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Aiken	500,546	782	3,344	2,015	5,359	93.4	6.9	7.3
Allendale	216,455	338	2,490	1,920	4,410	49.1	13.0	8.8
Anderson	219,068	342	3,784	2,399	6,183	35.4	18.1	31.8
Bamberg	196,573	307	1,804	2,454	4,258	46.2	13.9	-22.9
Barnwell	281,764	440	2,939	1,725	4,664	60.4	10.6	6.6
Beaufort	147,441	230	794	845	1,639	90.0	7.1	-41.7
Berkeley	567,530	887	3,611	2,138	5,749	98.7	6.5	-9.7
Calhoun	190,584	298	1,800	1,524	3,324	57.3	11.2	-8.8
Charleston	288,732	451	1,596	1,372	2,968	97.3	6.6	-36.9
Cherokee	156,664	245	1,415	1,047	2,462	63.6	10.1	-12.4
Chester	300,589	470	2,621	2,123	4,744	63.4	10.1	-0.3
Chesterfield	372,478	582	2,014	1,603	3,617	103.0	6.2	1.1
Clarendon	298,087	466	1,783	996	2,779	107.3	6.0	-33.5
Colleton	502,666	785	4,607	3,863	8,470	59.3	10.8	-2.2
Darlington	286,228	447	722	816	1,538	186.1	3.4	-3.1
Dillon	214,069	334	989	570	1,559	137.3	4.7	-22.6
Dorchester	302,717	473	2,369	1,928	4,297	70.4	9.1	-13.8
Edgefield	246,543	385	2,267	1,567	3,834	64.3	10.0	-0.3
Fairfield	384,607	601	3,481	2,686	6,167	62.4	10.3	7.6
Florence	397,888	622	3,069	2,766	5,835	68.2	9.4	9.3
Georgetown	399,638	624	2,145	1,618	3,763	106.2	6.0	-5.2
Greenville	294,257	460	2,007	1,480	3,487	84.4	7.6	2.5
Greenwood	204,400	319	1,791	1,278	3,069	66.6	9.6	-38.1
Hampton	324,840	508	4,416	4,669	9,085	35.8	17.9	26.6
Horry	533,336	833	2,687	1,394	4,081	130.7	4.9	9.7
Jasper	309,889	484	2,476	2,664	5,140	60.3	10.6	38.7
Kershaw	360,485	563	3,574	2,224	5,798	62.2	10.3	12.7
Lancaster	266,382	416	1,964	1,321	3,285	81.1	7.9	-31.5
Laurens	317,916	497	2,715	1,675	4,390	72.4	8.8	-20.8
Lee	220,106	344	1,365	1,177	2,542	86.6	7.4	-17.5
Lexington	280,742	439	2,123	924	3,047	92.1	6.9	13.1
McCormick	212,021	331	1,271	931	2,202	96.3	6.6	8.9
Marion	216,907	339	1,133	1,083	2,216	97.9	6.5	21.4
Marlboro	281,271	439	1,668	1,032	2,700	104.2	6.1	19.4
Newberry	317,761	497	2,889	2,361	5,250	60.5	10.6	-8.8
Oconee	284,348	444	1,350	404	1,754	162.1	3.9	0.2
Orangeburg	504,516	788	5,698	4,636	10,334	48.8	13.1	1.0
Pickens	219,926	344	1,011	856	1,867	117.8	5.4	-9.9
Richland	340,121	531	1,531	1,314	2,845	119.6	5.4	-16.7
Saluda	192,173	300	1,690	1,003	2,693	71.4	9.0	-16.5
Spartanburg	265,939	416	3,445	2,787	6,232	42.7	15.0	-1.1
Sumter	338,968	530	2,737	1,307	4,044	83.8	7.6	-25.0
Union	258,111	403	2,397	2,267	4,664	55.3	11.6	-3.1
Williamsburg	513,851	803	3,965	3,835	7,800	65.9	9.7	3.7
York	276,650	432	2,715	1,834	4,549	60.8	10.5	2.6
Total	14,028,896	21,920	111,035	83,995	195,030	81.1	9.0	-4.0

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Table 4. Estimated deer harvest on Wildlife Management Areas in South Carolina in 2015.

