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Table 1. Estimated statewide deer harvest in South Carolina in 2011.

County	Acres*	Square Miles	Buck Harvest	Doe Harvest	Total Harvest	Harvest Rates		% Change from 2010
						Ac/Deer	Deer/Mi. ²	
Abbeville	223,113	349	2,648	2,314	4,962	45.0	14.2	8.2
Aiken	500,546	782	2,776	2,465	5,241	95.5	6.7	-20.1
Allendale	216,455	338	2,516	1,832	4,348	49.8	12.9	-25.8
Anderson	219,068	342	2,831	2,704	5,535	39.6	16.2	-4.1
Bamberg	196,573	307	3,534	3,863	7,397	26.6	24.1	-11.6
Barnwell	281,764	440	2,206	2,155	4,361	64.6	9.9	-14.3
Beaufort	147,441	230	825	793	1,618	91.1	7.0	-50.0
Berkeley	567,530	887	3,176	1,862	5,038	112.6	5.7	0.5
Calhoun	190,584	298	2,492	2,664	5,156	37.0	17.3	18.7
Charleston	288,732	451	2,190	2,431	4,621	62.5	10.2	-21.8
Cherokee	156,664	245	1,603	931	2,534	61.8	10.4	-28.0
Chester	300,589	470	2,899	2,786	5,685	52.9	12.1	-3.4
Chesterfield	372,478	582	1,984	1,366	3,350	111.2	5.8	-13.7
Clarendon	298,087	466	2,493	2,454	4,947	60.3	10.6	31.9
Colleton	502,666	785	4,430	3,870	8,300	60.6	10.6	-10.9
Darlington	286,228	447	1,311	1,002	2,313	123.7	5.2	34.3
Dillon	214,069	334	1,228	904	2,132	100.4	6.4	30.0
Dorchester	302,717	473	2,457	2,289	4,746	63.8	10.0	-2.9
Edgefield	246,543	385	2,087	2,023	4,110	60.0	10.7	7.3
Fairfield	384,607	601	3,959	3,478	7,437	51.7	12.4	7.4
Florence	397,888	622	3,250	3,091	6,341	62.7	10.2	-9.7
Georgetown	399,638	624	2,118	1,768	3,886	102.8	6.2	-18.0
Greenville	294,257	460	1,785	1,374	3,159	93.1	6.9	25.1
Greenwood	204,400	319	2,148	2,267	4,415	46.3	13.8	36.7
Hampton	324,840	508	3,618	4,007	7,625	42.6	15.0	14.3
Horry	533,336	833	2,805	2,041	4,846	110.1	5.8	5.1
Jasper	309,889	484	2,430	2,092	4,522	68.5	9.3	3.1
Kershaw	360,485	563	3,282	2,175	5,457	66.1	9.7	17.9
Lancaster	266,382	416	2,277	2,215	4,492	59.3	10.8	5.3
Laurens	317,916	497	4,042	3,872	7,914	40.2	15.9	11.9
Lee	220,106	344	2,037	1,354	3,391	64.9	9.9	12.5
Lexington	280,742	439	1,595	1,423	3,018	93.0	6.9	3.6
McCormick	212,021	331	1,447	1,354	2,801	75.7	8.5	25.5
Marion	216,907	339	1,591	1,855	3,446	62.9	10.2	56.4
Marlboro	281,271	439	1,499	1,347	2,846	98.8	6.5	49.9
Newberry	317,761	497	3,228	2,985	6,213	51.1	12.5	7.1
Oconee	284,348	444	818	546	1,364	208.5	3.1	4.8
Orangeburg	504,516	788	7,382	5,704	13,086	38.6	16.6	-3.0
Pickens	219,926	344	886	419	1,305	168.5	3.8	-29.5
Richland	340,121	531	2,264	2,224	4,488	75.8	8.4	15.8
Saluda	192,173	300	2,046	1,806	3,852	49.9	12.8	19.2
Spartanburg	265,939	416	2,691	2,341	5,032	52.8	12.1	-21.2
Sumter	338,968	530	2,608	2,028	4,636	73.1	8.8	1.7
Union	258,111	403	3,923	3,582	7,505	34.4	18.6	22.7
Williamsburg	513,851	803	5,862	5,287	11,149	46.1	13.9	19.1
York	276,650	432	3,130	2,708	5,838	47.4	13.5	13.2
Total	14,028,896	21,920	120,407	106,051	226,458	71.8	10.6	1.2

95% Confidence Interval for harvest

(+ -) 3,980 (+ -) 4,036 (+ -) 6,629

* 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 2011.

