890	2.63	-48.7	3	2	521	1.54	-20.3	16	10
Anderson	882	2.58	-45.6	4	3	1,280	3.74	32.1	1	4
Bamberg	391	1.27	-3.7	22	22	456	1.48	19.0	19	28
Barnwell	456	1.03	26.4	25	32	174	0.39	-72.5	45	22
Beaufort	130	0.57	15.6	37	42	87	0.38	285.2	46	46
Berkeley	1,237	1.39	-8.5	20	17	933	1.05	117.9	32	41
Calhoun	694	2.33	-18.9	8	6	195	0.66	-27.8	41	34
Charleston	1,150	2.55	-5.5	6	8	629	1.39	47.0	21	33
Cherokee	130	0.53	-55.6	38	24	391	1.60	-45.8	13	3
Chester	152	0.32	-60.3	44	32	738	1.57	-33.2	15	7
Chesterfield	542	0.93	-22.3	27	24	933	1.60	-8.0	13	15
Clarendon	1,193	2.56	70.9	5	18	673	1.44	-9.5	20	20
Colleton	1,264	1.61	-15.0	17	12	694	0.88	23.3	36	38
Darlington	607	1.36	-15.7	21	16	542	1.21	85.2	28	40
Dillon	174	0.52	-14.4	39	39	412	1.23	204.9	26	42
Dorchester	1,063	2.25	-20.0	10	7	304	0.64	-60.3	42	19
Edgefield	130	0.34	-51.9	43	37	1,172	3.04	116.7	3	23
Fairfield	239	0.40	-64.7	41	28	694	1.16	-40.7	30	9
Florence	369	0.59	-50.4	36	26	651	1.05	3.2	32	31
Georgetown	1,280	2.05	42.0	13	19	586	0.94	23.8	35	36
Greenville	325	0.71	261.1	31	46	759	1.65	-6.4	12	14
Greenwood	456	1.43	-15.7	19	13	434	1.36	-37.9	23	8
Hampton	1,692	3.33	-28.5	2	4	499	0.98	-34.9	34	21
Horry	933	1.12	-33.2	23	14	347	0.42	156.8	44	45
Jasper	738	1.52	5.6	18	19	325	0.67	-3.7	40	39
Kershaw	391	0.69	-57.7	34	15	781	1.39	-19.4	21	17
Lancaster	174	0.42	-3.7	40	43	1,258	3.02	26.9	4	6
Laurens	434	0.87	75.1	28	40	1,367	2.75	44.4	5	11
Lee	231	0.67	-14.4	35	34	673	1.96	42.2	11	24
Lexington	369	0.84	227.4	29	45	673	1.53	113.2	17	37
McCormick	759	2.29	60.5	9	21	260	0.79	-17.5	39	32
Marion	683	2.02	4.6	15	11	412	1.22	357.4	27	44
Marlboro	130	0.30	-67.9	45	30	282	0.64	-51.9	42	25
Newberry	347	0.70	40.1	32	40	1,041	2.10	15.6	10	12
Oconee	325	0.73	-15.0	30	31	369	0.83	9.1	37	35
Orangeburg	174	0.22	-45.0	46	44	955	1.21	-7.9	28	26
Pickens	775	2.25	114.9	10	29	391	1.14	246.7	31	43
Richland	1,139	2.14	-14.3	12	9	1,258	2.37	86.2	8	27
Saluda	108	0.36	-51.9	42	35	803	2.67	-17.1	6	2
Spartanburg	699	1.68	158.4	16	38	1,020	2.45	41.4	7	16
Sumter	1,085	2.05	-15.5	13	10	434	0.82	-28.7	38	30
Union	989	2.45	99.6	7	23	542	1.34	-24.8	24	13
Williamsburg	846	1.05	-65.2	24	5	1,215	1.51	25.4	18	29
York	304	0.70	-3.7	32	36	933	2.16	-11.9	9	5
Total	29,383	1.34	-16.8	NA	NA	31,306	1.43	4.0	NA	NA
	(+ -) 2,189					(+ -) 1,662				

95% Confidence Interval for harvest

Ranking is based on harvest per square mile

Table 14. Number of deer-vehicle collisions reported by the South Carolina Department of Public Safety 2008-2013. Data for 2014 was not available at printing.

