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Table 1. Estimated statewide deer harvest in South Carolina in 2016.

County	Acres*	Square Miles	Buck Harvest	Doe Harvest	Total Harvest	Harvest Rates		% Change from 2015
						Ac/Deer	Deer/Mi. ²	
Abbeville	223,113	349	1,803	1,308	3,112	71.7	8.9	-28.3
Aiken	500,546	782	2,540	1,664	4,203	119.1	5.4	-21.6
Allendale	216,455	338	1,577	1,213	2,791	77.6	8.3	-36.7
Anderson	219,068	342	3,620	2,930	6,550	33.4	19.1	5.9
Bamberg	196,573	307	1,890	1,452	3,342	58.8	10.9	-21.5
Barnwell	281,764	440	1,837	1,363	3,200	88.1	7.3	-31.4
Beaufort	147,441	230	946	823	1,769	83.3	7.7	8.0
Berkeley	567,530	887	2,049	1,790	3,839	147.8	4.3	-33.2
Calhoun	190,584	298	2,234	1,923	4,156	45.9	14.0	25.0
Charleston	288,732	451	1,710	1,355	3,065	94.2	6.8	3.3
Cherokee	156,664	245	1,400	882	2,282	68.7	9.3	-7.3
Chester	300,589	470	2,697	1,729	4,426	67.9	9.4	-6.7
Chesterfield	372,478	582	2,561	1,497	4,057	91.8	7.0	12.2
Clarendon	298,087	466	2,527	2,062	4,589	65.0	9.9	65.1
Colleton	502,666	785	3,800	3,048	6,848	73.4	8.7	-19.2
Darlington	286,228	447	873	711	1,584	180.7	3.5	3.0
Dillon	214,069	334	654	464	1,118	191.5	3.3	-28.3
Dorchester	302,717	473	2,238	1,554	3,792	79.8	8.0	-11.8
Edgefield	246,543	385	1,567	1,331	2,898	85.1	7.5	-24.4
Fairfield	384,607	601	2,783	1,493	4,275	90.0	7.1	-30.7
Florence	397,888	622	2,706	1,520	4,226	94.2	6.8	-27.6
Georgetown	399,638	624	1,704	976	2,680	149.1	4.3	-28.8
Greenville	294,257	460	2,082	1,315	3,397	86.6	7.4	-2.6
Greenwood	204,400	319	1,564	1,291	2,855	71.6	8.9	-7.0
Hampton	324,840	508	3,260	3,118	6,378	50.9	12.6	-29.8
Horry	533,336	833	1,680	1,311	2,991	178.3	3.6	-26.7
Jasper	309,889	484	1,818	1,874	3,692	83.9	7.6	-28.2
Kershaw	360,485	563	2,840	1,463	4,303	83.8	7.6	-25.8
Lancaster	266,382	416	1,963	1,157	3,120	85.4	7.5	-5.0
Laurens	317,916	497	3,639	2,341	5,980	53.2	12.0	36.2
Lee	220,106	344	1,613	1,165	2,779	79.2	8.1	9.3
Lexington	280,742	439	2,132	1,388	3,520	79.7	8.0	15.5
McCormick	212,021	331	1,668	1,220	2,889	73.4	8.7	31.2
Marion	216,907	339	698	438	1,136	190.9	3.4	-48.7
Marlboro	281,271	439	948	491	1,439	195.4	3.3	-46.7
Newberry	317,761	497	2,768	1,959	4,727	67.2	9.5	-10.0
Oconee	284,348	444	1,361	714	2,075	137.0	4.7	18.3
Orangeburg	504,516	788	5,565	4,197	9,761	51.7	12.4	-5.5
Pickens	219,926	344	1,544	777	2,321	94.7	6.8	24.3
Richland	340,121	531	1,515	830	2,345	145.1	4.4	-17.6
Saluda	192,173	300	1,767	1,398	3,164	60.7	10.5	17.5
Spartanburg	265,939	416	3,656	2,879	6,536	40.7	15.7	4.9
Sumter	338,968	530	1,743	1,099	2,842	119.3	5.4	-29.7
Union	258,111	403	2,369	2,189	4,558	56.6	11.3	-2.3
Williamsburg	513,851	803	2,857	2,506	5,363	95.8	6.7	-31.2
York	276,650	432	2,930	2,446	5,376	51.5	12.4	18.2
Total	14,028,896	21,920	99,697	72,655	172,353	93.3	8.2	-11.7

95% Confidence Interval for harvest (+ -) **3,628** (+ -) **3,266** (+ -) **5,560**

* 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 2016.