County	Acres*	Square Miles	Buck Harvest	Doe Harvest	Total Harvest	Harvest Rates		% Change from 2010
						Ac/Deer	Deer/Mi. ²	
Bamberg	196,573	307	3,534	3,863	7,397	26.6	24.1	-11.6
Union	258,111	403	3,923	3,582	7,505	34.4	18.6	22.7
Calhoun	190,584	298	2,492	2,664	5,156	37.0	17.3	18.7
Orangeburg	504,516	788	7,382	5,704	13,086	38.6	16.6	-3.0
Anderson	219,068	342	2,831	2,704	5,535	39.6	16.2	-4.1
Laurens	317,916	497	4,042	3,872	7,914	40.2	15.9	11.9
Hampton	324,840	508	3,618	4,007	7,625	42.6	15.0	14.3
Abbeville	223,113	349	2,648	2,314	4,962	45.0	14.2	8.2
Williamsburg	513,851	803	5,862	5,287	11,149	46.1	13.9	19.1
Greenwood	204,400	319	2,148	2,267	4,415	46.3	13.8	36.7
York	276,650	432	3,130	2,708	5,838	47.4	13.5	13.2
Allendale	216,455	338	2,516	1,832	4,348	49.8	12.9	-25.8
Saluda	192,173	300	2,046	1,806	3,852	49.9	12.8	19.2
Newberry	317,761	497	3,228	2,985	6,213	51.1	12.5	7.1
Fairfield	384,607	601	3,959	3,478	7,437	51.7	12.4	7.4
Spartanburg	265,939	416	2,691	2,341	5,032	52.8	12.1	-21.2
Chester	300,589	470	2,899	2,786	5,685	52.9	12.1	-3.4
Lancaster	266,382	416	2,277	2,215	4,492	59.3	10.8	5.3
Edgefield	246,543	385	2,087	2,023	4,110	60.0	10.7	7.3
Clarendon	298,087	466	2,493	2,454	4,947	60.3	10.6	31.9
Colleton	502,666	785	4,430	3,870	8,300	60.6	10.6	-10.9
Cherokee	156,664	245	1,603	931	2,534	61.8	10.4	-28.0
Charleston	288,732	451	2,190	2,431	4,621	62.5	10.2	-21.8
Florence	397,888	622	3,250	3,091	6,341	62.7	10.2	-9.7
Marion	216,907	339	1,591	1,855	3,446	62.9	10.2	56.4
Dorchester	302,717	473	2,457	2,289	4,746	63.8	10.0	-2.9
Barnwell	281,764	440	2,206	2,155	4,361	64.6	9.9	-14.3
Lee	220,106	344	2,037	1,354	3,391	64.9	9.9	12.5
Kershaw	360,485	563	3,282	2,175	5,457	66.1	9.7	17.9
Jasper	309,889	484	2,430	2,092	4,522	68.5	9.3	3.1
Sumter	338,968	530	2,608	2,028	4,636	73.1	8.8	1.7
McCormick	212,021	331	1,447	1,354	2,801	75.7	8.5	25.5
Richland	340,121	531	2,264	2,224	4,488	75.8	8.4	15.8
Beaufort	147,441	230	825	793	1,618	91.1	7.0	-50.0
Lexington	280,742	439	1,595	1,423	3,018	93.0	6.9	3.6
Greenville	294,257	460	1,785	1,374	3,159	93.1	6.9	25.1
Aiken	500,546	782	2,776	2,465	5,241	95.5	6.7	-20.1
Marlboro	281,271	439	1,499	1,347	2,846	98.8	6.5	49.9
Dillon	214,069	334	1,228	904	2,132	100.4	6.4	30.0
Georgetown	399,638	624	2,118	1,768	3,886	102.8	6.2	-18.0
Horry	533,336	833	2,805	2,041	4,846	110.1	5.8	5.1
Chesterfield	372,478	582	1,984	1,366	3,350	111.2	5.8	-13.7
Berkeley	567,530	887	3,176	1,862	5,038	112.6	5.7	0.5
Darlington	286,228	447	1,311	1,002	2,313	123.7	5.2	34.3
Pickens	219,926	344	886	419	1,305	168.5	3.8	-29.5
Oconee	284,348	444	818	546	1,364	208.5	3.1	4.8
Total	14,028,896	21,920	120,407	106,051	226,458	71.8	10.6	1.2

Table 3. County rankings based on total deer harvested in South Carolina in 2011.

County	Acres*	Square Miles	Buck Harvest	Doe Harvest	Total Harvest	Harvest Rates		% Change from 2010
						Ac/Deer	Deer/Mi. ²	
Orangeburg	504,516	788	7,382	5,704	13,086	38.6	16.6	-3.0
Williamsburg	513,851	803	5,862	5,287	11,149	46.1	13.9	19.1
Colleton	502,666	785	4,430	3,870	8,300	60.6	10.6	-10.9
Laurens	317,916	497	4,042	3,872	7,914	40.2	15.9	11.9
Hampton	324,840	508	3,618	4,007	7,625	42.6	15.0	14.3
Union	258,111	403	3,923	3,582	7,505	34.4	18.6	22.7
Fairfield	384,607	601	3,959	3,478	7,437	51.7	12.4	7.4
Bamberg	196,573	307	3,534	3,863	7,397	26.6	24.1	-11.6
Florence	397,888	622	3,250	3,091	6,341	62.7	10.2	-9.7
Newberry	317,761	497	3,228	2,985	6,213	51.1	12.5	7.1
York	276,650	432	3,130	2,708	5,838	47.4	13.5	13.2
Chester	300,589	470	2,899	2,786	5,685	52.9	12.1	-3.4
Anderson	219,068	342	2,831	2,704	5,535	39.6	16.2	-4.1
Kershaw	360,485	563	3,282	2,175	5,457	66.1	9.7	17.9
Aiken	500,546	782	2,776	2,465	5,241	95.5	6.7	-20.1
Calhoun	190,584	298	2,492	2,664	5,156	37.0	17.3	18.7
Berkeley	567,530	887	3,176	1,862	5,038	112.6	5.7	0.5
Spartanburg	265,939	416	2,691	2,341	5,032	52.8	12.1	-21.2
Abbeville	223,113	349	2,648	2,314	4,962	45.0	14.2	8.2
Clarendon	298,087	466	2,493	2,454	4,947	60.3	10.6	31.9
Horry	533,336	833	2,805	2,041	4,846	110.1	5.8	5.1
Dorchester	302,717	473	2,457	2,289	4,746	63.8	10.0	-2.9
Sumter	338,968	530	2,608	2,028	4,636	73.1	8.8	1.7
Charleston	288,732	451	2,190	2,431	4,621	62.5	10.2	-21.8
Jasper	309,889	484	2,430	2,092	4,522	68.5	9.3	3.1
Lancaster	266,382	416	2,277	2,215	4,492	59.3	10.8	5.3
Richland	340,121	531	2,264	2,224	4,488	75.8	8.4	15.8
Greenwood	204,400	319	2,148	2,267	4,415	46.3	13.8	36.7
Barnwell	281,764	440	2,206	2,155	4,361	64.6	9.9	-14.3
Allendale	216,455	338	2,516	1,832	4,348	49.8	12.9	-25.8
Edgefield	246,543	385	2,087	2,023	4,110	60.0	10.7	7.3
Georgetown	399,638	624	2,118	1,768	3,886	102.8	6.2	-18.0
Saluda	192,173	300	2,046	1,806	3,852	49.9	12.8	19.2
Marion	216,907	339	1,591	1,855	3,446	62.9	10.2	56.4
Lee	220,106	344	2,037	1,354	3,391	64.9	9.9	12.5
Chesterfield	372,478	582	1,984	1,366	3,350	111.2	5.8	-13.7
Greenville	294,257	460	1,785	1,374	3,159	93.1	6.9	25.1
Lexington	280,742	439	1,595	1,423	3,018	93.0	6.9	3.6
Marlboro	281,271	439	1,499	1,347	2,846	98.8	6.5	49.9
McCormick	212,021	331	1,447	1,354	2,801	75.7	8.5	25.5
Cherokee	156,664	245	1,603	931	2,534	61.8	10.4	-28.0
Darlington	286,228	447	1,311	1,002	2,313	123.7	5.2	34.3
Dillon	214,069	334	1,228	904	2,132	100.4	6.4	30.0
Beaufort	147,441	230	825	793	1,618	91.1	7.0	-50.0
Oconee	284,348	444	818	546	1,364	208.5	3.1	4.8
Pickens	219,926	344	886	419	1,305	168.5	3.8	-29.5
Total	14,028,896	21,920	120,407	106,051	226,458	71.8	10.6	1.2