Area	Acreage	Bucks	Does	Total	Deer/Mi.²
Mountain Hunt Unit	193,566	954	534	1,488	4.9
Central Piedmont Hunt Unit	159,793	1,447	1,212	2,659	10.6
Western Piedmont Hunt Unit	119,077	977	714	1,691	9.1
Subtotal for Upstate WMA's	472,436	3,378	2,460	5,838	7.9
Coastal WMA's*					
Bear Island WMA	1,519	7	6	13	5.5
Bonneau Ferry	10,697	43	30	73	4.4
Botany Bay WMA	2,000	26	18	44	14.1
Crackerneck WMA	10,470	55	38	93	5.7
Cross Generating Station WMA	654	2	6	8	7.8
Donnelley WMA	8,048	17	32	49	3.9
Francis Marion WMA	252,578	118	87	205	0.5
Hamilton Ridge	13,281	32	38	70	3.4
Hickory Top WMA	1,836	13	3	16	5.6
Manchester State Forest WMA	25,505	46	33	79	2.0
Moultrie WMA	9,480	16	17	33	2.2
Oak Lea WMA	2,024	25	28	53	16.8
Palachucola WMA	5,947	26	17	43	4.6
Santee Cooper WMA	2,828	5	14	19	4.3
Victoria Bluff WMA	800	3	4	7	5.6
Wateree River WMA	3,674	1	6	7	1.2
Webb Wildlife Center WMA	5,866	27	29	56	6.1
Subtotal for Coastal WMA's	357,207	462	406	868	1.6
Total	829,643	3,840	2,866	6,706	5.2

*Check Station data.

Table 5. Hunter opinion (percent) regarding the number of deer in the area hunted most often in South Carolina in 2015 compared to previous years.

	Increasing	About the Same	Decreasing
Residents	11.6	47.6	40.8
Non-Residents	10.5	49.5	40.0
Overall	11.4	47.9	40.7

Table 6. Resident deer hunter and deer harvest statistics in South Carolina in 2015.

County	Number Hunters	Man/Days Hunted	Percent Success	Deer/Hunter	Days/Deer	Buck Harvest	Doe Harvest	Total Harvest
Abbeville	3,792	50,403	69	1.11	12.0	2,687	1,517	4,204
Aiken	4,031	76,018	66	1.28	14.7	3,229	1,929	5,158
Allendale	1,409	22,126	76	1.46	10.7	1,149	910	2,059
Anderson	4,962	72,467	72	1.23	11.9	3,770	2,340	6,111
Bamberg	1,907	24,812	75	1.36	9.5	997	1,604	2,600
Barnwell	2,102	36,905	76	1.84	9.6	2,449	1,409	3,857
Beaufort	1,257	13,565	74	1.26	8.6	780	802	1,582
Berkeley	4,421	66,094	65	1.28	11.6	3,554	2,124	5,677
Calhoun	2,232	37,467	64	1.48	11.4	1,799	1,495	3,294
Charleston	2,644	32,116	70	1.09	11.1	1,539	1,344	2,882
Cherokee	1,582	25,224	70	1.41	11.3	1,257	975	2,232
Chester	3,511	53,827	66	1.10	13.9	2,145	1,734	3,879
Chesterfield	2,297	54,609	57	1.22	19.5	1,669	1,127	2,795
Clarendon	1,669	28,323	67	1.49	11.4	1,539	953	2,492
Colleton	4,442	80,069	73	1.63	11.0	3,987	3,272	7,260
Darlington	1,279	21,648	64	1.14	14.9	693	758	1,452
Dillon	888	23,447	78	1.56	16.9	888	498	1,387
Dorchester	2,795	45,398	76	1.50	10.9	2,340	1,842	4,182
Edgefield	2,860	39,071	63	1.19	11.5	1,994	1,408	3,402
Fairfield	4,312	58,876	71	1.25	11.0	3,120	2,254	5,374
Florence	3,251	56,146	76	1.78	9.7	3,055	2,730	5,786
Georgetown	2,449	41,173	73	1.51	11.1	2,102	1,604	3,706
Greenville	2,969	35,364	69	1.16	10.3	1,994	1,452	3,446
Greenwood	2,990	42,581	67	0.99	14.3	1,734	1,235	2,969
Hampton	2,514	33,372	70	1.25	10.6	1,214	1,929	3,142
Horry	2,990	57,901	62	1.34	14.4	2,644	1,365	4,009
Jasper	1,517	20,434	74	1.94	6.9	1,322	1,625	2,947
Kershaw	3,576	65,855	67	1.35	13.6	3,055	1,777	4,832
Lancaster	2,232	42,082	67	1.23	15.3	1,603	1,149	2,752
Laurens	5,006	58,638	61	0.83	14.1	2,557	1,603	4,160
Lee	1,690	28,128	73	1.38	12.0	1,322	1,019	2,341
Lexington	3,077	42,255	68	0.97	14.1	2,080	910	2,991
McCormick	1,929	24,575	72	1.00	12.7	1,127	802	1,929
Marion	1,517	22,732	69	1.36	11.0	1,018	1,040	2,059
Marlboro	1,127	22,363	77	2.00	9.9	1,322	932	2,254
Newberry	4,312	57,315	73	1.17	11.4	2,774	2,275	5,049
Oconee	2,124	25,571	62	0.81	14.9	1,322	390	1,712
Orangeburg	6,024	108,545	72	1.54	11.7	5,049	4,204	9,253
Pickens	2,579	28,237	33	0.71	15.3	997	845	1,842
Richland	2,860	41,042	67	0.98	14.6	1,517	1,300	2,817
Saluda	2,860	35,930	67	0.93	13.5	1,690	975	2,665
Spartanburg	4,681	69,017	68	1.31	11.3	3,402	2,730	6,133
Sumter	2,904	42,299	68	1.33	11.0	2,622	1,235	3,857
Union	3,684	47,371	68	1.16	11.0	2,210	2,080	4,291
Williamsburg	3,857	58,985	72	1.91	8.0	3,792	3,576	7,368
York	3,424	56,213	61	1.19	13.8	2,427	1,647	4,074
Total	132,534	2,026,590	66	1.28	11.9	97,537	72,724	170,260
% Change from 2014	1.8	-1.8	-5.8	-8.0	4.3	-1.4	-11.9	-6.2