County	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Abbeville	10	8	12	13	11	1
Aiken	54	59	62	69	72	65
Allendale	5	8	12	9	8	9
Anderson	75	87	116	94	104	85
Bamberg	14	21	14	15	18	12
Barnwell	11	16	20	17	15	14
Beaufort	157	155	163	171	172	148
Berkeley	66	84	87	97	102	83
Calhoun	27	14	15	24	41	29
Charleston	200	182	219	212	239	135
Cherokee	13	17	15	23	26	25
Chester	17	20	19	19	23	18
Chesterfield	20	25	15	16	13	21
Clarendon	35	47	50	49	34	24
Colleton	64	60	55	70	69	81
Darlington	38	29	35	40	44	46
Dillon	8	17	27	15	26	41
Dorchester	63	67	63	87	79	71
Edgefield	15	12	12	4	7	7
Fairfield	16	15	22	26	35	16
Florence	39	56	66	78	90	87
Georgetown	16	20	24	32	46	48
Greenville	63	96	133	135	127	112
Greenwood	21	27	29	13	14	10
Hampton	16	13	29	22	12	11
Horry	70	95	85	109	98	127
Jasper	75	63	76	67	57	67
Kershaw	24	29	71	57	49	48
Lancaster	29	20	14	23	21	12
Laurens	45	27	28	23	16	15
Lee	18	27	35	33	32	20
Lexington	37	36	46	51	63	29
McCormick	11	4	4	3	7	3
Marion	15	13	19	34	35	42
Marlboro	14	10	19	22	18	20
Newberry	21	14	22	17	8	11
Oconee	17	18	12	16	18	5
Orangeburg	86	55	62	86	114	141
Pickens	21	22	23	26	22	25
Richland	96	100	101	112	94	71
Saluda	25	11	8	8	9	8
Spartanburg	106	113	117	151	144	156
Sumter	58	51	73	77	63	58
Union	12	17	8	7	20	13
Williamsburg	42	42	39	57	71	64
York	36	31	38	41	34	73
Total	1,921	1,953	2,214	2,370	2,420	2,207

Table 15. Average live body weights of deer from South Carolina counties, based on historic data.

COUNTY	Males				Females			
	1.5 Years Old		2.5+ Years Old		1.5 Years Old		2.5+ Years Old	
	N	Avg. Wt.	N	Avg. Wt.	N	Avg. Wt.	N	Avg. Wt.
Abbeville	1,390	111.7	484	145.9	466	90.4	747	102.7
Aiken	2,667	121.6	1,485	162.6	808	94.9	1,522	109.6
Allendale	6,175	108.9	3,333	146.0	2,503	87.7	5,606	100.8
Anderson	30	121.9	17	148.1	4	92.5	8	113.0
Bamberg	2,414	111.9	1,113	142.4	884	91.4	1,721	103.9
Barnwell	1,478	119.1	695	156.6	601	94.3	1,071	106.9
Beaufort	952	101.6	1,236	135.2	690	86.7	1,818	99.8
Berkeley	3,162	100.6	4,198	127.3	1,086	83.4	3,991	97.2
Calhoun	1,588	110.2	633	144.1	312	91.4	943	104.6
Charleston	1,256	97.9	2,088	123.3	422	83.3	1,581	95.8
Cherokee	1	80.0	1	139.0	9	77.8	26	89.6
Chester	1,445	105.9	963	140.1	470	87.4	1,091	99.4
Chesterfield	79	119.4	140	152.5	27	93.5	1,128	99.8
Clarendon	13	101.3	29	152.5	42	89.6	87	103.0
Colleton	5,822	105.6	6,908	135.5	3,279	87.9	8,920	100.4
Darlington	334	113.6	273	153.3	216	92.8	573	105.2
Dillon	74	112.8	46	138.5	13	92.8	50	103.9
Dorchester	1,868	107.2	2,205	137.0	653	88.0	2,055	103.0
Edgefield	556	100.9	334	133.4	159	84.6	306	96.9
Fairfield	2,048	102.1	1,444	136.5	761	86.3	2,021	99.2
Florence	696	110.8	459	139.2	198	89.6	621	102.8
Georgetown	1,881	98.7	2,281	126.1	668	85.6	1,961	97.6
Greenville	7	122.1	9	149.9	7	79.3	16	98.4
Greenwood	1,158	111.4	537	145.1	313	90.2	629	103.0
Hampton	6,103	106.7	4,710	140.0	3,034	87.2	7,236	100.5
Horry	302	96.1	311	126.1	129	79.2	301	91.3
Jasper	3,385	101.8	4,691	135.4	2,142	84.6	5,948	96.9
Kershaw	603	108.9	588	144.6	251	89.6	758	102.9
Lancaster	472	113.1	246	153.3	213	91.4	441	105.2
Laurens	240	104.7	181	132.9	107	87.3	238	96.9
Lee	472	119.6	187	151.3	162	96.6	330	108.5
Lexington	20	120.8	9	164.8	6	101.3	15	115.8
McCormick	2,354	101.5	1,056	134.5	877	85.3	1,745	97.3
Marion	690	108.5	501	138.7	256	88.6	630	98.7
Marlboro	106	115.0	62	149.8	30	95.0	70	107.8
Newberry	143	97.1	100	135.6	85	86.0	171	92.7
Oconee	74	113.1	58	152.6	33	85.3	39	99.6
Orangeburg	2,293	112.5	1,375	145.0	686	90.8	1,684	103.4
Pickens	47	109.1	41	145.4	18	79.9	48	100.5
Richland	1,320	106.1	1,274	145.2	651	92.7	1,879	106.3
Saluda	100	115.8	40	148.0	25	93.6	34	105.2
Spartanburg	34	109.3	22	142.2	13	95.0	31	98.8
Sumter	666	111.3	353	142.1	188	94.4	509	105.3
Union	958	101.7	608	135.8	439	87.9	761	97.8
Williamsburg	469	112.5	559	143.3	150	91.4	478	106.0
York	13	96.9	30	143.9	20	78.7	41	93.9
Total	57,958	107.3	47,913	137.9	24,106	88.0	61,879	100.6