Table 4. Estimated deer harvest on Wildlife Management Areas in South Carolina in 2011

Area	Acreage	Bucks	Does	Total	Deer/Mi. ²
Mountain Hunt Unit	193,566	711	432	1,143	3.8
Central Piedmont Hunt Unit	159,793	1,970	1,818	3,788	15.2
Western Piedmont Hunt Unit	119,077	1,252	943	2,196	11.8
Subtotal for Upstate WMA's	472,436	3,934	3,193	7,127	9.7
Coastal WMA's*					
Bear Island WMA	1,519	19	25	44	18.5
Bonneau Ferry	10,697	52	46	98	5.9
Botany Bay WMA	2,000	32	42	74	23.7
Crackerneck WMA	10,470	60	42	102	6.2
Cross Generating Station WMA	654	8	12	20	19.6
Donnelley WMA	8,048	29	39	68	5.4
Francis Marion WMA	252,578	197	154	351	0.9
Hamilton Ridge	13,281	61	33	94	4.5
Hickory Top WMA	1,836	10	12	22	7.7
Manchester State Forest WMA	25,505	92	42	134	3.4
Moultrie WMA	9,480	22	19	41	2.8
Oak Lea WMA	2,024	35	20	55	17.4
Palachucola WMA	5,947	35	42	77	8.3
Santee Coastal Reserve WMA	5,000	8	5	13	1.7
Santee Cooper WMA	2,828	10	22	32	7.2
Victoria Bluff WMA	800	5	3	8	6.4
Webb Wildlife Center WMA	5,866	31	42	73	8.0
Subtotal for Coastal WMA's	358,533	706	600	1,306	2.3
Total	830,969	4,640	3,793	8,433	6.5

*Check Station data

Table 5. Hunter opinion (percent) regarding the number of deer in the area hunted most often in South Carolina in 2011 compared to previous years.

	Increasing	About the Same	Decreasing
Residents	16.4	48.7	34.9
Non-Residents	13.4	51.0	35.6
Overall	15.9	49.0	35.0

Table 6. Resident deer hunter and deer harvest statistics in South Carolina in 2011.