Table 7. Nonresident deer hunter and deer harvest statistics in South Carolina in 2015.

County	Number Hunters	Man/Days Hunted	Percent Success	Deer/Hunter	Days/Deer	Buck Harvest	Doe Harvest	Total Harvest
Abbeville	58	721	75	2.33	5.4	87	48	134
Aiken	144	1,544	75	1.40	7.6	115	87	202
Allendale	1,154	19,868	84	2.04	8.4	1,342	1,010	2,352
Anderson	72	274	44	1.03	3.7	14	60	74
Bamberg	923	20,055	81	1.80	12.1	808	851	1,659
Barnwell	491	7,560	83	1.65	9.4	491	317	808
Beaufort	72	505	33	0.80	8.8	14	43	58
Berkeley	58	390	25	1.25	5.4	58	14	72
Calhoun	58	1,212	85	2.50	39.6	2	29	31
Charleston	58	880	50	1.50	10.2	58	29	87
Cherokee	216	2,669	62	1.07	11.6	159	72	231
Chester	664	8,094	74	1.30	9.3	476	390	866
Chesterfield	563	7,661	62	1.46	9.3	346	476	822
Clarendon	101	2,294	50	2.86	7.9	245	43	289
Colleton	693	14,860	74	1.75	12.3	620	592	1,212
Darlington	29	866	67	3.00	10.0	29	58	87
Dillon	130	2,034	78	1.33	11.7	101	72	173
Dorchester	72	563	89	1.60	4.9	29	87	115
Edgefield	317	4,963	70	1.36	11.5	274	159	433
Fairfield	620	12,523	67	1.28	15.8	361	433	794
Florence	43	418	67	1.16	8.3	14	36	50
Georgetown	58	476	60	1.00	8.3	43	14	58
Greenville	29	245	75	1.50	5.7	14	29	43
Greenwood	72	1,111	78	1.40	11.0	58	43	101
Hampton	2,135	48,724	83	2.78	8.2	3,203	2,741	5,944
Horry	58	750	33	1.25	10.4	43	29	72
Jasper	750	18,641	87	2.92	8.5	1,154	1,039	2,193
Kershaw	505	8,902	67	1.91	9.2	519	447	967
Lancaster	548	6,074	66	0.97	11.4	361	173	534
Laurens	101	2,337	63	2.29	10.1	159	72	231
Lee	101	923	88	2.00	4.6	43	159	202
Lexington	43	346	67	1.34	6.0	43	14	58
McCormick	245	3,347	78	1.12	12.2	144	130	274
Marion	72	1,587	88	2.20	10.0	115	43	159
Marlboro	245	7,084	65	1.82	15.8	346	101	447
Newberry	144	2,712	70	1.40	13.4	115	87	202
Oconee	43	188	67	1.00	4.3	29	14	43
Orangeburg	433	7,113	74	2.50	6.6	649	433	1,082
Pickens	14	101	90	1.83	3.8	14	12	26
Richland	14	115	50	2.00	4.0	14	14	29
Saluda	29	231	50	1.00	8.0	0	29	29
Spartanburg	72	534	83	1.40	5.3	43	58	101
Sumter	173	1,688	73	1.08	9.0	115	72	188
Union	346	6,391	65	1.08	17.0	188	188	375
Williamsburg	231	2,712	82	1.88	6.3	173	260	433
York	491	5,382	59	0.97	11.3	289	188	476
TOTAL	13,490	237,671	71	1.83	9.6	13,521	11,293	24,814
% Change from 2014	-4.3	24.6	1.4	5.0	13.6	21.9	2.5	13.0