County	Acres*	Square Miles	Buck Harvest	Doe Harvest	Total Harvest	Harvest Rates		% Change from 2015
						Ac/Deer	Deer/Mi. ²	
Anderson	219,068	342	3,620	2,929	6,549	33.5	19.1	5.9
Spartanburg	265,939	416	3,656	2,879	6,535	40.7	15.7	4.9
Calhoun	190,584	298	2,233	1,922	4,155	45.9	14.0	25.0
Hampton	324,840	508	3,259	3,118	6,377	50.9	12.6	-29.8
York	276,650	432	2,930	2,446	5,376	51.5	12.4	18.2
Orangeburg	504,516	788	5,564	4,196	9,760	51.7	12.4	-5.6
Laurens	317,916	497	3,639	2,341	5,980	53.2	12.0	36.2
Union	258,111	403	2,369	2,189	4,558	56.6	11.3	-2.3
Bamberg	196,573	307	1,890	1,451	3,341	58.8	10.9	-21.5
Saluda	192,173	300	1,766	1,397	3,163	60.8	10.5	17.5
Clarendon	298,087	466	2,526	2,062	4,588	65.0	9.9	65.1
Newberry	317,761	497	2,768	1,958	4,726	67.2	9.5	-10.0
Chester	300,589	470	2,696	1,729	4,425	67.9	9.4	-6.7
Cherokee	156,664	245	1,399	882	2,281	68.7	9.3	-7.4
Greenwood	204,400	319	1,564	1,291	2,855	71.6	8.9	-7.0
Abbeville	223,113	349	1,803	1,308	3,111	71.7	8.9	-28.3
Colleton	502,666	785	3,799	3,048	6,847	73.4	8.7	-19.2
McCormick	212,021	331	1,668	1,220	2,888	73.4	8.7	31.2
Allendale	216,455	338	1,577	1,213	2,790	77.6	8.2	-36.7
Lee	220,106	344	1,613	1,165	2,778	79.2	8.1	9.3
Lexington	280,742	439	2,132	1,388	3,520	79.8	8.0	15.5
Dorchester	302,717	473	2,238	1,553	3,791	79.9	8.0	-11.8
Beaufort	147,441	230	946	823	1,769	83.3	7.7	7.9
Kershaw	360,485	563	2,840	1,462	4,302	83.8	7.6	-25.8
Jasper	309,889	484	1,817	1,874	3,691	84.0	7.6	-28.2
Edgefield	246,543	385	1,566	1,330	2,896	85.1	7.5	-24.5
Lancaster	266,382	416	1,963	1,157	3,120	85.4	7.5	-5.0
Greenville	294,257	460	2,082	1,315	3,397	86.6	7.4	-2.6
Barnwell	281,764	440	1,836	1,363	3,199	88.1	7.3	-31.4
Fairfield	384,607	601	2,782	1,492	4,274	90.0	7.1	-30.7
Chesterfield	372,478	582	2,560	1,496	4,056	91.8	7.0	12.1
Florence	397,888	622	2,706	1,519	4,225	94.2	6.8	-27.6
Charleston	288,732	451	1,710	1,355	3,065	94.2	6.8	3.3
Pickens	219,926	344	1,544	777	2,321	94.8	6.8	24.3
Williamsburg	513,851	803	2,857	2,506	5,363	95.8	6.7	-31.2
Aiken	500,546	782	2,539	1,663	4,202	119.1	5.4	-21.6
Sumter	338,968	530	1,743	1,098	2,841	119.3	5.4	-29.7
Oconee	284,348	444	1,361	713	2,074	137.1	4.7	18.2
Richland	340,121	531	1,514	830	2,344	145.1	4.4	-17.6
Berkeley	567,530	887	2,049	1,790	3,839	147.8	4.3	-33.2
Georgetown	399,638	624	1,703	976	2,679	149.2	4.3	-28.8
Horry	533,336	833	1,679	1,311	2,990	178.4	3.6	-26.7
Darlington	286,228	447	873	710	1,583	180.8	3.5	2.9
Marion	216,907	339	697	438	1,135	191.1	3.3	-48.8
Dillon	214,069	334	654	463	1,117	191.6	3.3	-28.4
Marlboro	281,271	439	948	491	1,439	195.5	3.3	-46.7
Total	14,028,896	21,920	99,678	72,637	172,315	93.3	8.2	-11.7

Table 3. County rankings based on total deer harvested in South Carolina in 2016.

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Orangeburg	504,516	788	5,564	4,196	9,760	51.7	12.4	-5.6
Colleton	502,666	785	3,799	3,048	6,847	73.4	8.7	-19.2
Anderson	219,068	342	3,620	2,929	6,549	33.5	19.1	5.9
Spartanburg	265,939	416	3,656	2,879	6,535	40.7	15.7	4.9
Hampton	324,840	508	3,259	3,118	6,377	50.9	12.6	-29.8
Laurens	317,916	497	3,639	2,341	5,980	53.2	12.0	36.2
York	276,650	432	2,930	2,446	5,376	51.5	12.4	18.2
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Newberry	317,761	497	2,768	1,958	4,726	67.2	9.5	-10.0
Clarendon	298,087	466	2,526	2,062	4,588	65.0	9.9	65.1
Union	258,111	403	2,369	2,189	4,558	56.6	11.3	-2.3
Chester	300,589	470	2,696	1,729	4,425	67.9	9.4	-6.7
Kershaw	360,485	563	2,840	1,462	4,302	83.8	7.6	-25.8
Fairfield	384,607	601	2,782	1,492	4,274	90.0	7.1	-30.7
Florence	397,888	622	2,706	1,519	4,225	94.2	6.8	-27.6
Aiken	500,546	782	2,539	1,663	4,202	119.1	5.4	-21.6
Calhoun	190,584	298	2,233	1,922	4,155	45.9	14.0	25.0
Chesterfield	372,478	582	2,560	1,496	4,056	91.8	7.0	12.1
Berkeley	567,530	887	2,049	1,790	3,839	147.8	4.3	-33.2
Dorchester	302,717	473	2,238	1,553	3,791	79.9	8.0	-11.8
Jasper	309,889	484	1,817	1,874	3,691	84.0	7.6	-28.2
Lexington	280,742	439	2,132	1,388	3,520	79.8	8.0	15.5
Greenville	294,257	460	2,082	1,315	3,397	86.6	7.4	-2.6
Bamberg	196,573	307	1,890	1,451	3,341	58.8	10.9	-21.5
Barnwell	281,764	440	1,836	1,363	3,199	88.1	7.3	-31.4
Saluda	192,173	300	1,766	1,397	3,163	60.8	10.5	17.5
Lancaster	266,382	416	1,963	1,157	3,120	85.4	7.5	-5.0
Abbeville	223,113	349	1,803	1,308	3,111	71.7	8.9	-28.3
Charleston	288,732	451	1,710	1,355	3,065	94.2	6.8	3.3
Horry	533,336	833	1,679	1,311	2,990	178.4	3.6	-26.7
Edgefield	246,543	385	1,566	1,330	2,896	85.1	7.5	-24.5
McCormick	212,021	331	1,668	1,220	2,888	73.4	8.7	31.2
Greenwood	204,400	319	1,564	1,291	2,855	71.6	8.9	-7.0
Sumter	338,968	530	1,743	1,098	2,841	119.3	5.4	-29.7
Allendale	216,455	338	1,577	1,213	2,790	77.6	8.2	-36.7
Lee	220,106	344	1,613	1,165	2,778	79.2	8.1	9.3
Georgetown	399,638	624	1,703	976	2,679	149.2	4.3	-28.8
Richland	340,121	531	1,514	830	2,344	145.1	4.4	-17.6
Pickens	219,926	344	1,544	777	2,321	94.8	6.8	24.3
Cherokee	156,664	245	1,399	882	2,281	68.7	9.3	-7.4
Oconee	284,348	444	1,361	713	2,074	137.1	4.7	18.2
Beaufort	147,441	230	946	823	1,769	83.3	7.7	7.9
Darlington	286,228	447	873	710	1,583	180.8	3.5	2.9
Marlboro	281,271	439	948	491	1,439	195.5	3.3	-46.7
Marion	216,907	339	697	438	1,135	191.1	3.3	-48.8
Dillon	214,069	334	654	463	1,117	191.6	3.3	-28.4
Total	14,028,896	21,920	99,678	72,637	172,315	93.3	8.2	-11.7