Table 16. Antler characteristics of male deer from South Carolina counties, based on historic data.

COUNTY	1.5 Years Old Males			2.5+ Years Old Males			% 1.5 Bucks in Antlered Harvest
	Number Points	Percent Spikes	Outside Spread	Number Points	Percent Spikes	Outside Spread	
Abbeville	4.2	32		7.2	2		74
Aiken	4.4	28	8.7	7.4	1	14.7	64
Allendale	4.0	36	7.7	7.2	3	13.7	65
Anderson	4.7	28		6.8	0		63
Bamberg	4.0	34	7.6	6.7	4	12.5	68
Barnwell	4.6	21	8.7	7.1	2	13.9	68
Beaufort	3.1	58	7.4	6.4	9	13.0	44
Berkeley	3.0	62	6.6	5.8	12	11.5	43
Calhoun	4.0	33	7.4	7.0	3	13.2	72
Charleston	2.8	69	6.2	5.4	15	10.6	38
Cherokee				7.0	0		50
Chester	3.4	47	8.7	6.7	4	13.9	61
Chesterfield	4.5	21	8.6	7.2			61
Clarendon	2.8	58	6.2	7.7	3	12.9	31
Colleton	3.3	50	6.9	6.4	7	11.7	46
Darlington	3.1	57	7.4	6.7	5	13.7	55
Dillon	3.2	54	8.1	5.7	9	11.6	62
Dorchester	3.3	53	6.6	6.0	9	11.1	46
Edgefield	3.3	50		6.6	5		63
Fairfield	3.1	55	7.5	6.4	6	13.8	59
Florence	3.4	47	7.4	6.1	9	12.1	60
Georgetown	2.8	65	6.6	5.6	13	11.0	45
Greenville	4.7	14		7.6	0		44
Greenwood	3.9	34		6.7	3		68
Hampton	3.9	39	7.7	6.9	4	13.0	56
Horry	3.0	58	6.8	6.2	8	12.1	49
Jasper	3.3	52	7.0	6.6	6	12.8	42
Kershaw	3.6	47	7.7	6.9	7	12.3	51
Lancaster	4.3	27	6.7	7.4	0	15.0	66
Laurens	3.2	53	6.7	6.0	10	13.7	57
Lee	4.3	25	8.4	6.7	2	12.9	72
Lexington	4.1	30	9.1	7.3	0	15.7	69
McCormick	3.5	47		6.8	4		69
Marion	3.3	52	7.3	6.2	10	12.4	58
Marlboro	3.1	53	7.0	6.4	10	12.6	63
Newberry	2.8	54		6.3	8	13.3	59
Oconee	3.4	52		7.3	3		56
Orangeburg	3.8	38	7.6	6.8	5	12.6	63
Pickens	4.0	43		7.2	2		53
Richland	3.3	52	7.3	6.8	5	13.5	51
Saluda	4.0	32	9.0	6.9	0	10.8	71
Spartanburg	4.0	33	6.1	7.1	0		61
Sumter	3.7	41	7.7	6.6	5	12.5	65
Union	3.3	51	7.2	6.6	5	13.6	61
Williamsburg	3.6	43	7.6	6.8	5	12.6	46
York	3.1	60	5.3	7.4	0	13.3	30
Total	3.6	44	7.4	6.5	7	12.4	55