County	Number Hunters	Man/Days Hunted	Percent Success	Deer/ Hunter	Days/ Deer	Buck Harvest	Doe Harvest	Total Harvest
Abbeville	3,890	54,191	66	1.23	11.3	2,509	2,272	4,781
Aiken	3,908	62,718	68	1.26	12.8	2,581	2,327	4,908
Allendale	1,272	16,688	82	1.70	7.7	1,054	1,109	2,163
Anderson	3,836	57,224	74	1.44	10.4	2,818	2,690	5,508
Bamberg	2,218	36,303	85	2.66	6.1	2,727	3,181	5,908
Barnwell	1,727	28,358	83	2.04	8.0	1,636	1,891	3,527
Beaufort	782	8,926	74	1.70	6.7	673	654	1,327
Berkeley	3,436	59,136	68	1.46	11.8	3,163	1,854	5,017
Calhoun	2,600	43,373	82	1.95	8.6	2,490	2,581	5,072
Charleston	2,818	39,738	73	1.63	8.7	2,163	2,418	4,581
Cherokee	1,600	25,704	70	1.34	12.0	1,436	709	2,145
Chester	2,636	39,156	69	1.32	11.3	1,800	1,672	3,472
Chesterfield	1,963	32,995	70	1.35	12.4	1,636	1,018	2,654
Clarendon	2,490	48,646	76	1.97	9.9	2,466	2,441	4,906
Colleton	3,708	70,697	83	1.96	9.7	3,999	3,272	7,271
Darlington	1,745	22,596	77	1.32	9.8	1,309	1,000	2,309
Dillon	945	18,633	82	2.15	9.2	1,145	891	2,036
Dorchester	2,581	40,483	73	1.70	9.2	2,290	2,109	4,399
Edgefield	2,545	33,703	65	1.39	9.6	1,781	1,745	3,527
Fairfield	4,454	61,609	75	1.44	9.6	3,472	2,963	6,435
Florence	3,345	59,933	72	1.86	9.6	3,181	3,036	6,217
Georgetown	2,272	43,265	73	1.68	11.3	2,091	1,727	3,817
Greenville	2,854	33,757	62	1.08	11.0	1,781	1,291	3,072
Greenwood	2,963	45,229	73	1.34	11.4	1,926	2,045	3,971
Hampton	2,400	33,884	76	1.63	8.7	1,600	2,309	3,908
Horry	2,563	50,682	72	1.87	10.6	2,799	2,000	4,799
Jasper	1,400	30,249	87	2.08	10.4	1,582	1,327	2,909
Kershaw	3,345	56,207	76	1.44	11.7	3,018	1,800	4,817
Lancaster	1,927	39,756	76	1.81	11.4	1,818	1,672	3,490
Laurens	4,908	77,476	70	1.50	10.5	3,709	3,636	7,344
Lee	2,018	32,957	75	1.64	10.0	1,981	1,327	3,309
Lexington	2,836	37,011	71	1.06	12.3	1,582	1,418	2,999
McCormick	2,163	27,832	63	1.05	12.2	1,127	1,145	2,272
Marion	1,691	34,593	75	1.99	10.3	1,563	1,800	3,363
Marlboro	1,272	31,121	71	1.64	15.0	1,082	1,000	2,081
Newberry	3,763	58,770	75	1.51	10.4	2,908	2,763	5,672
Oconee	1,600	23,541	63	0.85	17.3	818	545	1,363
Orangeburg	6,344	107,961	79	1.94	8.8	7,090	5,217	12,307
Pickens	1,745	22,050	53	0.74	17.1	873	418	1,291
Richland	3,436	54,226	70	1.25	12.6	2,181	2,127	4,308
Saluda	2,418	39,047	71	1.52	10.6	1,963	1,709	3,672
Spartanburg	3,599	55,027	64	1.36	11.2	2,636	2,272	4,908
Sumter	3,072	45,428	72	1.41	10.5	2,400	1,945	4,345
Union	3,399	52,772	72	1.72	9.0	2,963	2,872	5,835
Williamsburg	3,981	75,931	80	2.61	7.3	5,417	4,981	10,398
York	2,981	48,192	75	1.68	9.6	2,727	2,291	5,017
Total	125,450	2,017,775	71	1.61	10.1	105,964	93,467	199,432
% Change from 2010	0.1	-1.2	0.0	1.9	-2.6	2.2	-1.1	0.7

Table 7. Non-resident hunter and deer harvest statistics in South Carolina in 2011.

County	Number Hunters	Man/Days Hunted	Percent Success	Deer/ Hunter	Days/ Deer	Buck Harvest	Doe Harvest	Total Harvest
Abbeville	153	2,047	81	1.18	11.3	139	42	181
Aiken	265	2,255	73	1.26	6.8	195	139	334
Allendale	1,072	17,556	81	2.04	8.0	1,462	724	2,186
Anderson	28	195	76	1.00	7.0	14	14	28
Bamberg	585	9,955	88	2.55	6.7	808	682	1,490
Barnwell	362	4,706	92	2.31	5.6	571	265	835
Beaufort	125	2,464	76	2.33	8.4	153	139	292
Berkeley	84	975	33	0.27	43.7	14	8	22
Calhoun	84	1,058	83	2.33	12.4	2	84	85
Charleston	56	418	75	0.75	10.0	28	14	42
Cherokee	306	4,010	68	1.27	10.3	167	223	390
Chester	1,086	17,027	83	2.04	7.7	1,100	1,114	2,214
Chesterfield	473	8,047	67	1.47	11.6	348	348	696
Clarendon	56	905	50	0.75	21.7	28	14	42
Colleton	459	7,226	81	2.24	7.0	432	599	1,030
Darlington	28	84	0	0.20	15.0	3	3	6
Dillon	56	1,420	76	1.75	14.6	84	14	97
Dorchester	167	891	83	2.08	2.6	167	181	348
Edgefield	390	3,968	71	1.50	6.8	306	278	585
Fairfield	821	12,600	62	1.22	12.6	487	515	1,002
Florence	97	863	57	1.29	6.9	70	56	125
Georgetown	70	501	20	1.00	7.2	28	42	70
Greenville	42	682	76	2.10	7.8	4	84	88
Greenwood	292	3,341	85	1.52	7.5	223	223	446
Hampton	1,601	27,037	80	2.32	7.3	2,019	1,699	3,717
Horry	56	348	50	0.85	7.4	6	42	47
Jasper	599	11,152	76	2.70	6.9	849	766	1,615
Kershaw	432	6,488	64	1.48	10.1	265	376	640
Lancaster	627	8,228	75	1.60	8.2	459	543	1,002
Laurens	265	4,775	68	2.16	8.4	334	237	571
Lee	111	919	87	0.75	11.0	56	28	84
Lexington	56	278	25	0.35	0.0	14	6	19
McCormick	292	4,692	76	1.81	8.9	320	209	529
Marion	42	459	76	2.00	5.5	28	56	84
Marlboro	265	6,752	89	2.89	8.8	418	348	766
Newberry	432	5,430	77	1.26	10.0	320	223	543
Oconee	14	28	0	0.20	20.0	0	1	1
Orangeburg	515	4,706	81	1.51	6.0	292	487	780
Pickens	14	292	76	1.10	19.1	14	1	15
Richland	125	1,156	77	1.44	6.4	84	97	181
Saluda	125	1,267	76	1.44	7.0	84	97	181
Spartanburg	181	961	61	0.69	7.7	56	70	125
Sumter	223	3,634	62	1.31	12.4	209	84	292
Union	807	12,489	72	2.07	7.5	961	710	1,671
Williamsburg	334	4,413	79	2.25	5.9	446	306	752
York	432	6,934	80	1.90	8.4	404	418	821
TOTAL	14,702	215,630	75	1.85	8.0	14,466	12,605	27,071
% Change from 2010	-2.70	-1.00	5.5	9.8	-9.9	9.5	9.2	9.9

Table 8. Hunting effort (man/days) by county for successful and unsuccessful resident and nonresident deer hunters in South Carolina in 2011.