Table 4. Estimated deer harvest on Wildlife Management Areas in South Carolina in 2016.

Area	Acreage	Bucks	Does	Total	Deer/Mi.²
Mountain Hunt Unit	193,566	1,139	603	1,742	5.8
Central Piedmont Hunt Unit	159,793	1,462	1,080	2,542	10.2
Western Piedmont Hunt Unit	119,077	872	668	1,540	8.3
Subtotal for Upstate WMA's	472,436	3,473	2,351	5,824	7.9
Coastal WMA's*					
Bear Island WMA	1,519	8	7	15	6.3
Bonneau Ferry	10,697	59	25	84	5.0
Botany Bay WMA	2,000	19	22	41	13.1
Crackerneck WMA	10,470	42	36	78	4.8
Cross Generating Station WMA	654	5	7	12	11.7
Donnelley WMA	8,048	12	15	27	2.1
Francis Marion WMA	252,578	122	103	225	0.6
Hamilton Ridge	13,281	27	18	45	2.2
Liberty Hill	7,876	15	15	30	2.4
Hickory Top WMA	1,836	2	7	9	3.1
Manchester State Forest WMA	25,505	40	17	57	1.4
Moultrie WMA	9,480	15	20	35	2.4
Oak Lea WMA	2,024	23	28	51	16.1
Palachucola WMA	5,947	23	29	52	5.6
Santee Cooper WMA	2,828	3	7	10	2.3
Victoria Bluff WMA	800	2	2	4	3.2
Wateree River WMA	3,674	3	6	9	1.6
Webb Wildlife Center WMA	5,866	13	14	27	2.9
Subtotal for Coastal WMA's	365,083	433	378	811	1.4
Total	837,519	3,906	2,729	6,635	5.1

*Check Station data.

Table 5. Hunter opinion (percent) regarding the number of deer in the area hunted most often in South Carolina in 2016 compared to previous years.

	Increasing	About the Same	Decreasing
Residents	12.3	48.7	39
Non-Residents	10.1	49.9	39.9
Overall	12.0	48.9	39.1

Table 6. Resident deer hunter and deer harvest statistics in South Carolina in 2016.

