



## 2017 DEER HARVEST SURVEY

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Survey is ongoing; thus, results are preliminary

620,933 people purchased a license (2% decline)

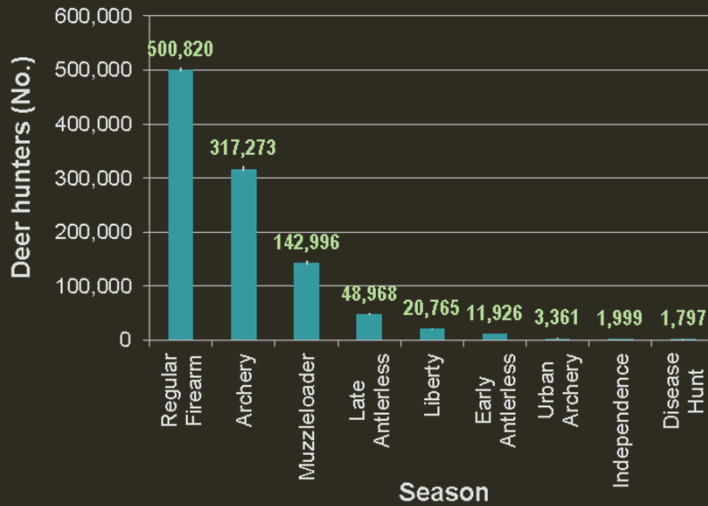
24,529 of 61,094 questionnaires returned (40% response)

4,303 additional hunters completed the survey online

Estimates derived from 28,832 hunters (mail and online respondents)

Estimates standardized to be comparable with estimates from previous years

## 2017 DEER HUNTERS

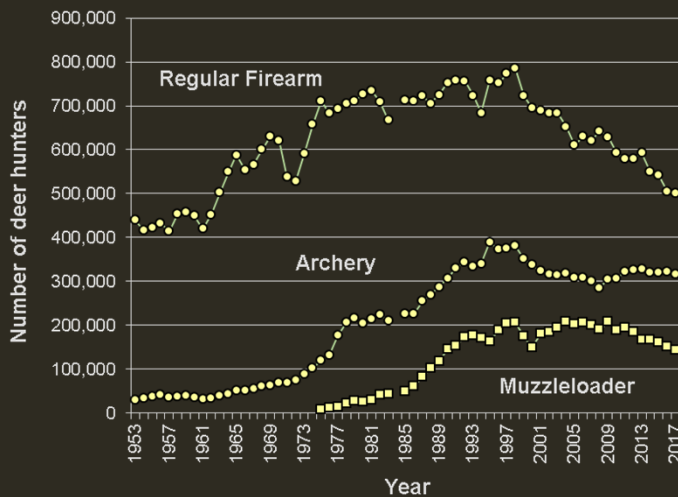


580,800 people hunted deer (all seasons), which was about 1% fewer than last year.

New January hunts (Urban Archery and Disease Surveillance Hunt).

Hunter numbers unchanged in all seasons except late antlerless (-19%).

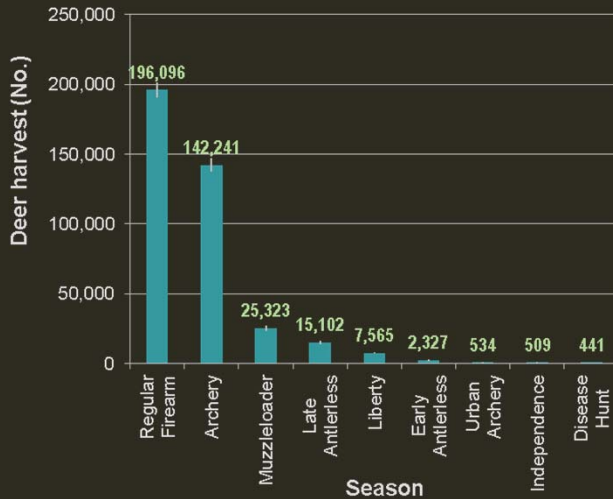
## LONG-TERM DEER HUNTER TRENDS



Fewer people hunting during the regular firearm and muzzleloader seasons.

The number of archers has been stable.

## 2017 DEER HARVEST



390,100 deer harvested (all seasons), which was about 14% greater than last year.