Table 8. Hunting effort (man/days) by county for successful and unsuccessful resident and nonresident deer hunters in South Carolina in 2015.

County	Residents (man/days)			Total Effort Residents	Non-Residents (man/days)			Total Effort Non-residents	Total Days
	Successful	Unsuccessful	Average		Successful	Unsuccessful	Average		
Abbeville	17.1	8.6	13.3	50,403	16.7	0.0	12.5	721	51,124
Aiken	25.6	10.5	18.9	76,018	10.0	11.8	10.7	1,544	77,561
Allendale	21.3	7.9	15.7	22,126	20.2	7.6	17.2	19,868	41,993
Anderson	18.1	9.4	14.6	72,467	7.0	3.0	3.8	274	72,741
Bamberg	19.2	6.6	13.0	24,812	25.1	10.6	21.7	20,055	44,866
Barnwell	21.5	9.2	17.6	36,905	17.2	11.7	15.4	7,560	44,465
Beaufort	15.0	6.3	10.8	13,565	10.5	4.7	7.0	505	14,070
Berkeley	21.3	7.9	15.0	66,094	4.0	7.7	6.8	390	66,483
Calhoun	24.6	8.5	16.8	37,467	21.0		21.0	1,212	38,679
Charleston	17.6	6.0	12.1	32,116	26.5	4.0	15.3	880	32,996
Cherokee	20.0	9.9	15.9	25,224	14.7	10.3	12.3	2,669	27,893
Chester	19.2	10.3	15.3	53,827	14.1	8.7	12.2	8,094	61,921
Chesterfield	33.0	13.8	23.8	54,609	18.9	9.1	13.6	7,661	62,270
Clarendon	22.3	9.9	17.0	28,323	30.8	2.5	22.7	2,294	30,617
Colleton	23.6	9.1	18.0	80,069	24.2	15.3	21.5	14,860	94,929
Darlington	21.2	11.5	16.9	21,648	58.0	2.0	30.0	866	22,514
Dillon	33.1	13.4	26.4	23,447	18.0	7.5	15.7	2,034	25,481
Dorchester	21.7	7.6	16.2	45,398	7.8		7.8	563	45,961
Edgefield	20.0	7.3	13.7	39,071	20.2	9.0	15.6	4,963	44,034
Fairfield	17.5	7.4	13.7	58,876	25.1	13.4	20.2	12,523	71,400
Florence	20.8	11.3	17.3	56,146	10.0	9.5	9.7	418	56,564
Georgetown	21.5	8.9	16.8	41,173	14.0	2.5	8.3	476	41,649
Greenville	17.5	5.6	11.9	35,364	16.0	1.0	8.5	245	35,610
Greenwood	19.9	8.4	14.2	42,581	22.3	5.0	15.4	1,111	43,692
Hampton	19.3	6.1	13.3	33,372	25.5	12.3	22.8	48,724	82,096
Horry	26.1	11.3	19.4	57,901	15.0	11.0	13.0	750	58,652
Jasper	17.8	6.1	13.5	20,434	25.6	21.5	24.8	18,641	39,075
Kershaw	26.0	8.9	18.4	65,855	20.4	11.5	17.6	8,902	74,757
Lancaster	22.5	14.2	18.9	42,082	15.6	6.5	11.1	6,074	48,157
Laurens	15.5	8.3	11.7	58,638	30.2	5.5	23.1	2,337	60,975
Lee	22.1	9.5	16.6	28,128	10.7	0.0	9.1	923	29,051
Lexington	18.9	9.0	13.7	42,255	11.0	6.5	8.0	346	42,602
McCormick	15.3	9.6	12.7	24,575	16.8	9.1	13.6	3,347	27,922
Marion	17.9	11.3	15.0	22,732	22.0		22.0	1,587	24,319
Marlboro	27.3	6.8	19.8	22,363	38.0	12.2	28.9	7,084	29,447
Newberry	17.4	7.9	13.3	57,315	21.0	16.6	18.8	2,712	60,028
Oconee	16.9	8.3	12.0	25,571	5.5	2.0	4.3	188	25,759
Orangeburg	25.3	7.1	18.0	108,545	17.9	12.5	16.4	7,113	115,658
Pickens	17.7	7.1	11.0	28,237	7.8	7.0	7.0	101	28,338
Richland	19.1	9.6	14.3	41,042	8.0		8.0	115	41,157
Saluda	15.6	9.2	12.6	35,930	15.0	1.0	8.0	231	36,161
Spartanburg	19.1	9.2	14.7	69,017	8.3	4.0	7.4	534	69,551
Sumter	18.7	8.6	14.6	42,299	9.9	9.6	9.8	1,688	43,988
Union	19.0	6.7	12.9	47,371	16.5	20.4	18.5	6,391	53,763
Williamsburg	20.1	7.2	15.3	58,985	14.0	5.0	11.8	2,712	61,698
York	20.6	11.4	16.4	56,213	12.6	10.0	11.0	5,382	61,595
Total	20.5	8.7	15.3	2,026,590	21.0	10.6	17.6	237,671	2,264,261
% Change from 2014	-0.9	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0	27.2	13.6	-11.9	27.9	1.0