County	Number Hunters	Man/Days Hunted	Percent Success	Deer/Hunter	Days/Deer	Buck Harvest	Doe Harvest	Total Harvest
Abbeville	3,667	48,027	70	0.8	15.9	1,754	1,275	3,029
Aiken	3,826	63,411	68	1.0	15.8	2,391	1,614	4,006
Allendale	1,156	12,494	69	0.9	11.6	638	438	1,076
Anderson	4,803	76,544	71	1.4	11.7	3,587	2,930	6,517
Bamberg	1,754	23,815	76	1.5	9.3	1,495	1,056	2,551
Barnwell	1,734	25,727	80	1.4	10.3	1,375	1,116	2,491
Beaufort	996	12,953	68	1.7	7.8	897	757	1,654
Berkeley	3,886	50,039	69	1.0	13.1	2,033	1,774	3,806
Calhoun	2,551	43,881	73	1.6	10.7	2,232	1,873	4,105
Charleston	3,069	39,337	68	1.0	12.9	1,694	1,355	3,049
Cherokee	1,216	19,967	59	1.5	10.8	1,136	717	1,853
Chester	2,710	37,284	58	1.1	12.8	1,774	1,136	2,909
Chesterfield	2,132	46,652	75	1.6	13.5	2,132	1,315	3,447
Clarendon	2,332	35,929	76	1.9	8.1	2,411	2,013	4,424
Colleton	3,906	67,318	70	1.6	10.6	3,388	2,949	6,337
Darlington	1,335	27,161	63	1.1	17.7	857	678	1,535
Dillon	837	17,178	69	1.1	18.3	638	299	937
Dorchester	2,929	44,837	66	1.2	12.4	2,172	1,455	3,627
Edgefield	2,371	32,941	71	1.1	12.4	1,435	1,216	2,650
Fairfield	3,627	50,856	65	1.0	14.7	2,272	1,196	3,468
Florence	2,790	51,973	66	1.4	13.2	2,591	1,355	3,946
Georgetown	2,272	35,351	63	1.2	13.4	1,654	976	2,630
Greenville	3,248	43,880	66	1.0	13.1	2,033	1,315	3,348
Greenwood	2,670	38,541	72	1.0	14.3	1,515	1,176	2,690
Hampton	1,973	32,682	73	1.5	11.1	1,216	1,734	2,949
Horry	2,730	42,806	58	1.0	15.2	1,614	1,196	2,810
Jasper	1,216	17,596	72	1.8	8.0	1,076	1,116	2,192
Kershaw	2,750	41,350	70	1.4	11.1	2,511	1,216	3,726
Lancaster	1,893	36,089	68	1.3	15.0	1,534	877	2,411
Laurens	4,982	67,057	68	1.2	11.6	3,507	2,292	5,799
Lee	1,774	32,503	61	1.5	12.4	1,514	1,116	2,630
Lexington	3,109	39,637	72	1.1	11.4	2,132	1,355	3,487
McCormick	2,033	24,451	75	1.1	10.6	1,355	957	2,312
Marion	1,415	22,618	62	0.8	19.9	698	438	1,136
Marlboro	877	19,530	73	1.3	16.6	717	458	1,176
Newberry	3,966	50,518	68	1.1	11.6	2,571	1,794	4,364
Oconee	1,993	30,011	69	1.0	15.1	1,295	697	1,993
Orangeburg	5,879	91,108	74	1.6	9.8	5,301	3,966	9,267
Pickens	2,531	31,785	64	0.9	14.0	1,495	777	2,272
Richland	2,850	39,796	65	0.8	17.2	1,515	797	2,312
Saluda	2,630	35,490	66	1.2	11.6	1,734	1,315	3,049
Spartanburg	4,862	66,401	70	1.3	10.3	3,607	2,830	6,437
Sumter	2,451	41,630	66	1.1	15.4	1,694	1,016	2,710
Union	3,667	46,113	66	0.9	13.6	1,594	1,793	3,388
Williamsburg	3,547	51,693	72	1.4	10.8	2,511	2,292	4,803
York	3,647	54,005	63	1.3	11.3	2,551	2,232	4,783
Total	124,589	1,860,966	65	1.2	12.2	87,843	64,248	152,091
% Change from 2015	-9.4	-9.2	-1.6	0.0	2.5	-10.0	-8.8	-10.7

Table 7. Nonresident deer hunter and deer harvest statistics in South Carolina in 2016.

County	Number Hunters	Man/Days Hunted	Percent Success	Deer/Hunter	Days/Deer	Buck Harvest	Doe Harvest	Total Harvest
Abbeville	181	1,385	54	0.5	16.8	49	33	82
Aiken	247	1,747	47	0.8	8.8	148	49	198
Allendale	1,170	14,343	66	1.5	8.4	940	775	1,714
Anderson	66	396	50	0.5	12.0	33	0	33
Bamberg	560	7,534	71	1.4	9.5	396	396	791
Barnwell	330	5,572	70	2.2	7.9	462	247	709
Beaufort	49	610	67	2.3	5.3	49	66	115
Berkeley	99	478	67	0.3	14.5	16	16	33
Calhoun	181	1,187	73	1.2	23.2	2	49	51
Charleston	82	330	20	0.2	20.0	16	0	16
Cherokee	313	4,484	74	1.4	10.5	264	165	429
Chester	1,137	16,650	72	1.3	11.0	923	593	1,517
Chesterfield	544	6,578	67	1.1	10.8	429	181	610
Clarendon	148	1,072	44	1.1	6.5	115	49	165
Colleton	462	6,940	57	1.1	13.6	412	99	511
Darlington	132	1,055	50	0.4	21.3	16	33	49
Dillon	82	2,044	60	2.2	11.3	16	165	181
Dorchester	82	610	80	2.0	3.7	66	99	165
Edgefield	231	3,083	71	1.1	12.5	132	115	247
Fairfield	659	9,611	67	1.2	11.9	511	297	808
Florence	165	2,374	80	1.7	8.5	115	165	280
Georgetown	115	808	43	0.4	16.3	49	0	49
Greenville	33	214	100	1.5	4.3	49	0	49
Greenwood	198	2,407	58	0.8	14.6	49	115	165
Hampton	1,566	28,619	71	2.2	8.3	2,044	1,385	3,429
Horry	82	1,022	80	2.2	5.6	66	115	181
Jasper	528	11,408	81	2.8	7.6	742	758	1,500
Kershaw	412	4,880	64	1.4	8.5	330	247	577
Lancaster	709	10,336	65	1.0	14.6	429	280	709
Laurens	181	1,813	64	1.0	10.0	132	49	181
Lee	132	1,269	50	1.1	8.6	99	49	148
Lexington	66	346	50	0.5	10.5	0	33	33
McCormick	330	4,500	65	1.8	7.8	313	264	577
Marion	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
Marlboro	264	4,319	81	1.0	16.4	231	33	264
Newberry	280	4,649	71	1.3	12.8	198	165	363
Oconee	132	1,006	50	0.6	12.2	66	16	82
Orangeburg	330	4,237	70	1.5	8.6	264	231	495
Pickens	49	247	67	1.0	5.0	49	0	49
Richland	66	874	50	0.5	26.5	0	33	33
Saluda	82	791	80	1.4	6.9	33	82	115
Spartanburg	132	1,731	50	0.8	17.5	49	49	99
Sumter	132	577	38	1.0	4.4	49	82	132
Union	874	11,952	68	1.3	10.2	775	396	1,170
Williamsburg	313	3,742	68	1.8	6.7	346	214	561
York	478	7,319	69	1.2	12.3	379	214	593
Total	14,408	197,146		1.4	9.7	11,855	8,407	20,262
% Change from 2015	6.8	-17.0	64.0	-3.8	0.0	-12.4	-25.6	-18.4

Table 8. Hunting effort (man/days) by county for successful and unsuccessful resident and nonresident deer hunters in South Carolina in 2016.