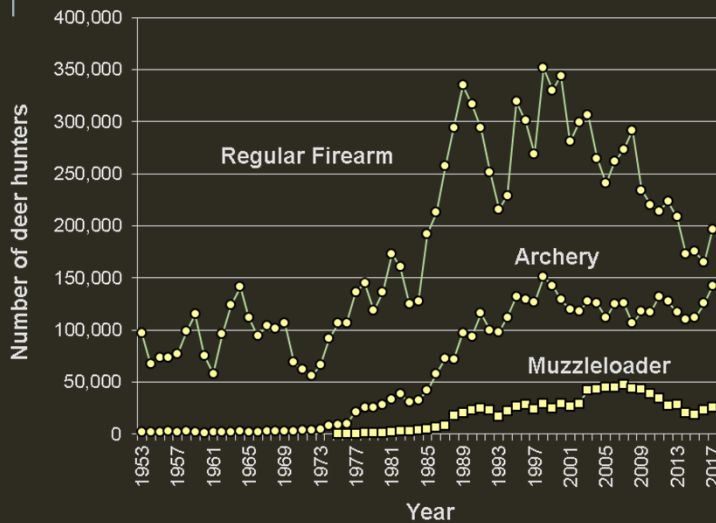
New January hunts (Urban Archery and Disease Surveillance Hunt).

Harvest increased significantly in Regular Firearm (19%), Liberty (19%), and Archery (13%) seasons.

Unchanged during Early Firearm and Muzzleloader seasons.

Decreased in Late Firearm season (-16%)

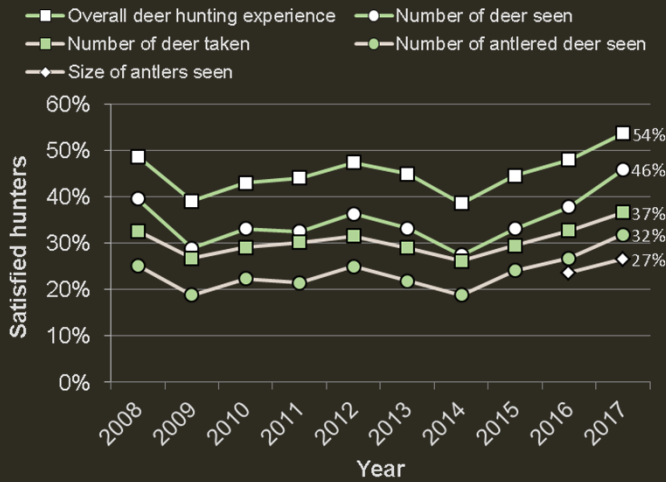
## LONG-TERM DEER HARVEST TRENDS



Fewer deer taken during the Regular Firearm and Muzzleloader seasons.

Harvest in Archery season has been stable.

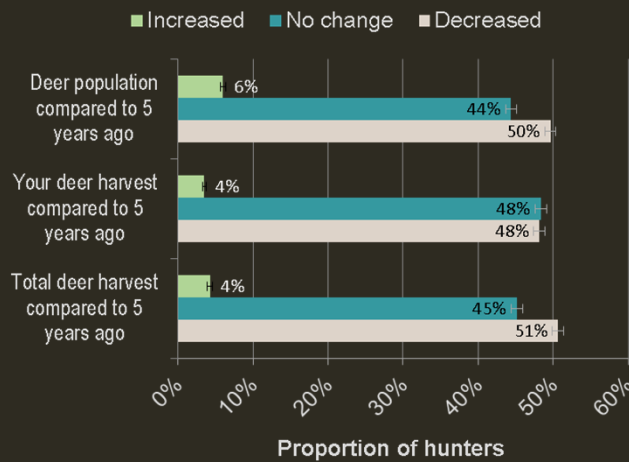
## DEER HUNTER SATISFACTION



Hunter satisfaction increased for all measures in 2017

- Experience (54%)
- Deer seen (46%)
- Deer taken (37%)
- Bucks seen (32%)
- Size of antlers (27%)