Figure 1. South Carolina Department of Natural Resources 2014 Deer Hunter Survey

January, 2015

Dear Sportsman:

White-tailed deer are one of the most important game species in South Carolina. Therefore, it is important that this species be monitored for population status and harvesting activities. Wildlife resource managers require current and accurate information about deer harvests to aid in successfully managing this important natural resource and to optimize future hunting potential. To obtain this needed data, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is conducting a survey of licensed Big Game Permit holders.

You are one of a group of randomly selected hunters asked to participate in this survey. To draw accurate conclusions it is very important that you complete the survey and return it. Please take time to read each question. Even if you did not hunt deer last season please indicate this by answering the appropriate questions and moving on to the next set of questions.

In addition to the questions concerning your deer hunting activities, there are questions concerning the weapons that you used to harvest deer and questions concerning the number of wild hogs and coyotes that you may have harvested. Not only is this data important to DNR game biologists, many hunters are interested in this type of information so it is important that you answer these questions too.

Please note that complete confidentiality will be given to you. There is no number on your survey form, therefore, there is no way to link your responses to you. Keep in mind that the primary purpose of the survey is to determine the deer harvest in South Carolina and not to determine whether game laws are observed. By accurately answering the survey questions you will enable DNR biologists to better manage the white-tailed deer resource for you and other citizens of the state.

Please keep in mind that in order to reduce costs, this is the only 2014 Deer Hunter Survey form you will receive. There will be no reminders or second surveys sent to individuals that do not respond to this initial survey. Therefore, it is very important that you take a few minutes to complete this survey and mail it. Return postage is prepaid.

Results of this survey will be posted on the DNR web site once completed (hopefully by June). The results from the 2013 survey can be found at www.dnr.sc.gov/wildlife/deer/2013/DeerHarvestReport.html

Thank you for your assistance.



Charles Ruth
Wildlife Biologist
Deer/Turkey Project Supervisor

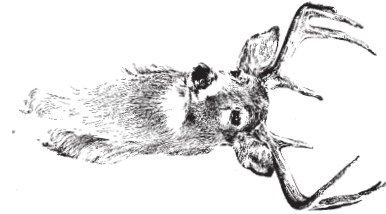
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If you have questions regarding this survey, please call 803-734-3886 or write 2014 Deer Hunter Survey, SCDNR, P.O. Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202.

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2014 South Carolina Deer Hunter Survey

1. Did you hunt deer in SC this past season (2014)? **1. Yes** **2. No**
If you answered **No** to this question please **go to question # 9.**
2. Did you harvest any deer in SC this past season? **1. Yes** **2. No**
3. Even if you did not harvest any deer, please record the SC counties you deer hunted and the number of days hunted in each county this past season (2014). Please begin with the county you hunted the most. If you harvested deer please record the number of bucks and does taken in each county. A day of hunting is defined as any portion of the day spent afield. Please do not give ranges (i.e. 5-10), rather provide absolute numbers (i.e. 5). Provide information only for yourself - not friends, relatives, or other hunt club members.

Counties You Deer Hunted	# Days Hunted	Number Deer Harvested	
		# Bucks	#Does
1		# Bucks	#Does
2		# Bucks	#Does
3		# Bucks	#Does
4		# Bucks	#Does

If you did not harvest any deer in SC in 2014 please go to question # 6.