County	Residents (man/days)			Total Effort Residents	Non-Residents (man/days)			Total Effort Non-residents	Total Days
	Successful	Unsuccessful	Average		Successful	Unsuccessful	Average		
Abbeville	18.3	9.0	13.9	54,191	14.5	10.3	13.4	2,047	56,237
Aiken	22.8	8.0	16.0	62,718	9.3	6.8	8.5	2,255	64,973
Allendale	15.4	9.3	13.1	16,688	18.2	11.6	16.4	17,556	34,244
Anderson	17.8	10.0	14.9	57,224	10.0	4.0	7.0	195	57,419
Bamberg	20.4	6.0	16.4	36,303	18.5	6.2	17.0	9,955	46,257
Barnwell	19.1	10.0	16.4	28,358	15.4	2.8	13.0	4,706	33,064
Beaufort	13.4	6.4	11.4	8,926	19.7	0.0	19.7	2,464	11,390
Berkeley	23.2	9.2	17.2	59,136	11.0	11.8	11.7	975	60,111
Calhoun	22.1	8.5	16.7	43,373	12.8	12.0	12.7	1,058	44,431
Charleston	19.8	7.0	14.1	39,738	9.3	2.0	7.5	418	40,155
Cherokee	21.1	6.8	16.1	25,704	16.5	9.6	13.1	4,010	29,714
Chester	16.4	12.3	14.9	39,156	18.9	6.5	15.7	17,027	56,183
Chesterfield	21.7	10.6	16.8	32,995	23.2	9.2	17.0	8,047	41,042
Clarendon	25.1	10.1	19.5	48,646	20.0	12.5	16.3	905	49,551
Colleton	24.8	7.6	19.1	70,697	16.5	13.4	15.7	7,226	77,923
Darlington	17.6	6.7	12.9	22,596	0.0	3.0	3.0	84	22,680
Dillon	25.0	5.4	19.7	18,633	25.5	0.0	25.5	1,420	20,054
Dorchester	21.3	8.6	15.7	40,483	5.7	3.5	5.3	891	41,374
Edgefield	16.7	9.2	13.2	33,703	12.6	6.5	10.2	3,968	37,671
Fairfield	18.5	7.3	13.8	61,609	17.3	12.4	15.3	12,600	74,208
Florence	23.8	7.1	17.9	59,933	12.0	4.7	8.9	863	60,796
Georgetown	26.0	8.6	19.0	43,265	7.0	7.3	7.2	501	43,766
Greenville	17.8	7.0	11.8	33,757	16.3	0.0	16.3	682	34,440
Greenwood	19.9	8.5	15.3	45,229	13.1	6.0	11.4	3,341	48,570
Hampton	20.5	4.3	14.1	33,884	20.0	7.2	16.9	27,037	60,922
Horry	25.9	10.2	19.8	50,682	6.0	6.5	6.3	348	51,030
Jasper	24.9	13.3	21.6	30,249	21.4	11.4	18.6	11,152	41,400
Kershaw	23.1	8.3	16.8	56,207	21.8	8.7	15.0	6,488	62,695
Lancaster	25.2	10.9	20.6	39,756	15.6	8.1	13.1	8,228	47,984
Laurens	19.6	10.0	15.8	77,476	28.6	8.6	18.1	4,775	82,251
Lee	22.5	7.9	16.3	32,957	7.0	9.5	8.3	919	33,876
Lexington	18.6	7.4	13.1	37,011	5.0	5.0	5.0	278	37,289
McCormick	17.1	8.8	12.9	27,832	19.2	9.7	16.0	4,692	32,524
Marion	27.0	6.7	20.5	34,593	11.0	0.0	11.0	459	35,053
Marlboro	30.6	14.1	24.5	31,121	30.4	11.8	25.5	6,752	37,874
Newberry	18.4	11.0	15.6	58,770	15.1	7.2	12.6	5,430	64,200
Oconee	20.7	10.6	14.7	23,541	0.0	2.0	2.0	28	23,569
Orangeburg	21.0	9.6	17.0	107,961	8.5	10.8	9.1	4,706	112,667
Pickens	19.9	8.5	12.6	22,050	21.0	0.0	21.0	292	22,342
Richland	23.7	7.9	15.8	54,226	11.1	2.5	9.2	1,156	55,382
Saluda	20.3	10.1	16.2	39,047	12.0	3.5	10.1	1,267	40,313
Spartanburg	21.9	7.6	15.3	55,027	8.0	3.0	5.3	961	55,987
Sumter	20.5	8.1	14.8	45,428	24.9	5.3	16.3	3,634	49,062
Union	19.6	8.3	15.5	52,772	19.2	7.1	15.5	12,489	65,261
Williamsburg	24.5	7.3	19.1	75,931	14.6	7.8	13.2	4,413	80,345
York	20.0	9.1	16.2	48,192	20.8	9.5	16.1	6,934	55,126
Total	21.2	8.6	16.1	2,017,775	17.5	8.5	14.6	215,630	2,233,405
% Change from 2010	-3.2	-1.7	-1.9	-1.8	-1.7	0.0	1.4	-1.00	-1.7

Table 9. Estimated deer harvest by weapon type in South Carolina in 2011.