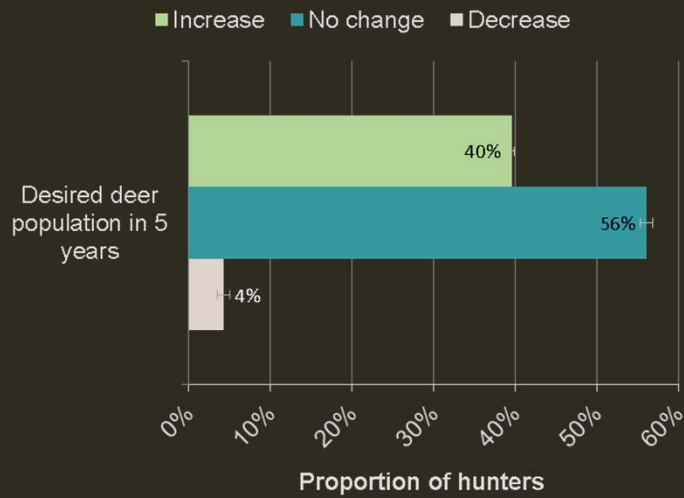
## DEER POPULATION STATUS



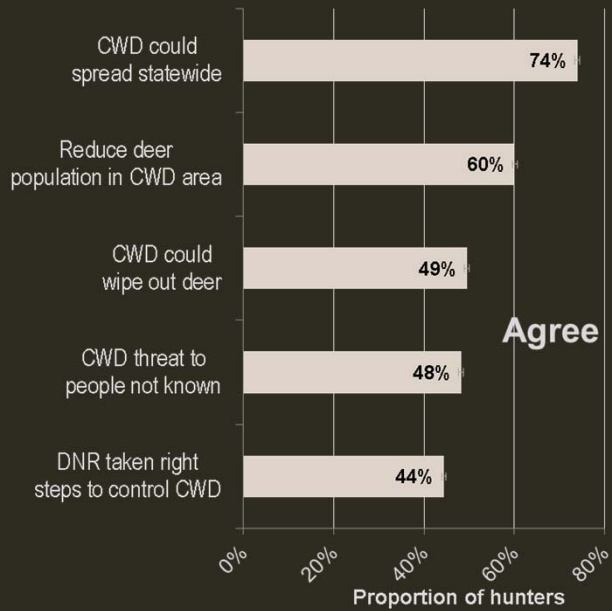
Deer population and harvest were the same or lower than 5 years ago

## DESIRED DEER POPULATION

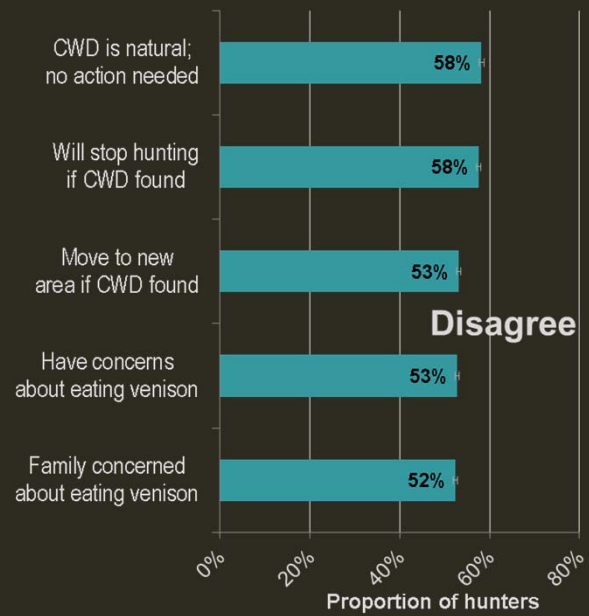
Most hunters desire either no change (56%) or an increase (40%) in deer numbers during the next 5 years



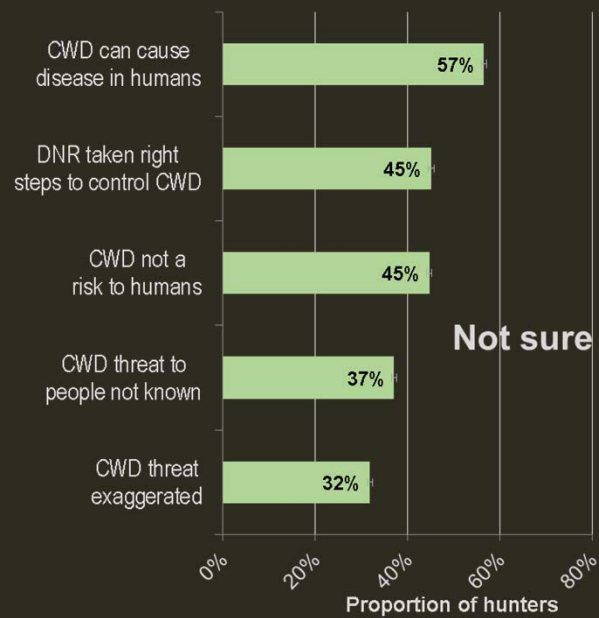
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