4. Please record the number of deer taken by month of season in SC last season (2014).

August	September	October	November	December	January

5. Please record the number of deer taken with each weapon in SC last season (2014).

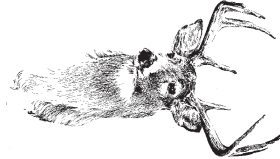
Rifle	Bow	Shotgun	Muzzleloader	Crossbow	Handgun

6. Please circle **all** the weapons that you hunted deer with in 2014.
1. Rifle 2. Bow 3. Shotgun 4. Muzzleloader 5. Crossbow 6. Handgun
7. Please circle the **one** weapon that you **prefer to hunt deer with.**
1. Rifle 2. Bow 3. Shotgun 4. Muzzleloader 5. Crossbow 6. Handgun
8. Compared to past years, how would you describe the number of deer in the area that you hunt most often? **Circle one**
1. Increasing 2. About the same 3. Decreasing
9. If you **harvested** any wild hogs or coyotes while hunting in SC in 2014, please complete the box below.
If you did not harvest any hogs or coyotes please **go to question # 10.**


County	# Hogs	County	# Coyotes
1		1	
2		2	
3		3	

10. Are you a resident of SC? **1. Yes** **2. No**
11. If yes, which county _____

Separate and return this portion of the survey. Postage is prepaid. Please do not staple this form.



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Figure 2. Percent of deer harvested by month of season in South Carolina in 2014. Note that December includes January 1 which is the last day of deer season.

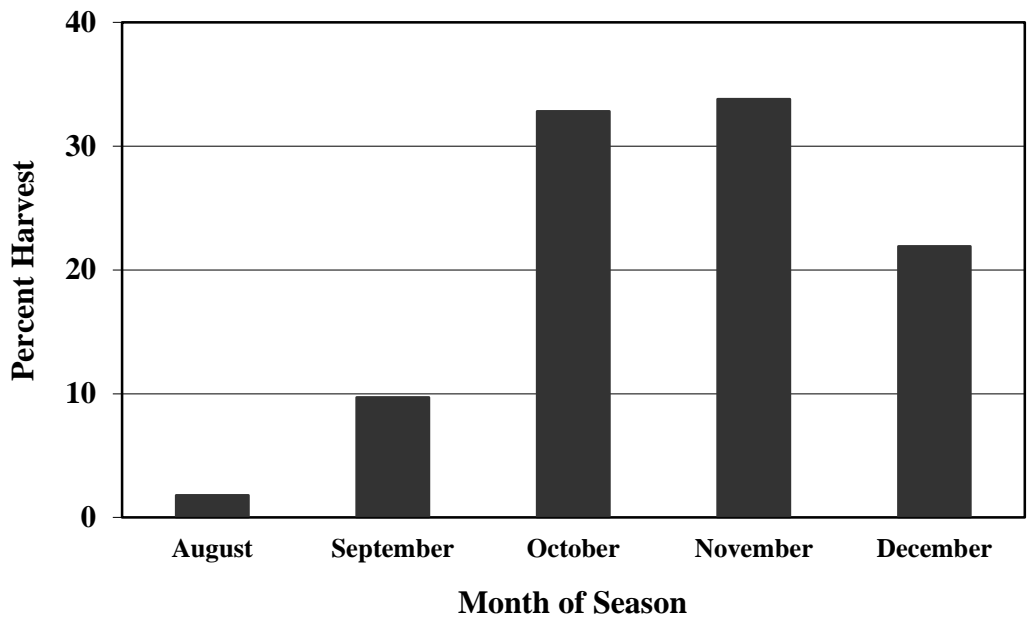


Figure 3. Percent of female deer conceiving by week in South Carolina, based on historic data.