Table 9. Estimated deer harvest by weapon type in South Carolina in 2015.

	Rifle	Bow & Arrow	Shotgun	Muzzle-loader	Crossbow	Handgun	Total
Number of Deer Harvested	159,144	12,579	15,407	4,486	3,120	195	195,030
Percent Total Deer Harvest	81.6	6.5	7.9	2.3	1.6	0.1	100.0
Percent Hunter Success With Weapon	63.3	27.9	31.1	26.9	22.4	14.6	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 2015.

	Rifle	Bow & Arrow	Shotgun	Muzzle-loader	Crossbow	Handgun
Residents	121,270	31,543	31,411	14,711	12,061	4,506
Non-Residents	12,896	1,862	1,147	2,024	1,201	418
Total	134,166	33,405	32,557	16,735	13,261	4,924

Total across weapons not given because hunters use multiple weapons. Total hunters = 146,025.

Table 11. Weapons utilization (percent) among deer hunters in South Carolina in 2015.

	Rifle	Bow & Arrow	Shotgun	Muzzle-loader	Crossbow	Handgun
Residents	91.5*	23.8*	23.7*	11.1*	9.1	3.4
Non-Residents	95.6	13.8	8.5	15.0	8.9	3.1
Total	92.2	22.2	21.4	11.7	9.1	3.4

* Significant difference in weapons use category based on residency.

Table 12. Weapons preference (percent) among deer hunters in South Carolina in 2015.

	Rifle	Bow & Arrow	Shotgun	Muzzle-loader	Crossbow	Handgun	Total
Residents	76.4*	13.0*	7.6*	0.8	1.7	0.5	100.0
Non-Residents	87.8	8.7	1.0	1.4	0.8	0.3	100.0
Total	78.2	12.4	6.6	0.9	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 2015.

Rank is by per unit area harvested.

