

PRELIMINARY 2025 FIREARM DEER SEASON RESULTS

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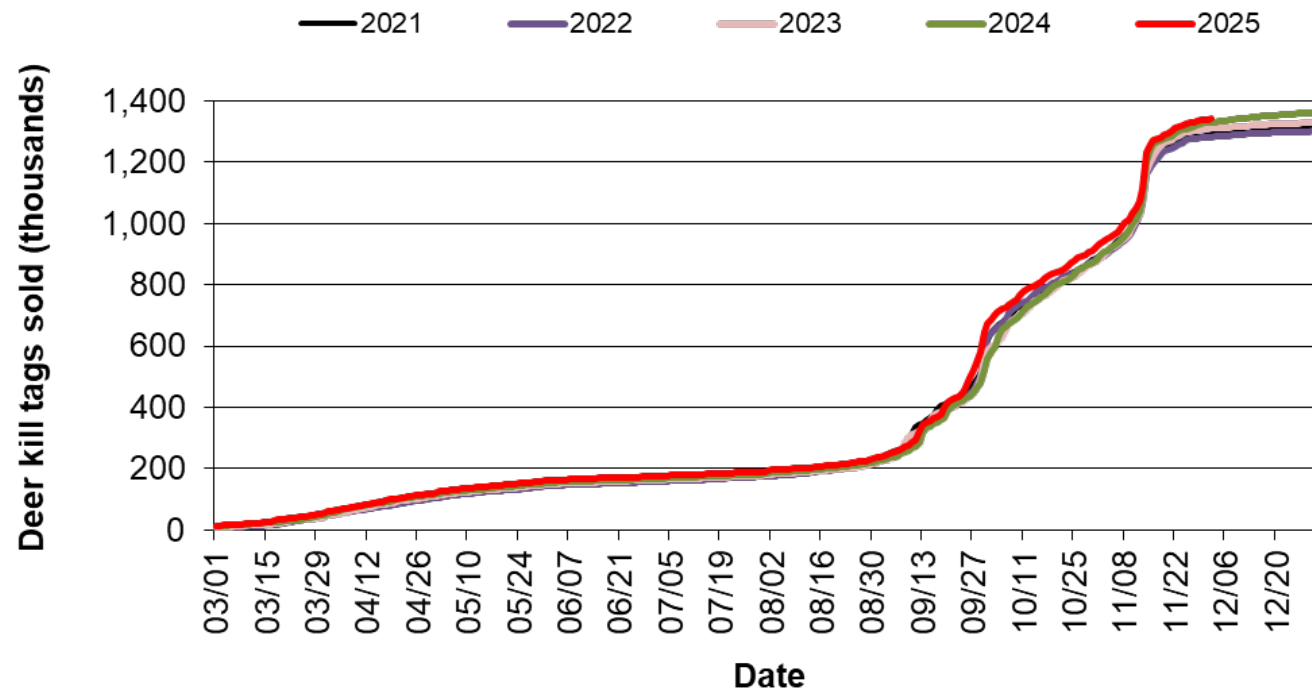
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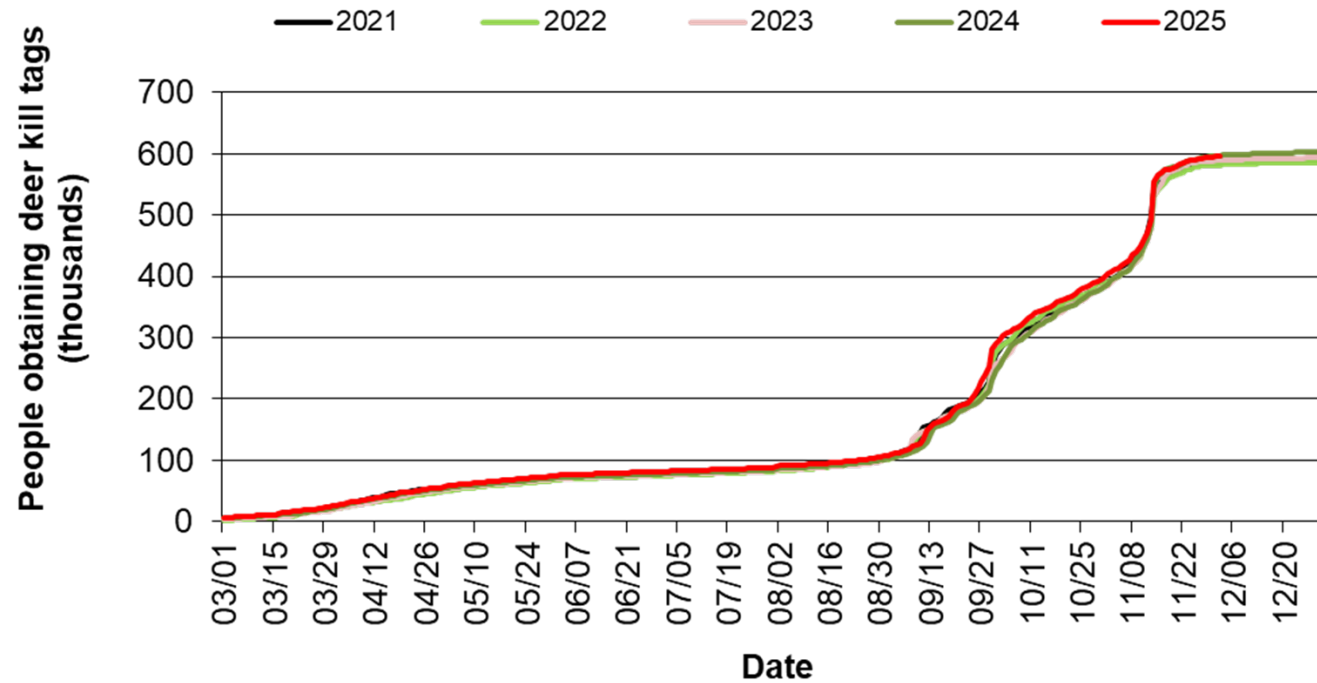
LICENSE SALES

