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Table 1. Estimated statewide deer harvest in South Carolina in 2013.

County	Acres*	Square Miles	Buck Harvest	Doe Harvest	Total Harvest	Harvest Rates		% Change from 2012
						Ac/Deer	Deer/Mi. ²	
Abbeville	223,113	349	2,928	2,194	5,122	43.6	14.7	-0.8
Aiken	500,546	782	3,124	2,755	5,879	85.1	7.5	12.0
Allendale	216,455	338	2,964	2,743	5,707	37.9	16.9	16.1
Anderson	219,068	342	3,049	2,149	5,198	42.1	15.2	-7.8
Bamberg	196,573	307	2,709	3,030	5,739	34.3	18.7	-2.6
Barnwell	281,764	440	2,588	2,517	5,105	55.2	11.6	19.1
Beaufort	147,441	230	872	682	1,554	94.9	6.7	-33.0
Berkeley	567,530	887	3,455	2,056	5,511	103.0	6.2	0.6
Calhoun	190,584	298	2,603	2,290	4,893	39.0	16.4	23.5
Charleston	288,732	451	2,522	1,812	4,334	66.6	9.6	-15.6
Cherokee	156,664	245	2,192	1,466	3,658	42.8	14.9	8.8
Chester	300,589	470	3,197	2,361	5,558	54.1	11.8	-17.6
Chesterfield	372,478	582	3,214	1,637	4,851	76.8	8.3	32.3
Clarendon	298,087	466	2,924	3,029	5,953	50.1	12.8	17.5
Colleton	502,666	785	4,539	3,482	8,021	62.7	10.2	1.3
Darlington	286,228	447	1,383	777	2,160	132.5	4.8	-6.7
Dillon	214,069	334	955	545	1,500	142.7	4.5	1.2
Dorchester	302,717	473	2,720	2,758	5,478	55.3	11.6	13.8
Edgefield	246,543	385	2,979	2,452	5,431	45.4	14.1	8.5
Fairfield	384,607	601	4,475	3,524	7,999	48.1	13.3	10.1
Florence	397,888	622	3,398	2,141	5,539	71.8	8.9	10.8
Georgetown	399,638	624	1,772	1,614	3,386	118.0	5.4	-9.9
Greenville	294,257	460	1,613	1,403	3,016	97.6	6.6	20.6
Greenwood	204,400	319	2,309	1,816	4,125	49.6	12.9	-16.9
Hampton	324,840	508	3,666	3,753	7,419	43.8	14.6	19.3
Horry	533,336	833	2,651	2,149	4,800	111.1	5.8	18.4
Jasper	309,889	484	2,079	1,727	3,806	81.4	7.9	-8.6
Kershaw	360,485	563	3,337	2,338	5,675	63.5	10.1	12.7
Lancaster	266,382	416	2,864	2,231	5,095	52.3	12.2	-3.3
Laurens	317,916	497	3,451	2,912	6,363	50.0	12.8	5.8
Lee	220,106	344	2,238	1,516	3,754	58.6	10.9	-12.0
Lexington	280,742	439	1,772	1,257	3,029	92.7	6.9	1.0
McCormick	212,021	331	1,811	1,151	2,962	71.6	8.9	-14.4
Marion	216,907	339	1,034	709	1,743	124.4	5.1	-7.9
Marlboro	281,271	439	1,428	1,434	2,862	98.3	6.5	16.0
Newberry	317,761	497	4,363	3,661	8,024	39.6	16.2	10.3
Oconee	284,348	444	919	555	1,474	192.9	3.3	10.9
Orangeburg	504,516	788	6,505	5,248	11,753	42.9	14.9	6.9
Pickens	219,926	344	1,229	951	2,180	100.9	6.3	10.4
Richland	340,121	531	2,012	1,496	3,508	97.0	6.6	0.2
Saluda	192,173	300	2,076	1,943	4,019	47.8	13.4	7.5
Spartanburg	265,939	416	3,528	3,338	6,866	38.7	16.5	11.7
Sumter	338,968	530	2,686	1,996	4,682	72.4	8.8	-3.9
Union	258,111	403	3,402	3,825	7,227	35.7	17.9	15.2
Williamsburg	513,851	803	4,283	3,235	7,518	68.3	9.4	-16.1
York	276,650	432	2,664	2,666	5,330	51.9	12.3	5.8
Total	14,028,896	21,920	124,482	101,324	225,806	71.4	10.7	3.6
95% Confidence Interval for harvest			(+ -) 4,094	(+ -) 3,976	(+ -) 6,583			