County	Residents (man/days)			Total Effort Residents	Non-Residents (man/days)			Total Effort Non-residents	Total Days
	Successful	Unsuccessful	Average		Successful	Unsuccessful	Average		
Abbeville	16.5	9.9	13.1	48,027	7.5	7.7	7.6	1,385	49,412
Aiken	25.2	7.4	16.6	63,411	9.9	4.6	7.1	1,747	65,158
Allendale	16.8	4.9	10.8	12,494	15.7	5.8	12.3	14,343	26,837
Anderson	19.8	9.9	15.9	76,544	5.0	6.3	6.0	396	76,940
Bamberg	17.5	6.4	13.6	23,815	13.6	13.1	13.4	7,534	31,348
Barnwell	17.8	8.3	14.8	25,727	21.1	7.2	16.9	5,572	31,299
Beaufort	17.7	5.4	13.0	12,953	13.5	10.0	12.3	610	13,563
Berkeley	19.2	6.8	12.9	50,039	2.5	6.0	4.8	478	50,517
Calhoun	21.7	10.4	17.2	43,881	8.4	3.3	6.5	1,187	45,068
Charleston	16.7	8.4	12.8	39,337	5.0	3.8	4.0	330	39,667
Cherokee	21.7	8.8	16.4	19,967	15.1	12.7	14.3	4,484	24,451
Chester	17.2	10.1	13.8	37,284	17.8	9.1	14.6	16,650	53,934
Chesterfield	29.5	10.1	21.9	46,652	14.6	7.7	12.1	6,578	53,230
Clarendon	23.1	5.5	15.4	35,929	10.8	4.4	7.2	1,072	37,001
Colleton	23.0	8.3	17.2	67,318	19.8	9.5	15.0	6,940	74,258
Darlington	27.0	11.6	20.3	27,161	22.0	3.3	8.0	1,055	28,216
Dillon	29.4	7.4	20.5	17,178	52.5	6.3	24.8	2,044	19,222
Dorchester	23.5	7.2	15.3	44,837	8.8	2.0	7.4	610	45,447
Edgefield	17.1	9.8	13.9	32,941	14.8	11.5	13.4	3,083	36,024
Fairfield	19.0	8.7	14.0	50,856	17.5	9.7	14.6	9,611	60,467
Florence	25.5	8.7	18.6	51,973	16.8	5.0	14.4	2,374	54,347
Georgetown	22.2	7.9	15.6	35,351	17.5	2.8	7.0	808	36,159
Greenville	18.2	7.3	13.5	43,880	6.5	0.0	6.5	214	44,095
Greenwood	18.7	8.4	14.4	38,541	18.2	6.2	12.2	2,407	40,948
Hampton	26.3	4.3	16.6	32,682	22.7	8.1	18.3	28,619	61,301
Horry	19.9	11.5	15.7	42,806	15.3	1.0	12.4	1,022	43,828
Jasper	20.5	8.7	14.5	17,596	23.3	15.6	21.6	11,408	29,004
Kershaw	18.5	10.1	15.0	41,350	15.0	7.8	11.8	4,880	46,229
Lancaster	23.1	14.1	19.1	36,089	18.3	10.4	14.6	10,336	46,425
Laurens	17.8	7.5	13.5	67,057	9.3	11.3	10.0	1,813	68,871
Lee	30.2	7.2	18.3	32,503	16.8	2.5	9.6	1,269	33,772
Lexington	18.6	6.9	12.8	39,637	4.5	6.0	5.3	346	39,983
McCormick	16.1	6.8	12.0	24,451	15.6	10.8	13.7	4,500	28,951
Marion	19.4	12.5	16.0	22,618	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	22,618
Marlboro	25.4	14.8	22.3	19,530	21.3	1.8	16.4	4,319	23,849
Newberry	17.2	7.7	12.7	50,518	19.9	8.6	16.6	4,649	55,167
Oconee	21.7	7.3	15.1	30,011	12.3	4.8	7.6	1,006	31,017
Orangeburg	20.2	8.9	15.5	91,108	16.6	4.2	12.9	4,237	95,345
Pickens	18.7	7.5	12.6	31,785	5.5	4.0	5.0	247	32,032
Richland	20.1	9.0	14.0	39,796	24.5	2.0	13.3	874	40,670
Saluda	18.0	9.1	13.5	35,490	13.7	3.5	9.6	791	36,282
Spartanburg	16.7	8.3	13.7	66,401	7.0	16.8	13.1	1,731	68,132
Sumter	24.8	9.1	17.0	41,630	4.3	4.4	4.4	577	42,207
Union	17.0	7.9	12.6	46,113	15.9	9.8	13.7	11,952	58,064
Williamsburg	18.3	9.4	14.6	51,693	18.4	3.1	11.9	3,742	55,435
York	19.0	9.2	14.8	54,005	16.6	13.8	15.3	7,319	61,325
Total	20.1	8.5	14.9	1,860,966	17.1	8.1	13.6	197,146	2,058,112
% Change from 2015	0.0	-2.3	-2.7	-8.2	-18.6	-23.6	-22.8	-17.1	9.0

Table 9. Estimated deer harvest by weapon type in South Carolina in 2016.