Cumulative number of deer kill tags sold
in Michigan, summarized by year and date
(1,340,624 tags; 0.8% increase from 2024 thru 12-02-2025)



LICENSE BUYERS

Cumulative number of people obtaining a deer kill tag
in Michigan, summarized by year and date
(595,440 people; 0.3% decrease from 2024 thru 12-02-2025)





HARVEST REPORT DATA

All data summarized as of 12/4/25

- Data presented as “Reported Harvest”
- Subject to change as reports continue
- “Reported Harvest” underestimates “Actual Harvest”
- Historic “Harvest Estimates” from our mail survey overestimate “Actual Harvest”
- Michigan “Reported Harvest” and “Harvest Estimates” track as closely or better than comparable states



HARVEST REPORTING

Year	Average Reporting Time	% Reports <5 min
2022	3.7 min	82.7%
2023	2.9 min	90.9%
2024	2.6 min	92.3%
2025 ¹	2.6 min	92.0%



¹Data through 12/8/25

2025¹ VS 2024 REPORTED HARVEST

Region	Opening Day	Firearm Total	Total to Date ²
UP	-4.7%	-12.7%	-7.2%
NLP	-11.7%	-11.0%	-9.7%
SLP	-8.9%	-0.07%	-1.8%
Statewide	-9.5%	-5.2%	-2.8%



¹Data through 12/4/25

²2024 Data through 12/4/24

2025 REPORTED HARVEST¹

Type of Deer	Opening Day	Firearm Total	Total to Date
Antlered	29,403 (77%)	81,344 (63%)	140,693 (65%)
Antlerless	8,726 (23%)	48,127 (37%)	74,275 (35%)
Total	38,129 (100%)	129,471 (100%)	214,968 (100%)