* 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 2013.

County	Acres*	Square Miles	Buck Harvest	Doe Harvest	Total Harvest	Harvest Rates		% Change from 2012
						Ac/Deer	Deer/Mi. ²	
Bamberg	196,573	307	2,709	3,030	5,739	34.3	18.7	-2.6
Union	258,111	403	3,402	3,825	7,227	35.7	17.9	15.2
Allendale	216,455	338	2,964	2,743	5,707	37.9	16.9	16.1
Spartanburg	265,939	416	3,528	3,338	6,866	38.7	16.5	11.7
Calhoun	190,584	298	2,603	2,290	4,893	39.0	16.4	23.5
Newberry	317,761	497	4,363	3,661	8,024	39.6	16.2	10.3
Anderson	219,068	342	3,049	2,149	5,198	42.1	15.2	-7.8
Cherokee	156,664	245	2,192	1,466	3,658	42.8	14.9	8.8
Orangeburg	504,516	788	6,505	5,248	11,753	42.9	14.9	6.9
Abbeville	223,113	349	2,928	2,194	5,122	43.6	14.7	-0.8
Hampton	324,840	508	3,666	3,753	7,419	43.8	14.6	19.3
Edgefield	246,543	385	2,979	2,452	5,431	45.4	14.1	8.5
Saluda	192,173	300	2,076	1,943	4,019	47.8	13.4	7.5
Fairfield	384,607	601	4,475	3,524	7,999	48.1	13.3	10.1
Greenwood	204,400	319	2,309	1,816	4,125	49.6	12.9	-16.9
Laurens	317,916	497	3,451	2,912	6,363	50.0	12.8	5.8
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Lancaster	266,382	416	2,864	2,231	5,095	52.3	12.2	-3.3
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Barnwell	281,764	440	2,588	2,517	5,105	55.2	11.6	19.1
Dorchester	302,717	473	2,720	2,758	5,478	55.3	11.6	13.8
Lee	220,106	344	2,238	1,516	3,754	58.6	10.9	-12.0
Colleton	502,666	785	4,539	3,482	8,021	62.7	10.2	1.3
Kershaw	360,485	563	3,337	2,338	5,675	63.5	10.1	12.7
Charleston	288,732	451	2,522	1,812	4,334	66.6	9.6	-15.6
Williamsburg	513,851	803	4,283	3,235	7,518	68.3	9.4	-16.1
McCormick	212,021	331	1,811	1,151	2,962	71.6	8.9	-14.4
Florence	397,888	622	3,398	2,141	5,539	71.8	8.9	10.8
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Aiken	500,546	782	3,124	2,755	5,879	85.1	7.5	12.0
Lexington	280,742	439	1,772	1,257	3,029	92.7	6.9	1.0
Beaufort	147,441	230	872	682	1,554	94.9	6.7	-33.0
Richland	340,121	531	2,012	1,496	3,508	97.0	6.6	0.2
Greenville	294,257	460	1,613	1,403	3,016	97.6	6.6	20.6
Marlboro	281,271	439	1,428	1,434	2,862	98.3	6.5	16.0
Pickens	219,926	344	1,229	951	2,180	100.9	6.3	10.4
Berkeley	567,530	887	3,455	2,056	5,511	103.0	6.2	0.6
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Georgetown	399,638	624	1,772	1,614	3,386	118.0	5.4	-9.9
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Darlington	286,228	447	1,383	777	2,160	132.5	4.8	-6.7
Dillon	214,069	334	955	545	1,500	142.7	4.5	1.2
Oconee	284,348	444	919	555	1,474	192.9	3.3	10.9
Total	14,028,896	21,920	124,482	101,324	225,806	71.4	10.7	3.6