	Rifle	Bow & Arrow	Shotgun	Muzzle-loader	Crossbow	Handgun
Number of Deer Harvested	137,163	11,373	16,025	4,480	2,929	345
Percent Total Deer Harvest	79.6	6.6	9.3	2.6	1.7	0.2
Percent Hunter Success With Weapon	60.0	27.3	33.0	26.1	18.1	9.7

* 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 2016.

	Rifle	Bow & Arrow	Shotgun	Muzzle-loader	Crossbow	Handgun
Residents	113,874	28,033	28,406	15,200	12,210	4,236
Non-Residents	13,918	2,060	1,210	2,810	1,369	389
Total	127,792	30,093	29,617	18,009	13,578	4,625

Total across weapons not given because hunters use multiple weapons. Total hunters = 138,997.

Table 11. Weapons utilization (percent) among deer hunters in South Carolina in 2016.

	Rifle	Bow & Arrow	Shotgun	Muzzle-loader	Crossbow	Handgun
Residents	91.4	22.5*	22.8*	12.2*	9.8	3.4
Non-Residents	96.6	14.3	8.4	19.5	9.5	2.7
Total	92.2	21.3	20.7	13.3	9.8	3.3

* Significant difference in weapons use category based on residency.

Table 12. Weapons preference (percent) among deer hunters in South Carolina in 2016.

	Rifle	Bow & Arrow	Shotgun	Muzzle-loader	Crossbow	Handgun
Residents	77.6*	12.4*	7.0*	1.0*	1.8	0.2
Non-Residents	84.7	8.4	2.4	2.9	1.5	0.1
Total	78.6	11.8	6.3	1.3	1.8	0.2

* Significant difference in weapons preference category based on residency.

Table 13. Estimated wild hog and coyote harvest by deer hunters in South Carolina in 2016.

Rank is by per unit area harvested.

County	Hog Harv.	Harv./ Mile ²	% Change from 2015	2016 Rank	2015 Rank	Coyote Harv.	Harv./ Mile ²	% Change from 2015	2016 Rank	2015 Rank
Abbeville	1,649	4.73	-15.3	1	1	710	2.04	-18.0	11	4
Aiken	527	0.67	-21.8	31	28	1,351	1.73	108.1	16	35
Allendale	893	2.64	-47.7	4	3	481	1.42	100.0	19	38
Anderson	1,031	3.01	-40.5	3	2	870	2.54	-37.6	1	1
Bamberg	389	1.27	-10.0	17	19	298	0.97	-27.2	32	23
Barnwell	298	0.68	-46.2	30	21	367	0.83	-33.7	35	24
Beaufort	55	0.24	127.6	46	45	40	0.17	-44.2	46	45
Berkeley	687	0.77	-61.9	27	10	550	0.62	52.4	39	43
Calhoun	618	2.08	-4.8	8	8	687	2.31	42.9	4	14
Charleston	756	1.68	109.5	12	30	275	0.61	90.5	41	44
Cherokee	206	0.84	-22.1	25	24	298	1.22	-57.3	25	3
Chester	252	0.54	-59.7	35	20	1,031	2.19	38.3	7	15
Chesterfield	275	0.47	-70.7	38	17	756	1.30	-39.6	23	8
Clarendon	321	0.69	-59.6	28	15	481	1.03	-33.3	29	18
Colleton	916	1.17	-29.4	18	16	733	0.93	8.9	34	34
Darlington	367	0.82	17.2	26	33	481	1.08	66.7	28	41
Dillon	389	1.16	102.4	19	38	115	0.34	376.2	44	46
Dorchester	504	1.07	-0.2	21	25	389	0.82	24.6	36	40
Edgefield	69	0.18	-4.8	43	43	779	2.02	40.8	12	21
Fairfield	321	0.53	-16.7	36	36	848	1.41	13.7	20	25
Florence	687	1.11	42.9	20	31	618	0.99	2.9	30	31
Georgetown	1,077	1.72	21.0	10	18	275	0.44	-42.8	42	36
Greenville	298	0.65	76.9	32	41	618	1.35	11.8	22	26
Greenwood	550	1.72	-0.6	10	14	756	2.37	49.7	3	16
Hampton	1,672	3.29	-27.6	2	4	367	0.72	-61.9	38	10
Horry	893	1.07	16.1	21	27	298	0.36	-52.4	43	37
Jasper	481	0.99	-47.4	24	12	298	0.62	-46.2	39	28
Kershaw	573	1.02	-11.8	23	22	1,420	2.52	28.4	2	9
Lancaster	137	0.33	185.7	39	44	893	2.15	48.6	8	21
Laurens	344	0.69	-28.6	28	26	916	1.84	-18.9	14	7
Lee	115	0.33	-52.4	39	33	710	2.06	-10.5	10	6
Lexington	0	0.00	-100.0	46	35	618	1.41	28.6	20	29
McCormick	756	2.28	109.5	7	23	618	1.87	97.8	13	33
Marion	779	2.30	-49.4	6	5	275	0.81	-48.0	37	17
Marlboro	618	1.41	-62.2	15	6	137	0.31	-71.4	45	30
Newberry	321	0.65	21.2	32	39	870	1.75	0.5	15	13
Oconee	893	2.01	-4.8	9	9	641	1.44	-23.8	18	11
Orangeburg	389	0.49	-35.2	37	32	1,260	1.60	6.9	17	20
Pickens	481	1.40	233.4	16	40	389	1.13	61.9	27	39
Richland	1,283	2.41	36.8	5	13	641	1.21	142.5	26	42
Saluda	69	0.23	-64.3	41	36	687	2.29	-20.6	5	2
Spartanburg	92	0.22	-72.8	42	29	893	2.15	-9.4	8	5
Sumter	825	1.56	-51.7	13	7	527	0.99	4.3	30	32
Union	229	0.57	90.5	34	42	504	1.25	-19.4	24	18
Williamsburg	1,145	1.43	-25.6	14	11	779	0.97	-17.0	32	27
York	23	0.05	-4.8	46	46	962	2.23	17.7	6	11
Total	25,252	1.15	-24.7	NA	NA	28,513	1.30	-2.0	NA	NA
	(+ -) 2,015					(+ -) 1,473				