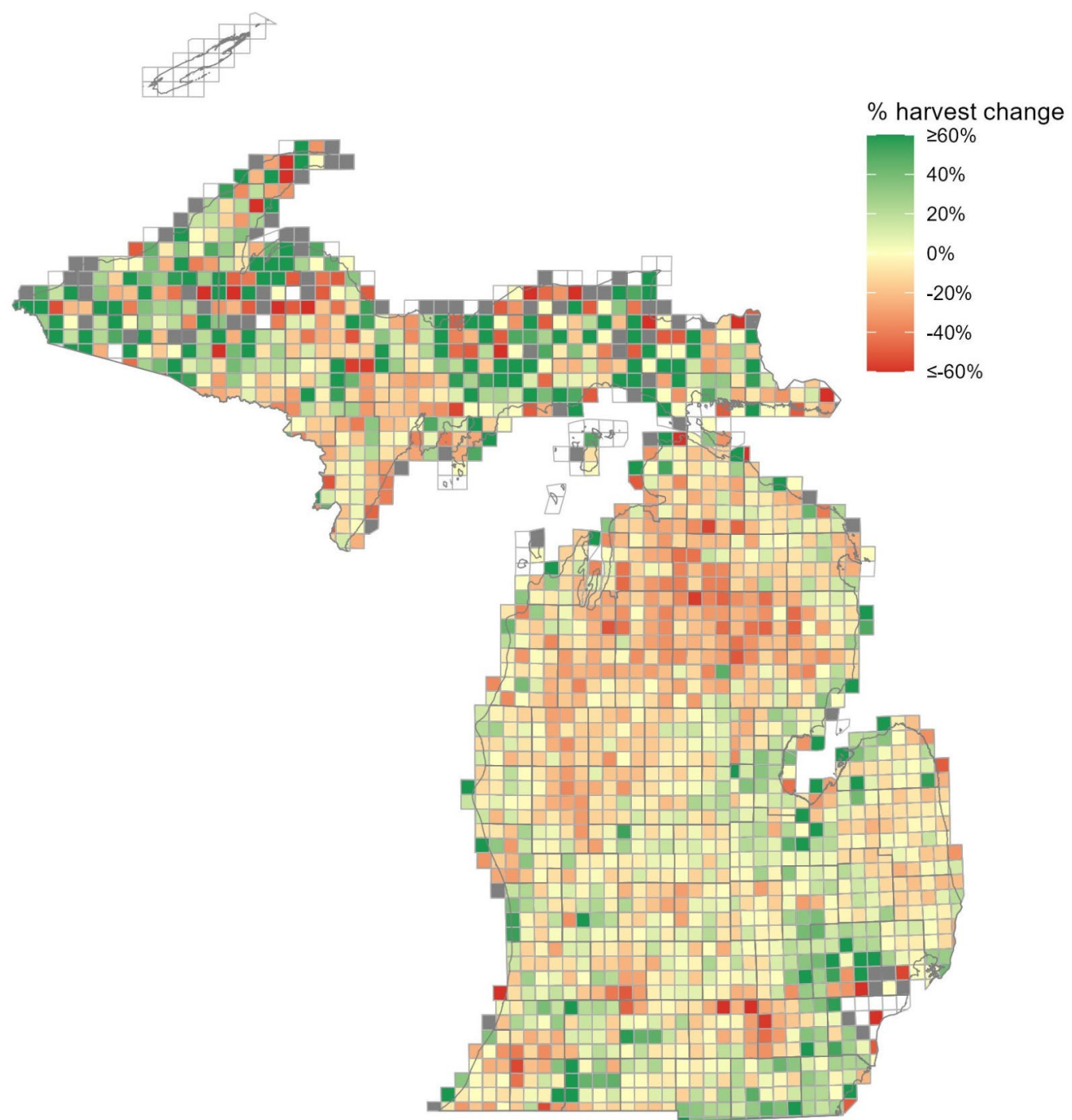


¹Data through 12/4/25

2025¹ VS 2024 REPORTED HARVEST



¹Data through 11/18/25



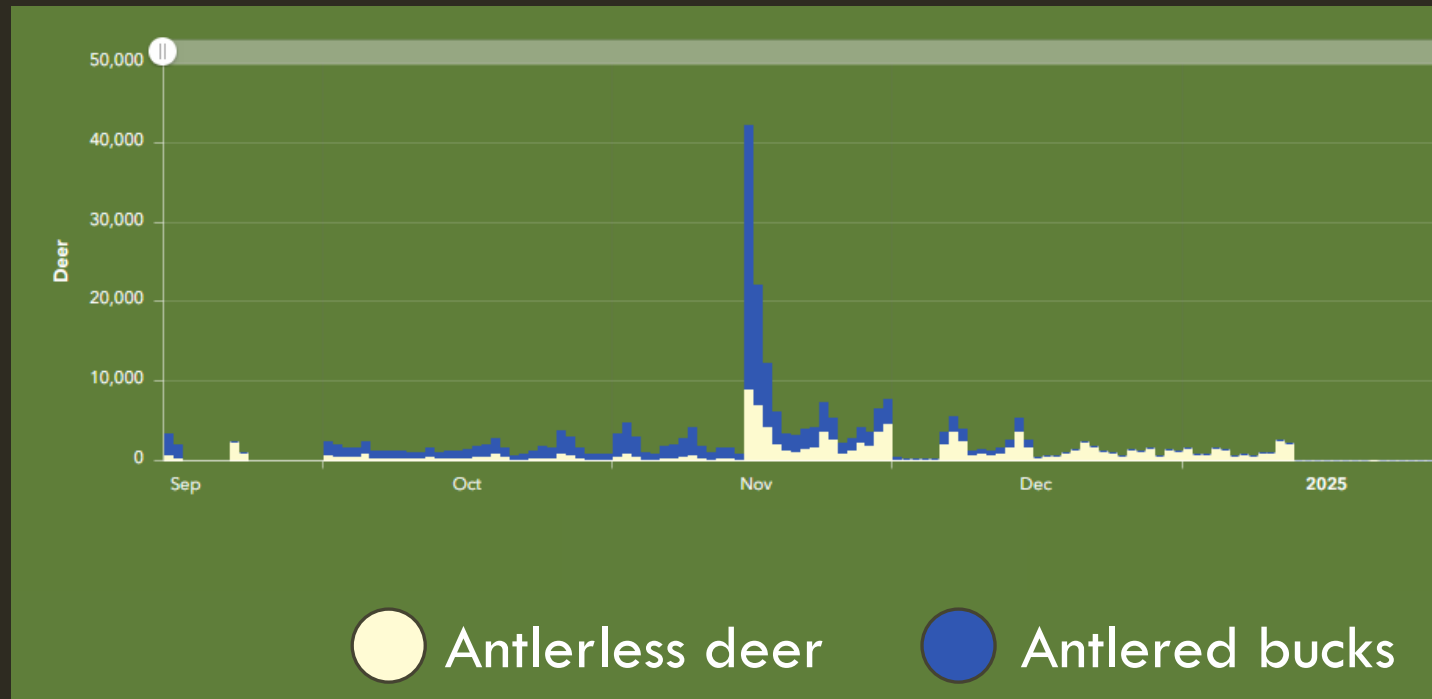
2025 VS 2024 MIDWEST REPORTED HARVEST TO DATE

State	2024 Harvest	2025 Harvest	Change ¹
Illinois	58,758	56,123	-4.5%
Indiana	115,730	120,541	4.2%
Iowa	55,781	54,799	-1.8%
Michigan	235,038	231,441	-1.5%
Minnesota	162,511	177,278	9.1%
Missouri	251,371	271,494	8.0%
Ohio	189,780	188,291	-0.8%
Wisconsin	297,706	306,200	2.9%
Total	1,307,917	1,350,044	3.2%