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Newberry	317,761	497	4,363	3,661	8,024	39.6	16.2	10.3
Colleton	502,666	785	4,539	3,482	8,021	62.7	10.2	1.3
Fairfield	384,607	601	4,475	3,524	7,999	48.1	13.3	10.1
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Bamberg	196,573	307	2,709	3,030	5,739	34.3	18.7	-2.6
Allendale	216,455	338	2,964	2,743	5,707	37.9	16.9	16.1
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Lee	220,106	344	2,238	1,516	3,754	58.6	10.9	-12.0
Cherokee	156,664	245	2,192	1,466	3,658	42.8	14.9	8.8
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Georgetown	399,638	624	1,772	1,614	3,386	118.0	5.4	-9.9
Lexington	280,742	439	1,772	1,257	3,029	92.7	6.9	1.0
Greenville	294,257	460	1,613	1,403	3,016	97.6	6.6	20.6
McCormick	212,021	331	1,811	1,151	2,962	71.6	8.9	-14.4
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Marion	216,907	339	1,034	709	1,743	124.4	5.1	-7.9
Beaufort	147,441	230	872	682	1,554	94.9	6.7	-33.0
Dillon	214,069	334	955	545	1,500	142.7	4.5	1.2
Oconee	284,348	444	919	555	1,474	192.9	3.3	10.9
Total	14,028,896	21,920	124,482	101,324	225,806	71.4	10.7	3.6

Table 4. Estimated deer harvest on Wildlife Management Areas in South Carolina in 2013

Area	Acreage	Bucks	Does	Total	Deer/Mi.²
Mountain Hunt Unit	193,566	847	613	1,460	4.8
Central Piedmont Hunt Unit	159,793	2,039	1,871	3,910	15.7
Western Piedmont Hunt Unit	119,077	1,237	919	2,156	11.6
Subtotal for Upstate WMA's	472,436	4,123	3,403	7,525	10.2
Coastal WMA's*					
Bear Island WMA	1,519	6	9	15	6.3
Bonneau Ferry	10,697	43	37	80	4.8
Botany Bay WMA	2,000	28	40	68	21.8
Crackerneck WMA	10,470	71	46	117	7.2
Cross Generating Station WMA	654	6	8	14	13.7
Donnelley WMA	8,048	33	37	70	5.6
Francis Marion WMA	252,578	118	93	211	0.5
Hamilton Ridge	13,281	42	46	88	4.2
Hickory Top WMA ¹	1,836			26	9.1
Manchester State Forest WMA	25,505	98	45	143	3.6
Moultrie WMA	9,480	10	11	21	1.4
Oak Lea WMA	2,024	38	24	62	19.6
Palachucola WMA	5,947	24	23	47	5.1
Santee Coastal Reserve WMA	5,000	3	1	4	0.5
Santee Cooper WMA ¹	2,828			47	10.6
Victoria Bluff WMA	800	1	1	2	1.6
Webb Wildlife Center WMA	5,866	25	38	63	6.9
Subtotal for Coastal WMA's	358,533	546	459	1,078	1.9
Total	830,969	4,669	3,862	8,603	6.6

*Check Station data. ¹ No sex data for harvest.

Table 5. Hunter opinion (percent) regarding the number of deer in the area hunted most often in South Carolina in 2013 compared to previous years.

	Increasing	About the Same	Decreasing
Residents	15.1	50.1	34.8
Non-Residents	13.6	53.4	33.0
Overall	14.9	50.1	34.8

Table 6. Resident deer hunter and deer harvest statistics in South Carolina in 2013.