County	Hog Harv.	Harv./ Mile ²	% Change from 2014	2015 Rank	2014 Rank	Coyote Harv.	Harv./ Mile ²	% Change from 2014	2015 Rank	2014 Rank
Abbeville	1,948	5.59	25.9	1	1	866	2.48	-27.4	4	2
Aiken	673	0.86	-11.3	28	26	649	0.83	-36.3	35	25
Allendale	1,707	5.05	92.0	3	3	240	0.71	-53.8	38	16
Anderson	1,732	5.06	96.4	2	4	1,395	4.07	9.0	1	1
Bamberg	433	1.41	10.8	19	22	409	1.33	-10.3	23	19
Barnwell	553	1.26	21.4	21	25	553	1.26	218.7	24	45
Beaufort	24	0.10	-81.5	45	37	72	0.31	-16.9	45	46
Berkeley	1,804	2.03	45.9	10	20	361	0.41	-61.3	43	32
Calhoun	649	2.18	-6.5	8	8	481	1.62	146.3	14	41
Charleston	361	0.80	-68.6	30	6	144	0.32	-77.1	44	21
Cherokee	265	1.08	103.2	24	38	697	2.85	78.6	3	13
Chester	625	1.33	311.7	20	44	746	1.59	1.1	15	15
Chesterfield	938	1.61	72.9	17	27	1,251	2.15	34.1	8	13
Clarendon	794	1.70	-33.5	15	5	721	1.55	7.3	18	20
Colleton	1,299	1.65	2.7	16	17	673	0.86	-3.0	34	36
Darlington	313	0.70	-48.5	33	21	289	0.65	-46.8	41	28
Dillon	192	0.58	10.8	38	39	24	0.07	-94.2	46	26
Dorchester	505	1.07	-52.5	25	10	313	0.66	2.9	40	42
Edgefield	72	0.19	-44.6	43	43	553	1.44	-52.8	21	3
Fairfield	385	0.64	61.2	36	41	746	1.24	7.4	25	30
Florence	481	0.77	30.4	31	36	601	0.97	-7.6	31	32
Georgetown	890	1.42	-30.5	18	13	481	0.77	-17.9	36	35
Greenville	168	0.37	-48.3	41	31	553	1.20	-27.2	26	12
Greenwood	553	1.73	21.4	14	19	505	1.58	16.4	16	23
Hampton	2,309	4.55	36.4	4	2	962	1.90	92.8	10	34
Horry	770	0.92	-17.5	27	23	625	0.75	80.1	37	44
Jasper	914	1.89	23.9	12	18	553	1.14	70.0	28	40
Kershaw	649	1.15	66.3	22	34	1,106	1.96	41.6	9	21
Lancaster	48	0.12	-72.3	44	40	601	1.44	-52.2	21	4
Laurens	481	0.97	10.9	26	28	1,130	2.28	-17.3	7	5
Lee	240	0.70	3.9	33	35	794	2.31	18.0	6	11
Lexington	289	0.66	-21.8	35	29	481	1.10	-28.5	29	17
McCormick	361	1.09	-52.5	23	9	313	0.94	20.1	33	39
Marion	1,539	4.54	125.2	5	15	529	1.56	28.3	17	27
Marlboro	1,635	3.72	1,156.3	6	45	481	1.09	70.5	30	42
Newberry	265	0.53	-23.8	39	32	866	1.74	-16.9	13	10
Oconee	938	2.11	188.2	9	30	842	1.89	128.2	11	37
Orangeburg	601	0.76	246.4	32	46	1,178	1.49	23.4	20	28
Pickens	144	0.42	-81.4	40	10	240	0.70	-38.4	39	31
Richland	938	1.76	-17.7	13	12	265	0.50	-79.0	42	8
Saluda	192	0.64	77.4	36	42	866	2.88	7.9	2	6
Spartanburg	337	0.81	-51.8	29	16	986	2.37	-3.3	5	7
Sumter	1,707	3.22	57.4	7	13	505	0.95	16.4	32	38
Union	120	0.30	-87.8	42	7	625	1.55	15.3	18	24
Williamsburg	1,539	1.92	81.9	11	24	938	1.17	-22.8	27	18
York	24	0.06	-92.1	46	32	818	1.89	-12.4	11	9
Total	33,404	1.52	12.1	NA	NA	29,027	1.32	-7.3	NA	NA
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Ranking is based on harvest per square mile

Table 14. Number of deer-vehicle collisions reported by the South Carolina Department of Public Safety 2011-2015.

County	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Abbeville	13	9	1	10	3
Aiken	70	74	67	77	62
Allendale	9	8	9	13	9
Anderson	94	105	91	87	86
Bamberg	16	18	13	21	11
Barnwell	16	15	15	17	15
Beaufort	172	179	166	138	112
Berkeley	100	102	88	74	79
Calhoun	24	41	29	28	34
Charleston	215	244	185	185	147
Cherokee	23	26	25	22	25
Chester	20	22	18	16	16
Chesterfield	16	14	21	11	14
Clarendon	48	34	24	26	23
Colleton	70	70	82	85	66
Darlington	40	44	48	49	59
Dillon	15	28	41	25	64
Dorchester	87	81	73	71	77
Edgefield	5	7	7	5	3
Fairfield	25	35	16	15	26
Florence	80	99	91	74	118
Georgetown	32	47	47	28	34
Greenville	134	129	115	139	121
Greenwood	14	15	10	25	17
Hampton	22	12	11	20	15
Horry	112	103	135	131	184
Jasper	67	58	74	55	56
Kershaw	58	49	51	46	37
Lancaster	23	23	15	23	30
Laurens	22	15	15	20	16
Lee	33	35	23	19	21
Lexington	51	68	35	57	34
McCormick	3	7	4	7	3
Marion	34	35	43	31	39
Marlboro	23	19	22	21	21
Newberry	18	8	11	10	7
Oconee	16	18	8	14	15
Orangeburg	89	115	142	152	143
Pickens	27	25	29	23	32
Richland	112	99	71	85	54
Saluda	8	9	8	7	7
Spartanburg	150	146	160	158	136
Sumter	77	69	62	39	43
Union	7	19	15	15	10
Williamsburg	57	71	64	43	58
York	42	35	77	98	96
Total	2,389	2,484	2,357	2,315	2,278

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 2015 Deer Hunter Survey

January, 2016

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 2015 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 2014 survey can be found at www.dnr.sc.gov/wildlife/deer/2014/DeerHarvestReport.html

Thank you for your assistance.