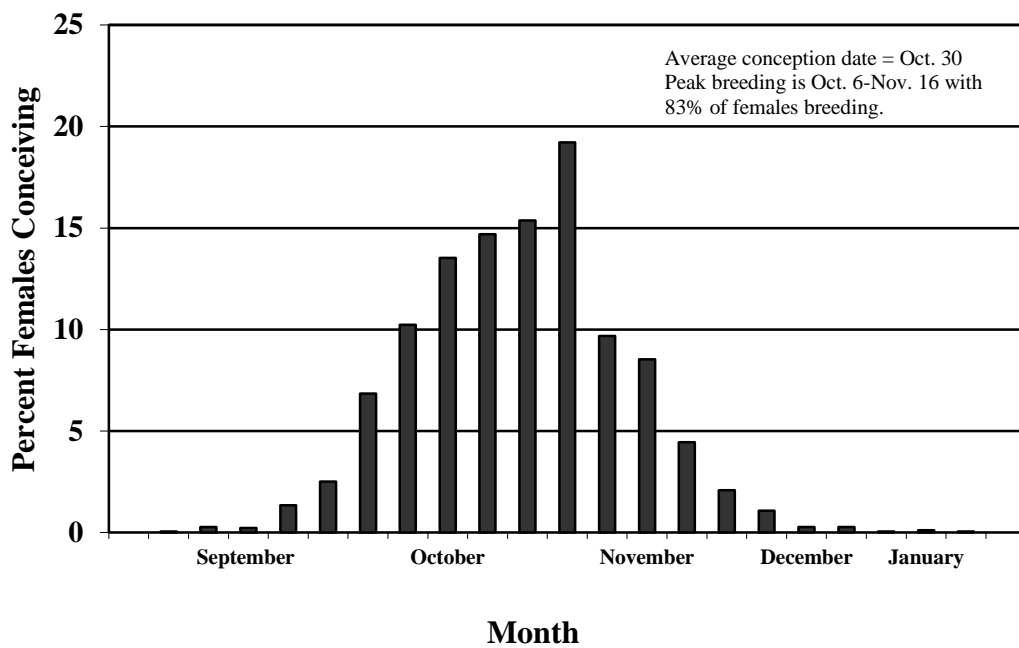


Figure 4. Estimated deer harvest in South Carolina 1972-2014.

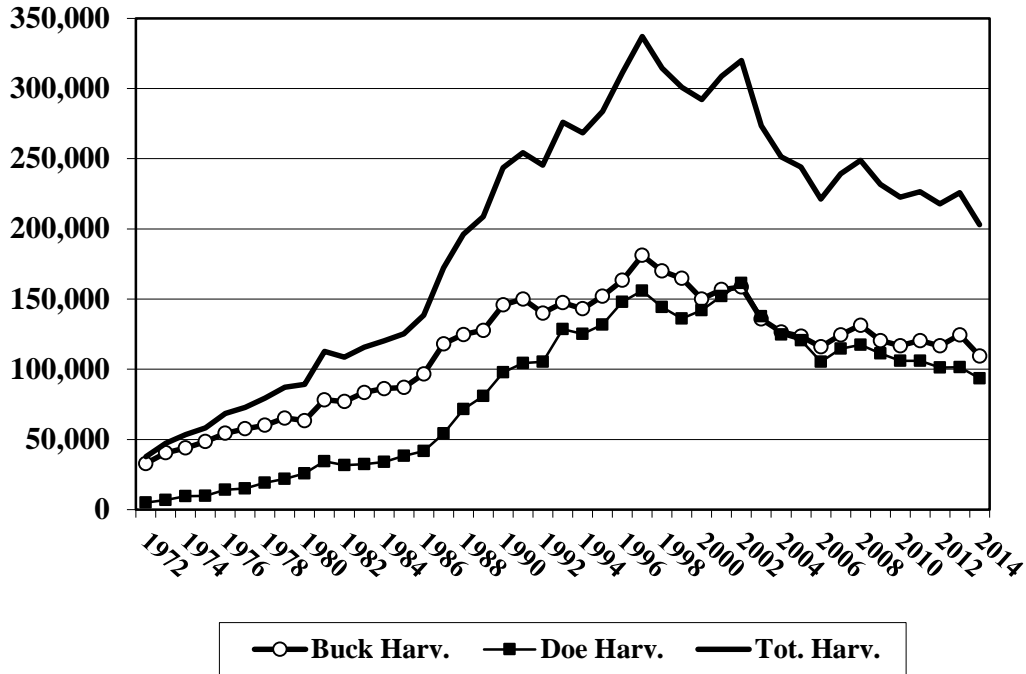


Figure 5. Estimated South Carolina deer population 1972-2014 based on population reconstruction modeling. Note that antlerless deer includes male fawns (button bucks).