County	Number Hunters	Man/Days Hunted	Percent Success	Deer/Hunter	Days/Deer	Buck Harvest	Doe Harvest	Total Harvest
Abbeville	3,787	50,645	67	1.27	10.5	2,776	2,043	4,819
Aiken	4,243	69,957	65	1.26	13.1	2,875	2,479	5,354
Allendale	1,408	19,136	78	2.13	6.4	1,428	1,567	2,994
Anderson	4,105	60,519	68	1.25	11.8	2,994	2,122	5,116
Bamberg	2,181	37,200	83	2.14	8.0	2,142	2,518	4,660
Barnwell	1,923	34,581	80	2.24	8.0	2,201	2,102	4,303
Beaufort	773	8,170	74	1.79	5.9	734	654	1,388
Berkeley	3,688	74,734	72	1.46	13.9	3,331	2,043	5,374
Calhoun	2,836	45,965	76	1.69	9.6	2,601	2,179	4,781
Charleston	2,756	37,397	77	1.53	8.9	2,439	1,785	4,224
Cherokee	1,844	33,631	73	1.70	10.7	1,943	1,190	3,133
Chester	3,153	48,702	69	1.25	12.4	2,201	1,725	3,926
Chesterfield	2,320	47,748	76	1.77	11.6	2,717	1,388	4,105
Clarendon	2,518	45,647	79	2.32	7.8	2,856	2,974	5,830
Colleton	3,569	63,989	81	1.97	9.1	3,986	3,054	7,040
Darlington	1,567	25,401	66	1.29	12.6	1,329	694	2,023
Dillon	892	14,515	69	1.51	10.8	873	476	1,348
Dorchester	3,292	52,923	75	1.63	9.9	2,637	2,717	5,354
Edgefield	3,113	48,127	70	1.61	9.6	2,717	2,300	5,017
Fairfield	4,719	71,422	76	1.47	10.3	3,867	3,054	6,920
Florence	3,034	68,787	73	1.82	12.4	3,385	2,142	5,526
Georgetown	2,360	40,452	72	1.41	12.1	1,745	1,586	3,331
Greenville	2,816	35,118	65	1.03	12.1	1,544	1,348	2,893
Greenwood	2,935	43,108	78	1.34	10.9	2,241	1,705	3,946
Hampton	2,181	35,911	76	1.56	10.5	1,646	1,760	3,406
Horry	2,717	53,381	63	1.75	11.2	2,637	2,122	4,759
Jasper	1,170	13,603	84	1.76	6.6	1,110	952	2,062
Kershaw	3,708	61,509	72	1.34	12.4	2,895	2,062	4,957
Lancaster	2,479	44,873	77	1.65	11.0	2,379	1,705	4,085
Laurens	4,700	74,121	68	1.24	12.8	3,133	2,677	5,810
Lee	2,003	35,138	73	1.79	9.8	2,142	1,448	3,589
Lexington	2,697	37,358	67	1.11	12.5	1,745	1,249	2,994
McCormick	2,300	26,770	67	1.02	11.4	1,368	972	2,340
Marion	1,725	22,763	58	0.93	14.2	952	654	1,606
Marlboro	1,110	24,092	73	2.07	10.5	1,166	1,130	2,296
Newberry	4,462	61,132	70	1.66	8.2	4,045	3,371	7,416
Oconee	1,705	24,865	59	0.86	16.9	912	555	1,467
Orangeburg	6,068	120,796	77	1.77	11.2	6,008	4,750	10,758
Pickens	2,320	29,921	67	0.94	13.7	1,229	952	2,181
Richland	3,113	35,456	75	1.08	10.5	1,943	1,428	3,371
Saluda	2,479	34,800	81	1.62	8.7	2,062	1,943	4,005
Spartanburg	4,838	82,745	76	1.40	12.2	3,487	3,269	6,756
Sumter	3,311	48,245	72	1.39	10.5	2,617	1,983	4,600
Union	4,025	58,198	75	1.45	10.0	2,558	3,272	5,830
Williamsburg	3,847	61,511	76	1.74	9.2	3,827	2,875	6,702
York	3,173	53,282	61	1.56	10.7	2,498	2,459	4,957
Total	131,963	2,118,344	70	1.54	10.6	109,920	89,433	199,353
% Change from 2012	3.5	4.6	-2.9	1.3	1.9	5.6	-0.8	2.7

Table 7. Non-resident deer hunter and deer harvest statistics in South Carolina in 2013.