Charles Ruth
Wildlife Biologist
Deer/Turkey Project Supervisor

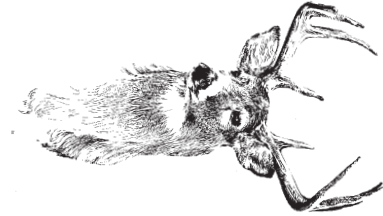
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If you have questions regarding this survey, please call 803-734-3886 or write 2015 Deer Hunter Survey, SCDNR, P.O. Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202.

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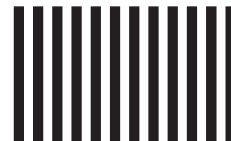


Figure 1 Cont.

2015 South Carolina Deer Hunter Survey

1. Did you hunt deer in SC this past season (2015)? 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 (2015). 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 2015 please go to question # 6.

4. Please record the number of deer taken by month of season in SC last season (2015).

August	September	October	November	December	January

5. Please record the number of deer taken with each weapon in SC last season (2015).

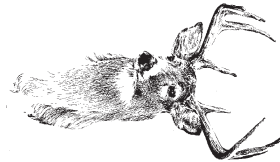
Rifle	Bow	Shotgun	Muzzleloader	Crossbow	Handgun

6. Please circle **all** the weapons that you hunted deer with in 2015.
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 2015, 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 2015. Note that December includes January 1 which is the last day of deer season.

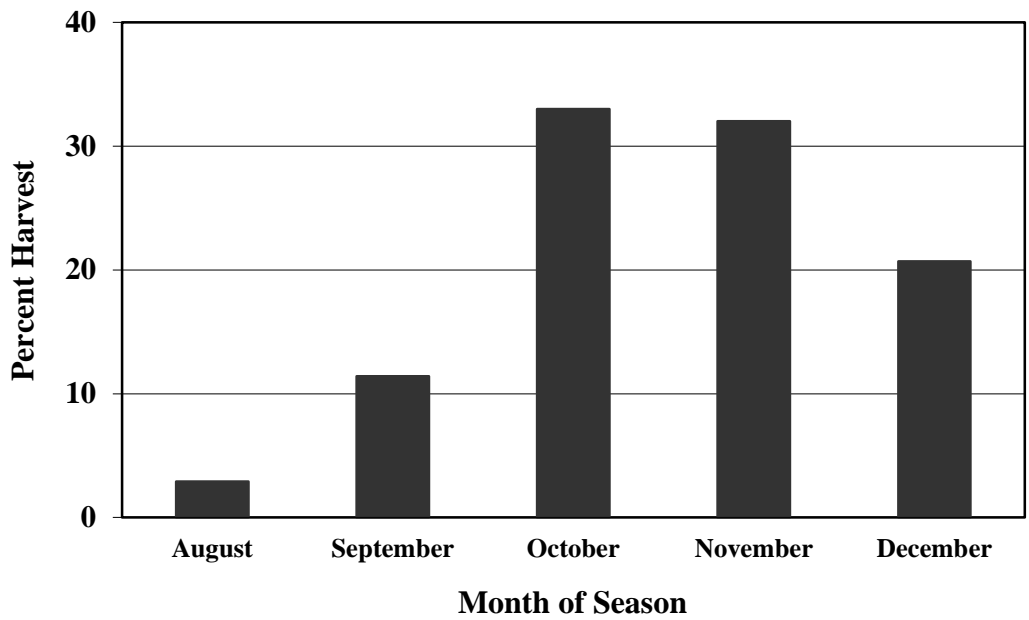


Figure 3. Percent of female deer conceiving by week in South Carolina, based on historic data.

