

# GEORGIA DEER HARVEST SUMMARY 2004 – 2005

September 16, 2005

TOTAL HARVEST-----	348,760 (-16% <sup>A</sup> )	Licensed Resident Deer Hunters-----	211,000 (+4%)
PERCENT DOES-----	61%	Non-Resident Deer Hunters-----	28,005 (-9%)
TOTAL BUCKS-----	138,000 (-15%)	<u>Honorary Deer Hunters--</u>	<u>29,556 (-2%)</u>
TOTAL DOES-----	210,760 (-17%)	TOTAL DEER HUNTERS-----	268,561 (+2%)
AVERAGE DEER PER HUNTER-----	1.3	PERCENT SUCCESSFUL HUNTERS-----	51%
AVERAGE DAYS PER DEER-----	15.3		
AVERAGE DAYS PER HUNTER-----	19.9		

## MODERN FIREARM HARVEST

(96.0% of hunters hunted with modern firearms)

Tot. Gun Hunters-----	257,725 (+3%)	Gun Bucks-----	122,402 (-10%)	% Successful Hunters-----	49.4%
Tot. Gun Harvest-----	294,236 (-15%)	Gun Does-----	171,834 (-18%)	Avg. Deer Per Hunter-----	1.11
% of Total Harvest---	86.7%	% Does-----	58.7%	Avg. Days Per Deer-----	15.2
				Avg. Days Per Hunter---	16.8

## ARCHERY HARVEST

(Includes crossbow data; 33.0 % of hunters hunted with archery equipment)

Tot. Archers-----	88,667 (-8%)	Archery Bucks----	5,178 (-61%)	% Successful Hunters-----	27.3%
Tot. Archery Harvest-	42,441 (-14%)	Archery Does-----	37,263(+2%)	Avg. Deer Per Hunter-----	0.50
% of Total Harvest---	12.2%	% Does-----	80.2%	Avg. Days Per Deer-----	24.1
				Avg. Days Per Hunter----	11.3

Crossbow Hunters -----22,738 (-5%)

Crossbow Harvest----- 9,380 (-16%) (21.8% of Archery Harvest, 2.7% of Total Harvest)

## MUZZLELOADER HARVEST

(20.3% of hunters hunted with muzzleloaders)

Tot. Mzl. Hunters-----	54,589 (-16%)	Mzl. Bucks---	2,936 (-47%)	% Successful Hunters-----	21.3%
Tot. Mzl. Harvest-----	13,848 (-35%)	Mzl. Does----	10,912 (-29%)	Avg. Deer Per Hunter-----	0.30
% of Total Harvest-----	3.3%	% Does-----	78.8%	Avg. Days Per Deer-----	15.2
				Avg. Days Per Hunter-----	4.0

## HUNTER SUCCESS SUMMARY

All Deer	Bucks	Does
49.0% of hunters killed 0 deer	65.6% of hunters killed 0 bucks	63.1% of hunters killed 0 does
18.6% of hunters killed 1 deer	23.3% of hunters killed 1 buck	16.9% of hunters killed 1 doe
13.9% of hunters killed 2 deer	9.5% of hunters killed 2 bucks	10.4% of hunters killed 2 does
8.4% of hunters killed 3 deer	1.5% of hunters killed 3	4.0% of hunters killed 3 does
4.2% of hunters killed 4 deer	or more bucks	2.3% of hunters killed 4 does
2.0% of hunters killed 5 deer		1.4% of hunters killed 5 does
1.4% of hunters killed 6 deer		0.5% of hunters killed 6 does
0.9% of hunters killed 7 deer		0.5% of hunters killed 7 does
1.7% of hunters killed 8 or more deer		0.7% of hunters killed 8 or more does

<sup>A</sup> Percent change from 2003-04 survey estimates.

Table 1. Estimated Georgia Deer Harvest For All Hunters (Any Method) By DMU, 2004-05.

DMU	Total Deer *	% Of Total Harvest	% Does	Total Bucks	Total Does	Total Hunters	Deer/Hunter
1	28,380 (+54%) <sup>B</sup>	6.64	61.0	11,068 (+20%)	17,312 (88%)	30,960 (+16%)	0.90
2	58,127 (+6%)	13.61	62.7	21,682 (0%)	36,445 (+9%)	56,293 (+5%)	1.02
3	12,140 (-38%)	2.84	63.8	4,395 (-74%)	7,745 (-35%)	12,877 (-27%)	0.93
4	83,325 (-7%)	19.50	63.4	30,497 (+3%)	52,828 (-12%)	66,241 (+9%)	1.24
5	82,752 (-11%)	19.36	63.1	30,535 (+2%)	52,217 (-17%)	79,049 (+14%)	1.03
6	50,643 (+43%)	11.87	60.5	20,004 (+50%)	30,639 (+28%)	43,238 (+10%)	1.16
7	44,464 (-6%)	10.41	61.4	17,163 (-4%)	27,301 (-8%)	35,213 (+3%)	1.25
8	44,342 (+7%)	10.37	53.4	20,663 (+11%)	23,679 (+30%)	39,464 (+34%)	1.11
9	22,915 (+22%)	5.36	43.7	12,901 (+66%)	10,014 (-9%)	22,997 (+38%)	0.98
Don't know	155	0.04	0.0	155	0	144	1.02

\* Statewide total is less than sum of the DMUs because some hunters hunted in more than one DMU.

<sup>B</sup> Percent change from 2003-04 estimates.

Table 2. Estimated Georgia Deer Harvest For All Hunters (Any Method) by Physiographic Region, 2004-05 (Percentage change from 2003-04 estimates).

Region	Total Deer *	% Of Total Harvest	% Does	Total Bucks	Total Does	Total Hunters	Deer/Hunter
Ridge and Valley	30,726 (-4%)	8.81	62.5	11,522 (0%)	19,204 (-7%)	26,588 (-3%)	1.15
Blue Ridge	9,556 (+27%)	2.74	55.8	4,223 (+45%)	6,524 (+42%)	11,548 (-5%)	0.83
Piedmont	166,254 (-31%)	47.67	63.4	60,849 (-20%)	105,405 (-26%)	136,165 (-10%)	1.22
Upper Coastal Plain	98,629 (-8%)	28.28	61.8	37,676 (-11%)	60,953 (-7%)	82,182 (+3%)	1.20
Lower Coastal Plain	43,595 (-14%)	12.47	45.6	23,716 (-7%)	19,879 (-21%)	37,331 (+5%)	1.17
Unknown Region	155	0.04	0	155	0	144	1.02

\* Statewide total is less than sum of the regions because some hunters hunted in more than one region.

<sup>A</sup> Percent change from 2003-04 survey estimates.