	Rifle	Bow & Arrow	Shotgun	Muzzle-loader	Crossbow	Handgun	Total
Number of Deer Harvested	176,864	15,173	23,778	7,473	1,812	1,359	226,458
Percent Total Deer Harvest	78.1	6.7	10.5	3.3	0.8	0.6	100.0
Percent Hunter Success With Weapon	67.3	31.8	35.5	33.0	21.4	13.8	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 2011.

	Rifle	Bow & Arrow	Shotgun	Muzzle-loader	Crossbow	Handgun
Residents	115,038	31,613	36,882	17,939	6,147	6,022
Non-Residents	13,982	2,382	1,367	3,323	1,059	426
Total	129,019	33,995	38,250	21,262	7,206	6,448

Total across weapons not given because hunters use multiple weapons. Total hunters = 140,152.

Table 11. Weapons utilization (percent) among deer hunters in South Carolina in 2011.

	Rifle	Bow & Arrow	Shotgun	Muzzle-loader	Crossbow	Handgun
Residents	91.7*	25.2*	29.4*	14.3*	4.9	4.8
Non-Residents	95.1	16.2	9.3	22.6	7.2	2.9
Total	92.3	23.8	26.2	15.6	5.3	4.4

* Significant difference in weapons use category based on residency.

Table 12. Weapons preference (percent) among deer hunters in South Carolina in 2011.

	Rifle	Bow & Arrow	Shotgun	Muzzle-loader	Crossbow	Handgun	Total
Residents	76.9*	12.7*	8.0*	1.2*	0.7	0.5	100.0
Non-Residents	84.7	8.8	2.2	3.4	0.7	0.2	100.0
Total	78.2	12.0	7.1	1.5	0.7	0.5	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 2011.

County	Hog Harv.	Harv./ Mile ²	% Change from 2010	2011 Rank	2010 Rank	Coyote Harv.	Harv./ Mile ²	% Change from 2010	2011 Rank	2010 Rank
Abbeville	1,453	4.17	-27.3	3	2	727	2.08	-11.3	11	8
Aiken	872	1.12	30.9	24	31	1,267	1.62	-6.3	21	15
Allendale	2,201	6.51	3.2	1	1	498	1.47	-39.2	25	7
Anderson	997	2.91	-27.3	6	5	1,017	2.97	-1.0	4	1
Bamberg	519	1.69	-30.0	16	12	311	1.01	-65.2	33	2
Barnwell	623	1.41	63.5	21	30	353	0.80	-31.3	39	27
Beaufort	187	0.81	-45.5	32	18	83	0.36	-51.4	45	42
Berkeley	955	1.08	-40.3	25	15	498	0.56	0.7	43	46
Calhoun	644	2.16	-53.7	11	3	540	1.81	13.4	15	19
Charleston	893	1.98	-54.9	13	4	478	1.06	4.5	30	33
Cherokee	208	0.85	-8.9	31	29	457	1.87	-7.7	12	11
Chester	436	0.93	91.2	29	37	1,204	2.56	58.0	6	16
Chesterfield	436	0.75	-49.1	34	19	581	1.00	-29.0	34	21
Clarendon	602	1.29	-38.0	22	13	789	1.69	65.8	19	32
Colleton	1,703	2.17	14.7	10	14	789	1.00	18.5	34	40
Darlington	810	1.81	227.8	15	34	581	1.30	1.8	26	23
Dillon	664	1.99	83.5	12	25	208	0.62	-0.7	42	44
Dorchester	1,412	2.99	-17.6	5	8	374	0.79	-18.2	41	36
Edgefield	42	0.11	-63.6	46	40	810	2.10	57.5	10	22
Fairfield	851	1.42	14.7	20	21	997	1.66	-25.2	20	9
Florence	602	0.97	85.8	28	35	706	1.14	15.9	28	35
Georgetown	1,578	2.53	-29.7	8	9	581	0.93	5.3	36	37
Greenville	311	0.68	36.6	35	36	1,059	2.30	26.4	8	14
Greenwood	498	1.56	45.3	17	26	706	2.21	-21.1	9	3
Hampton	1,620	3.19	-19.7	4	6	519	1.02	18.5	31	39
Horry	1,536	1.84	39.2	14	20	208	0.25	-61.0	46	43
Jasper	747	1.54	45.4	19	27	270	0.56	-35.6	43	38
Kershaw	602	1.07	-38.0	26	16	872	1.55	-4.6	23	16
Lancaster	166	0.40	-12.6	41	38	706	1.70	-34.9	18	5
Laurens	291	0.59	-15.3	36	33	1,599	3.22	16.6	1	4
Lee	42	0.12	-89.6	45	23	519	1.51	18.5	24	24
Lexington	62	0.14	227.8	44	44	540	1.23	-23.3	27	18
McCormick	332	1.00	*	27	45	374	1.13	-45.4	29	10
Marion	1,453	4.29	15.6	2	7	540	1.59	158.3	22	45
Marlboro	976	2.22	89.9	9	22	353	0.80	-2.5	39	41
Newberry	166	0.33	*	43	46	1,225	2.47	-4.0	7	6
Oconee	395	0.89	-5.8	30	28	789	1.78	-3.7	17	13
Orangeburg	602	0.76	-1.1	33	32	1,433	1.82	71.0	14	29
Pickens	125	0.36	-67.3	42	24	311	0.91	-39.4	37	20
Richland	831	1.56	-41.8	17	11	976	1.84	83.1	13	34
Saluda	125	0.41	227.8	40	43	955	3.18	61.9	2	12
Spartanburg	187	0.45	-1.6	39	38	1,246	3.00	151.7	3	26
Sumter	1,391	2.63	-25.4	7	10	540	1.02	-5.5	31	28
Union	187	0.46	227.8	38	42	727	1.80	73.4	16	30
Williamsburg	914	1.14	-28.4	23	17	664	0.83	-20.7	38	30
York	249	0.58	118.6	37	41	1,225	2.83	129.8	5	25
Total	32,494	1.48	-10.8	NA	NA	32,204	1.47	4.4	NA	NA
	(+ -) 2,221					(+ -) 1,763				

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*No indication of hogs harvested in 2010

Ranking is based on harvest per square mile

Table 14. Number of deer-vehicle collisions reported by the South Carolina Department of Public Safety 2004-2010. Data for 2011 was not available.