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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 Transportation 2012-2016.

County	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Abbeville	9	1	10	3	9
Aiken	74	67	77	62	84
Allendale	8	9	13	9	10
Anderson	105	91	87	86	88
Bamberg	18	13	21	11	12
Barnwell	15	15	17	15	14
Beaufort	179	166	138	112	108
Berkeley	102	88	74	79	57
Calhoun	41	29	28	34	47
Charleston	244	185	185	147	199
Cherokee	26	25	22	25	15
Chester	22	18	16	16	33
Chesterfield	14	21	11	14	33
Clarendon	34	24	26	23	21
Colleton	70	82	85	66	56
Darlington	44	48	49	59	87
Dillon	28	41	25	64	54
Dorchester	81	73	71	77	67
Edgefield	7	7	5	3	8
Fairfield	35	16	15	26	28
Florence	99	91	74	118	113
Georgetown	47	47	28	34	29
Greenville	129	115	139	121	111
Greenwood	15	10	25	17	18
Hampton	12	11	20	15	10
Horry	103	135	131	184	189
Jasper	58	74	55	56	54
Kershaw	49	51	46	37	33
Lancaster	23	15	23	30	31
Laurens	15	15	20	16	16
Lee	35	23	19	21	19
Lexington	68	35	57	34	38
McCormick	7	4	7	3	1
Marion	35	43	31	39	45
Marlboro	19	22	21	21	51
Newberry	8	11	10	7	8
Oconee	18	8	14	15	7
Orangeburg	115	142	152	143	144
Pickens	25	29	23	32	23
Richland	99	71	85	54	77
Saluda	9	8	7	7	6
Spartanburg	146	160	158	136	165
Sumter	69	62	39	43	24
Union	19	15	15	10	18
Williamsburg	71	64	43	58	85
York	35	77	98	96	115
Total	2,484	2,357	2,315	2,278	2,460

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 2016 Deer Hunter Survey

January, 2017

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 2016 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 2015 survey can be found at www.dnr.sc.gov/wildlife/deer/2015/DeerHarvestReport.html

Thank you for your assistance.



Charles Ruth
Wildlife Biologist
Deer/Turkey Project Supervisor

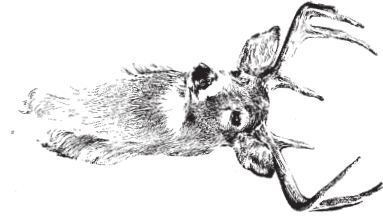
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If you have questions regarding this survey, please call 803-734-3886 or write 2016 Deer Hunter Survey, SCDNR, P.O. Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202.

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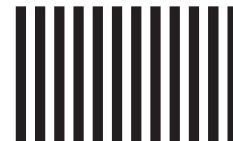


Figure 1 Cont.

2016 South Carolina Deer Hunter Survey

1. Did you hunt deer in SC this past season (2016)? 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 (2016). 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 2016 please go to question # 6.

4. Please record the number of deer taken by month of season in SC last season (2016).

August	September	October	November	December	January

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

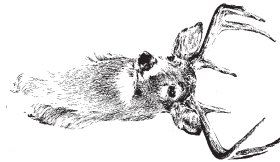
Rifle	Bow	Shotgun	Muzzleloader	Crossbow	Handgun

6. Please circle **all** the weapons that you hunted deer with in 2016.
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 2016, 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 2016. Note that December includes January 1 which is the last day of deer season.