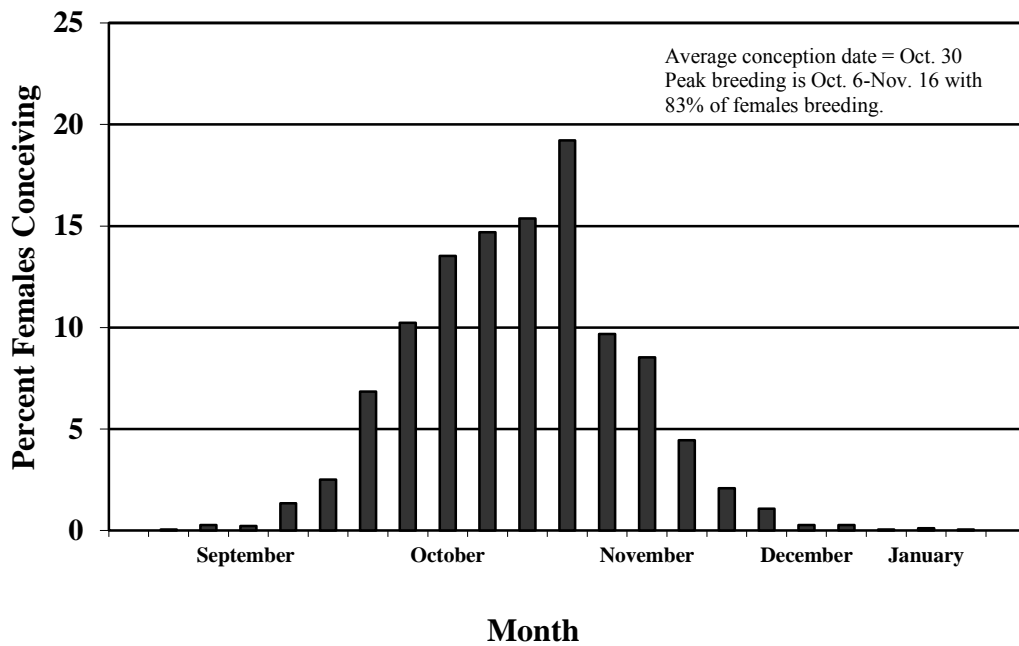


Figure 4. Estimated deer harvest in South Carolina 1972-2015.

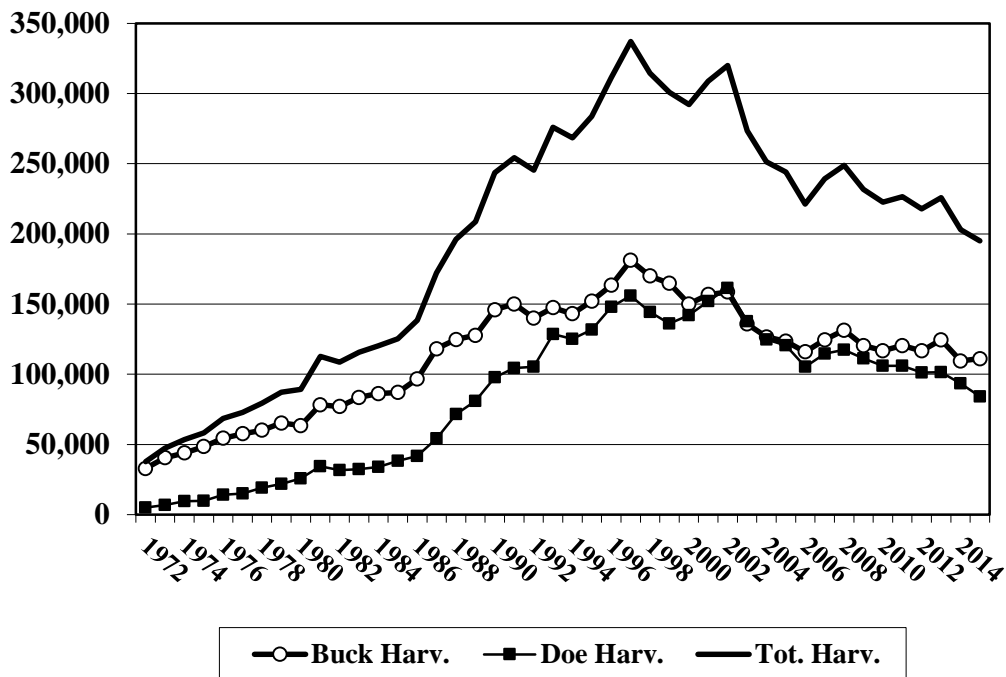


Figure 5. Estimated South Carolina deer population 1972-2015 based on population reconstruction modeling. Note that antlerless deer includes male fawns (button bucks).