County	Number Hunters	Man/Days Hunted	Percent Success	Deer/Hunter	Days/Deer	Buck Harvest	Doe Harvest	Total Harvest
Abbeville	166	2,215	67	1.83	7.3	152	152	305
Aiken	318	6,548	65	1.65	12.4	249	277	526
Allendale	1,190	15,476	81	2.28	5.7	1,537	1,177	2,713
Anderson	97	678	57	0.86	8.2	55	28	83
Bamberg	623	8,527	82	1.73	7.9	568	512	1,080
Barnwell	374	4,873	74	2.15	6.1	388	415	803
Beaufort	125	1,190	88	1.33	7.2	138	28	166
Berkeley	83	1,066	83	1.67	7.7	125	14	138
Calhoun	111	1,066	87	2.50	9.5	2	111	112
Charleston	152	1,993	36	0.73	18.0	83	28	111
Cherokee	166	4,443	83	3.17	8.4	249	277	526
Chester	1,149	18,840	66	1.42	11.5	997	637	1,633
Chesterfield	457	8,029	67	1.64	10.7	498	249	748
Clarendon	55	471	50	2.25	3.8	69	55	125
Colleton	471	5,731	82	2.09	5.8	554	429	983
Darlington	152	900	64	0.91	6.5	55	83	138
Dillon	69	1,218	80	2.20	8.0	83	69	152
Dorchester	97	595	71	1.29	4.8	83	42	125
Edgefield	249	4,637	67	1.67	11.2	263	152	415
Fairfield	678	11,974	79	1.59	11.1	609	471	1,080
Florence	83	429	33	0.17	31.0	14	0	14
Georgetown	55	291	50	1.00	5.3	28	28	55
Greenville	97	332	100	1.29	2.7	69	55	125
Greenwood	138	2,685	80	1.30	14.9	69	111	180
Hampton	1,813	28,668	79	2.21	7.1	2,021	1,993	4,014
Horry	42	346	67	1.00	8.3	14	28	42
Jasper	886	14,507	75	1.97	8.3	969	775	1,744
Kershaw	540	6,049	69	1.33	8.4	443	277	720
Lancaster	664	10,520	81	1.52	10.4	485	526	1,011
Laurens	305	4,969	72	1.82	9.0	318	235	554
Lee	152	872	54	1.09	5.3	97	69	166
Lexington	83	637	33	0.43	0.0	28	8	36
McCormick	415	7,696	76	1.50	12.4	443	180	623
Marion	83	595	67	1.67	4.3	83	55	138
Marlboro	291	8,153	67	1.95	14.4	263	305	568
Newberry	388	4,499	78	1.57	7.4	318	291	609
Oconee	69	981	67	0.10	141.7	7	0	7
Orangeburg	360	5,122	69	2.77	5.1	498	498	997
Pickens	55	286	50	0.00	0.0	0	0	0
Richland	138	1,011	60	1.00	7.3	69	69	138
Saluda	42	305	100	0.33	22.0	14	0	14
Spartanburg	138	1,523	40	0.80	13.8	42	69	111
Sumter	152	1,661	54	0.55	20.0	69	14	83
Union	831	10,811	71	1.68	7.7	844	554	1,398
Williamsburg	277	2,326	80	2.95	2.8	457	360	817
York	429	6,395	52	0.87	17.1	166	208	374
TOTAL	15,310	222,140	72	1.74	8.4	14,585	11,913	26,498
% Change from 2012	3.8	9.1	-14.7	-11.9	-4.8	11.9	7.0	9.8

Table 8. Hunting effort (man/days) by county for successful and unsuccessful resident and nonresident deer hunters in South Carolina in 2013.