County	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Abbeville	5	5	11	22	10	8	12
Aiken	60	31	47	57	54	59	62
Allendale	7	5	10	13	5	8	12
Anderson	27	27	47	67	75	87	116
Bamberg	13	8	20	14	14	21	14
Barnwell	13	17	29	13	11	16	20
Beaufort	100	57	110	128	157	155	163
Berkeley	52	35	40	62	66	84	87
Calhoun	6	8	10	16	27	14	15
Charleston	159	100	175	194	200	182	219
Cherokee	8	4	10	7	13	17	15
Chester	5	7	7	22	17	20	19
Chesterfield	4	4	7	18	20	25	15
Clarendon	29	12	16	34	35	47	50
Colleton	48	24	45	59	64	60	55
Darlington	10	9	13	24	38	29	35
Dillon	4	4	8	5	8	17	27
Dorchester	73	52	48	82	63	67	63
Edgefield	22	15	17	24	15	12	12
Fairfield	16	11	9	26	16	15	22
Florence	27	17	24	40	39	56	66
Georgetown	13	16	8	15	16	20	24
Greenville	53	18	56	87	63	96	133
Greenwood	32	16	33	63	21	27	29
Hampton	16	10	25	14	16	13	29
Horry	46	24	45	67	70	95	85
Jasper	38	23	50	61	75	63	76
Kershaw	28	11	18	30	24	29	71
Lancaster	18	7	11	13	29	20	14
Laurens	59	34	48	51	45	27	28
Lee	10	15	8	15	18	27	35
Lexington	43	26	34	50	37	36	46
McCormick	6	6	11	12	11	4	4
Marion	7	0	4	10	15	13	19
Marlboro	7	5	7	9	14	10	19
Newberry	32	21	31	31	21	14	22
Oconee	4	9	13	15	17	18	12
Orangeburg	35	25	64	88	86	55	62
Pickens	17	11	18	13	21	22	23
Richland	83	51	64	94	96	100	101
Saluda	16	16	10	27	25	11	8
Spartanburg	68	35	94	91	106	113	117
Sumter	37	38	30	48	58	51	73
Union	10	9	9	10	12	17	8
Williamsburg	18	21	19	30	42	42	39
York	17	11	53	43	36	31	38
Total	1,401	910	1,466	1,914	1,921	1,953	2,214

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 2011 Deer Hunter Survey

January, 2012

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 2011 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 2010 survey can be found at www.dnr.sc.gov/wildlife/deer/2010/DeerHarvestReport.html

Thank you for your assistance.



Charles Ruth
Wildlife Biologist
Deer/Turkey Project Supervisor

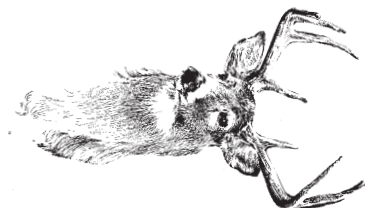
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If you have questions regarding this survey, please call 803-734-3886 or write 2011 Deer Hunter Survey, SCDNR, P.O. Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202.

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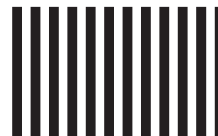
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2011 South Carolina Deer Hunter Survey

1. Did you hunt deer in SC this past season (2011)? **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 (2011). 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			
2			
3			
4			

If you did not harvest any deer in SC in 2011 please go to question # 6.

4. Please record the number of deer taken by month of season in SC last season (2011).

August	September	October	November	December	January

5. Please record the number of deer taken with each weapon in SC last season (2011).

Rifle	Bow	Shotgun	Muzzleloader	Crossbow	Handgun

6. Please circle **all** the weapons that you hunted deer with in 2011.

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 2011, 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.

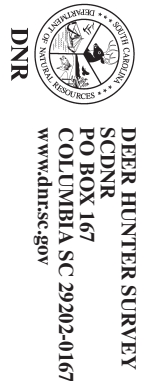
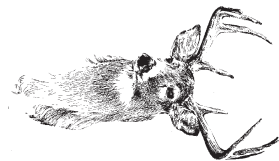


Figure 2. Percent of deer harvested by month of season in South Carolina in 2011. Note that December includes January 1 which is the last day of deer season.