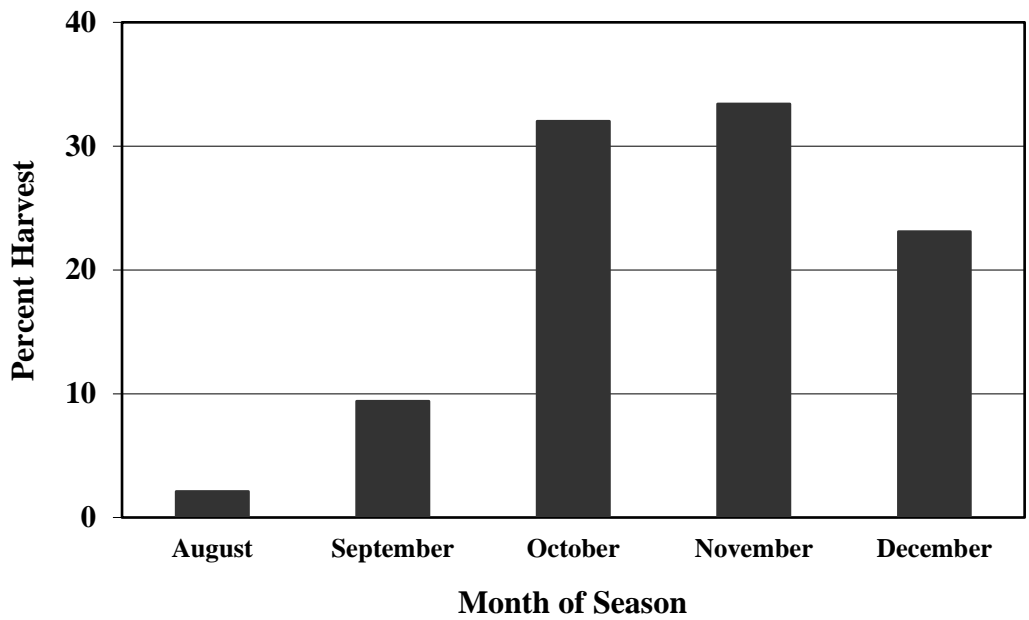


Figure 3. Percent of female deer conceiving by week in South Carolina, based on historic data.

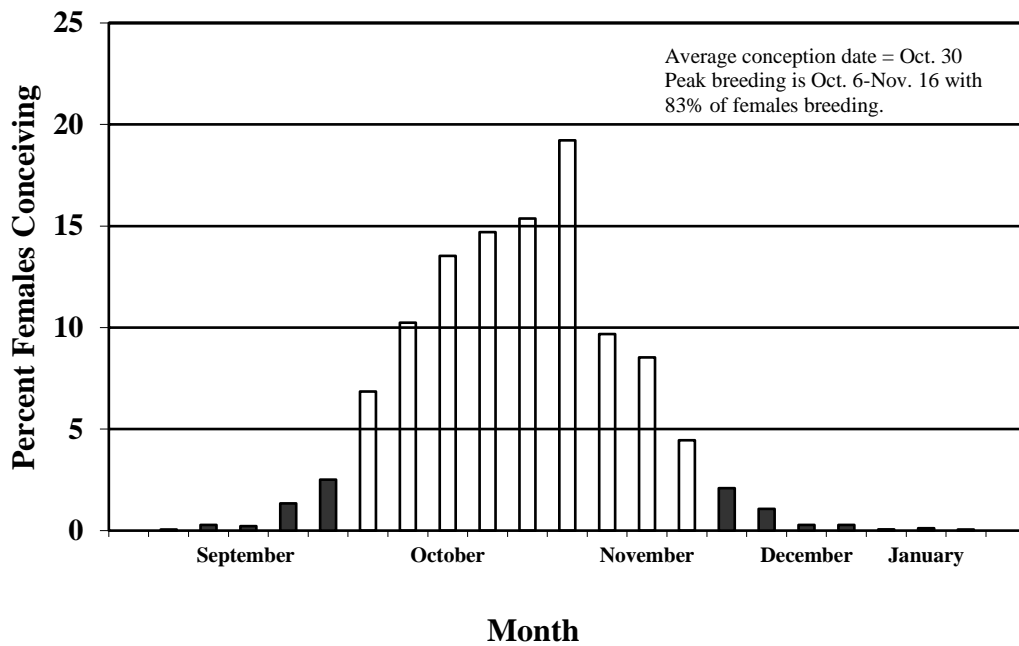


Figure 4. Estimated deer harvest in South Carolina 1972-2016.

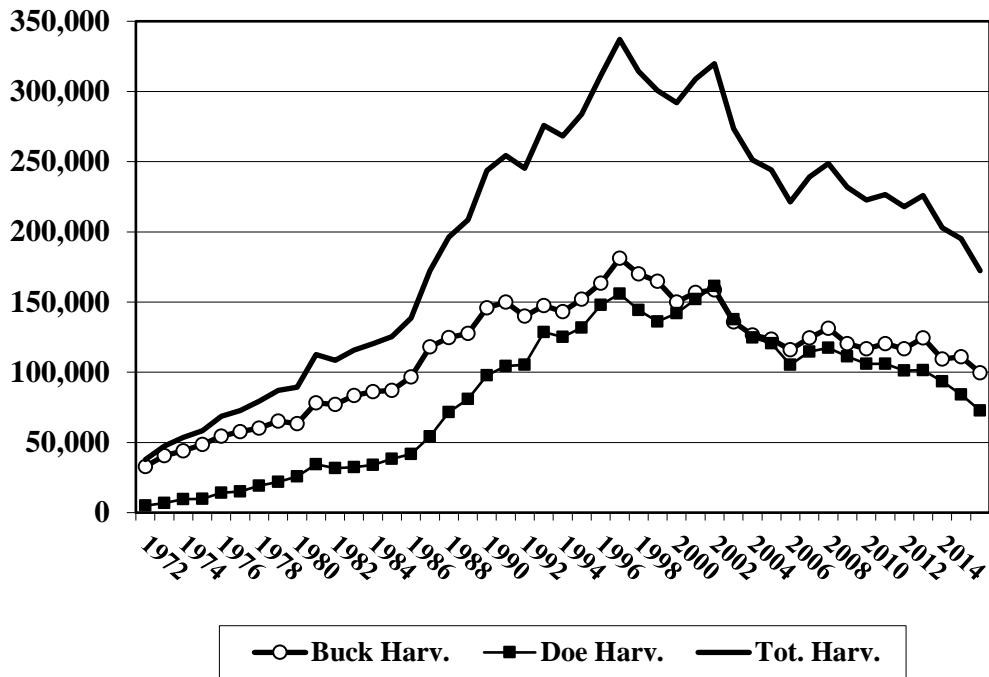


Figure 5. Estimated South Carolina deer population 1972-2016 based on population reconstruction modeling. Note that antlerless deer includes male fawns (button bucks).