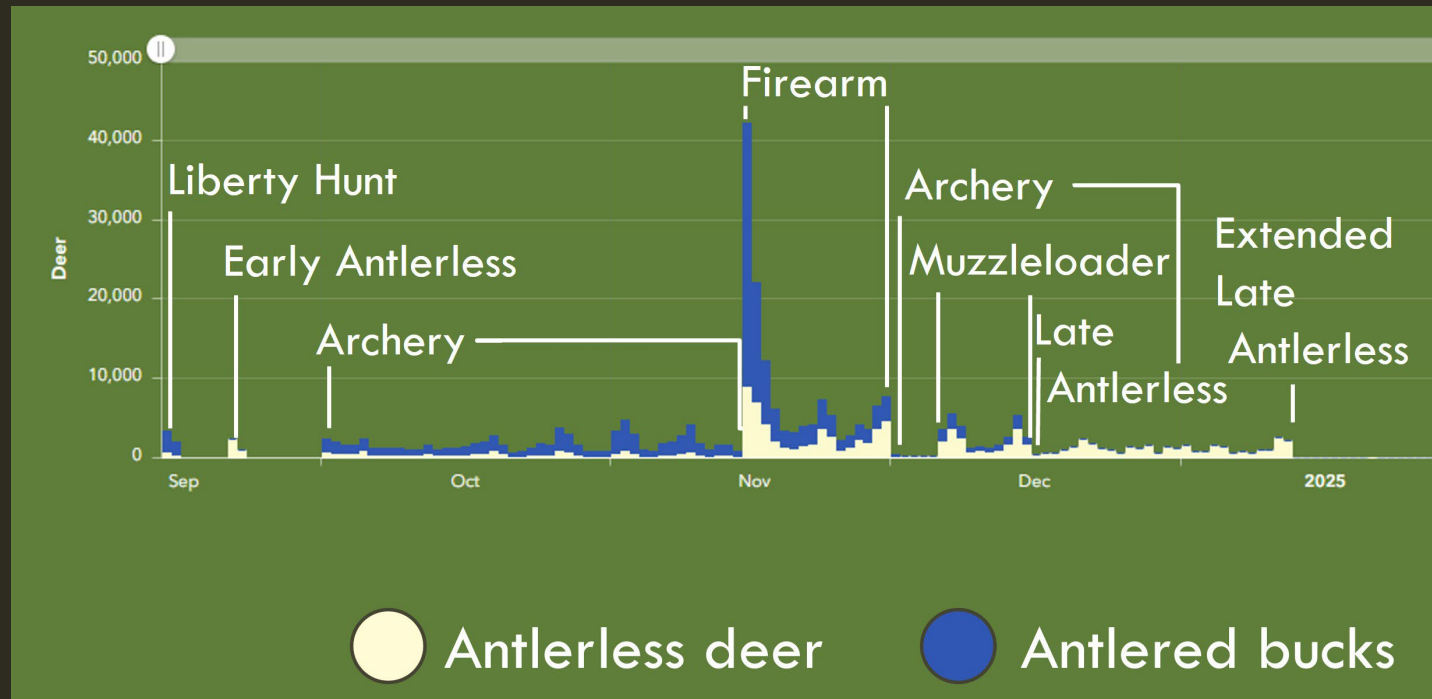


¹Approximately 12/9/24 to 12/9/25

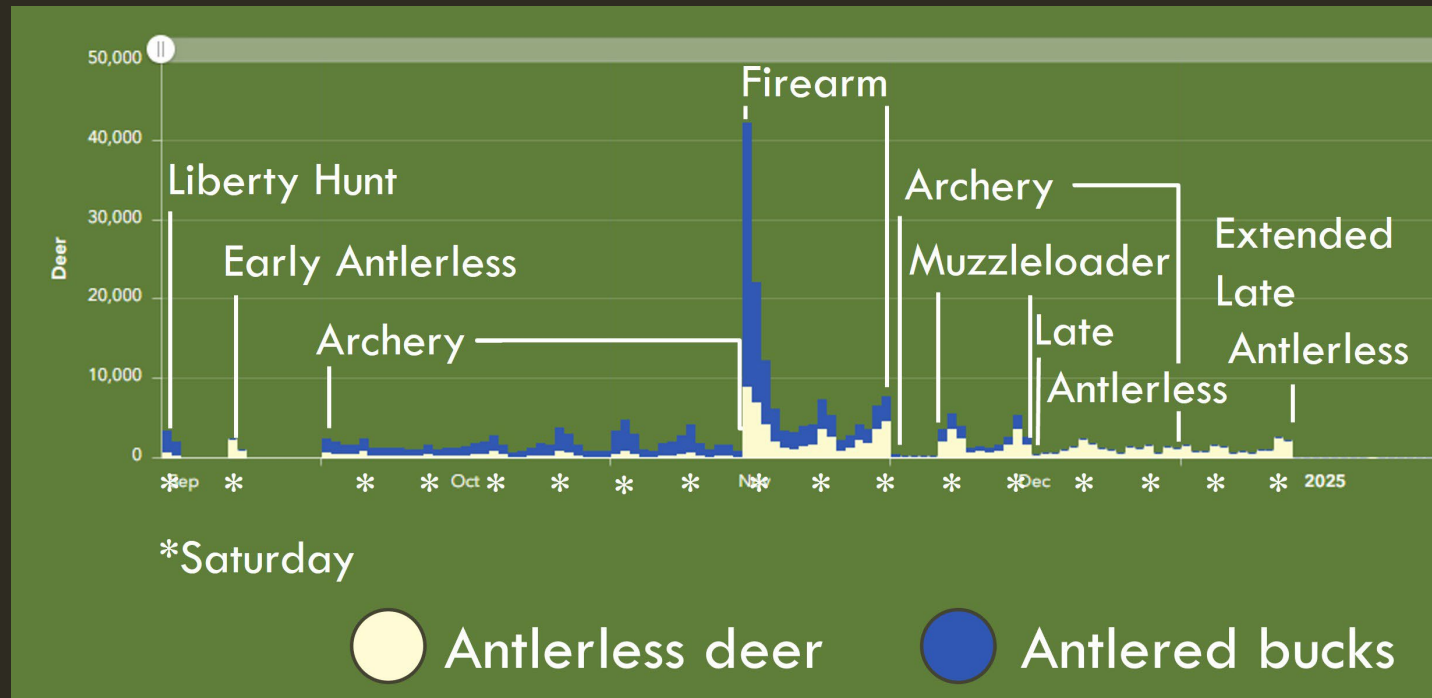
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CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE SURVEILLANCE¹

- Priority surveillance area (11 counties in UP/NLP):
 - 0 positive out of 476 tested (goal: 901)
- Remainder of state:
 - 6 positive out of 342 tested
 - Allegan*, Genesee*, Ionia, Kent, Washtenaw
- Total 2025 tested (final, pending, and incomplete records): 1,066
- Total of 266 confirmed cases to date since 2015



¹Data through 12/5/25

*New counties detected

BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS SURVEILLANCE¹

- 4-county area:
 - 3 positive out of 1,859 tested (goal: 2,800)
- 7 surrounding counties:
 - 0 positive out of 1,211 tested (goal: 2,100)
- Remainder of state:
 - 0 positive out of 933 tested
- Total 2025 tested: 4,003
- Overall, 1,047 deer have tested positive for TB since 1975



¹Data through 12/5/25

EPIZOOTIC HEMORRHAGIC DISEASE UPDATE¹

- 16 counties tested positive for EHD (15 in 2024)
 - Berrien, Calhoun, Cass, Clinton, Eaton, Gratiot, Hillsdale, Ingham, Ionia, Jackson, Lenawee, Livingston, Mecosta, Saginaw, Van Buren and Washtenaw
- 2,719 deer reported through Eyes-in-the-Field (4,456 in 2024)



¹Data through 11/15/25

2026-2028 DEER REGULATIONS

- Timeline
 - NRC Information/Action: April/May 2026
- Public Input
 - Deer Management Initiative was advisory to the NRC
 - Deer Advisory Teams are advisory to the DNR/WLD
- Wildlife Division Recommendations
 - Draft memo: mid-February 2026



THANK YOU



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