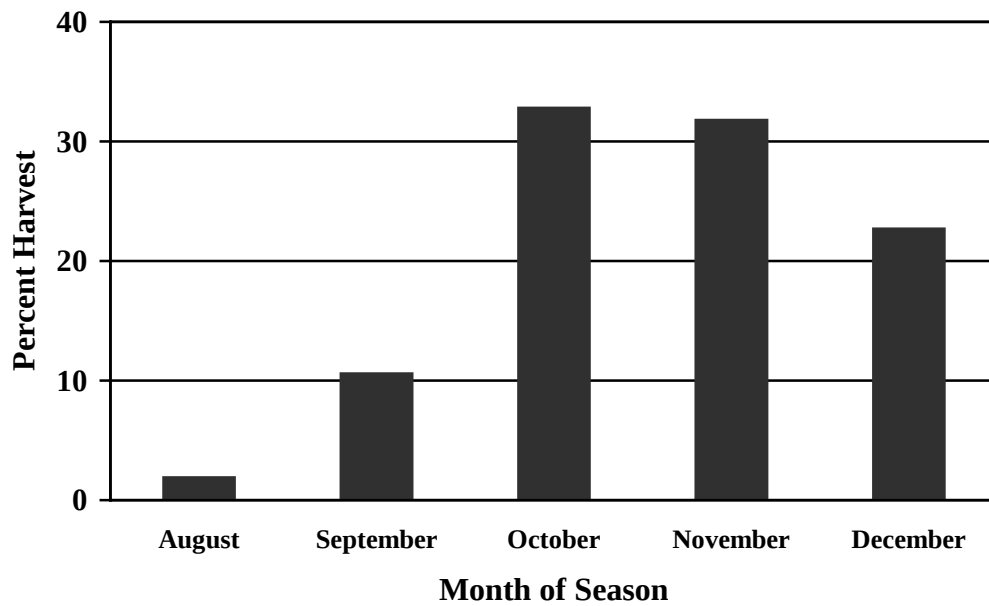


Figure 3. Percent of female deer conceiving by week in South Carolina, based on historic data.

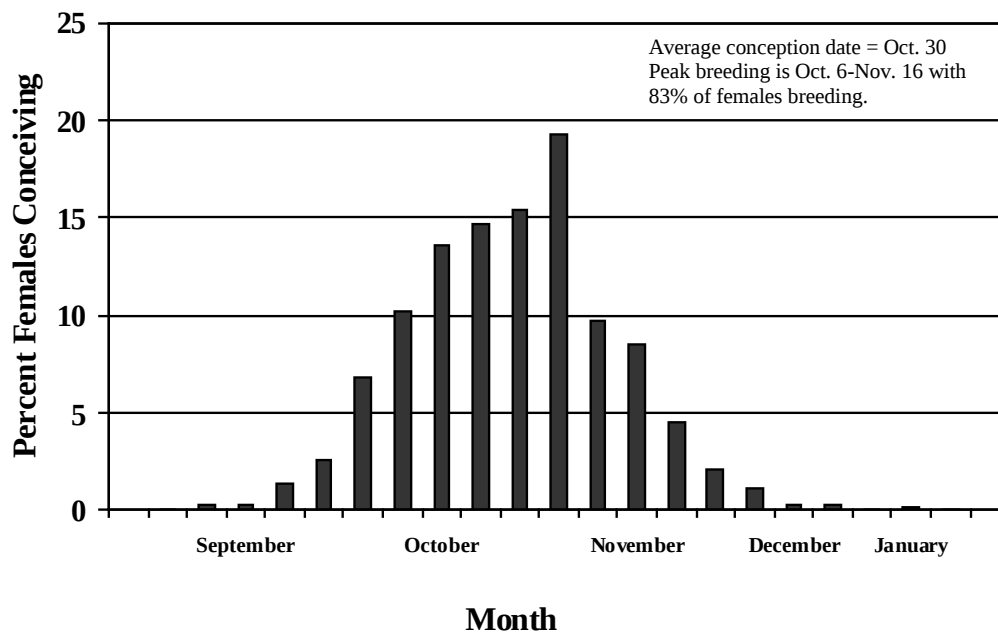


Figure 4. Estimated deer harvest in South Carolina 1972-2011.

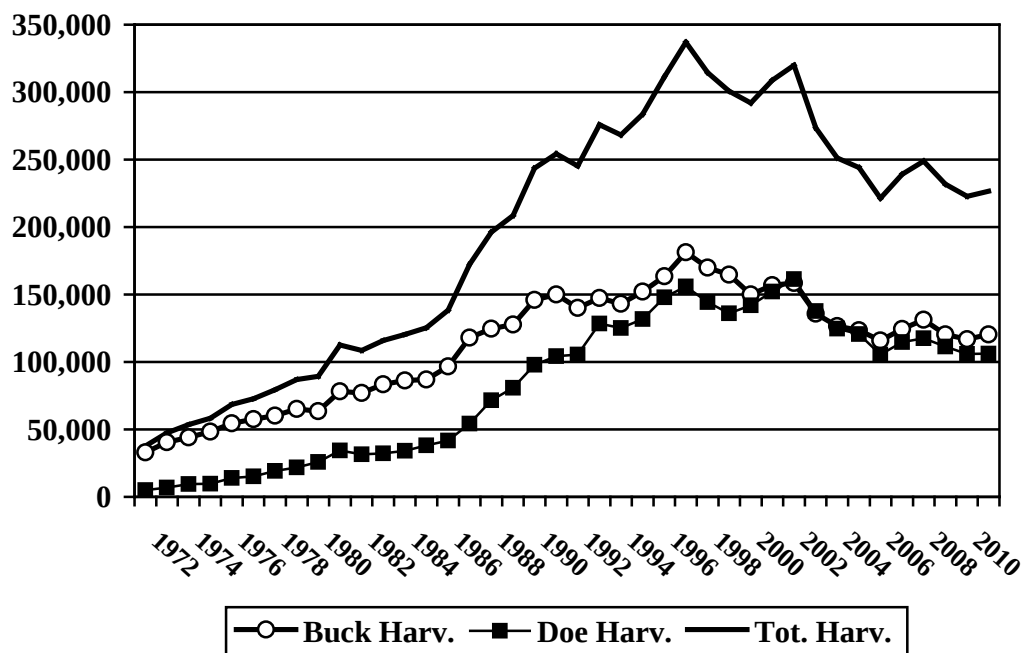


Figure 5. Estimated South Carolina deer population 1972-2011 based on population reconstruction modeling. Note that antlerless deer includes male fawns (button bucks).