County	Residents (man/days)			Total Effort Residents	Non-Residents (man/days)			Total Effort Non-residents	Total Days
	Successful	Unsuccessful	Average		Successful	Unsuccessful	Average		
Abbeville	17.4	8.0	13.4	50,645	15.3	9.5	13.3	2,215	52,859
Aiken	23.1	11.5	16.5	69,957	26.1	12.4	20.6	6,548	76,505
Allendale	18.4	5.8	13.6	19,136	15.1	4.1	13.0	15,476	34,612
Anderson	20.9	7.1	14.7	60,519	11.3	5.0	7.0	678	61,197
Bamberg	21.5	12.1	17.1	37,200	16.0	5.3	13.7	8,527	45,728
Barnwell	20.3	16.1	18.0	34,581	16.3	3.7	13.0	4,873	39,454
Beaufort	10.5	13.1	10.6	8,170	11.9	1.0	9.6	1,190	9,360
Berkeley	25.2	12.2	20.3	74,734	15.0	2.0	12.8	1,066	75,800
Calhoun	20.6	7.9	16.2	45,965	10.7	2.0	9.6	1,066	47,030
Charleston	18.2	5.9	13.6	37,397	24.3	6.7	13.1	1,993	39,390
Cherokee	23.3	9.4	18.2	33,631	31.5	3.0	26.8	4,443	38,075
Chester	20.5	11.0	15.4	48,702	19.7	14.6	16.4	18,840	67,542
Chesterfield	25.3	13.6	20.6	47,748	20.3	12.1	17.6	8,029	55,777
Clarendon	22.4	11.7	18.1	45,647	10.5	6.5	8.5	471	46,117
Colleton	23.0	9.6	17.9	63,989	14.1	7.3	12.2	5,731	69,720
Darlington	24.4	6.9	16.2	25,401	8.8	2.5	5.9	900	26,301
Dillon	20.9	6.1	16.3	14,515	19.8	9.0	17.6	1,218	15,733
Dorchester	18.6	14.7	16.1	52,923	6.0	6.5	6.1	595	53,518
Edgefield	20.3	8.6	15.5	48,127	17.8	22.2	18.6	4,637	52,764
Fairfield	19.1	8.1	15.1	71,422	20.4	10.4	17.7	11,974	83,396
Florence	28.0	13.2	22.7	68,787	2.0	6.0	5.2	429	69,216
Georgetown	22.3	11.6	17.1	40,452	7.0	3.5	5.3	291	40,743
Greenville	18.1	8.8	12.5	35,118	3.4	0.0	3.4	332	35,450
Greenwood	17.8	11.3	14.7	43,108	22.9	16.0	19.4	2,685	45,793
Hampton	22.9	6.3	16.5	35,911	18.3	7.9	15.8	28,668	64,579
Horry	27.1	10.2	19.7	53,381	10.0	5.0	8.3	346	53,727
Jasper	13.8	11.3	11.6	13,603	17.6	15.0	16.4	14,507	28,110
Kershaw	23.8	8.7	16.6	61,509	14.2	8.8	11.2	6,049	67,558
Lancaster	22.8	8.5	18.1	44,873	18.3	9.4	15.8	10,520	55,394
Laurens	20.3	11.4	15.8	74,121	22.5	6.8	16.3	4,969	79,090
Lee	22.4	9.5	17.5	35,138	7.0	4.8	5.7	872	36,010
Lexington	18.2	8.2	13.9	37,358	11.0	6.0	7.7	637	37,995
McCormick	16.6	6.9	11.6	26,770	22.1	6.9	18.5	7,696	34,466
Marion	20.8	8.3	13.2	22,763	8.3	5.0	7.2	595	23,358
Marlboro	30.0	9.5	21.7	24,092	40.7	8.6	28.0	8,153	32,245
Newberry	19.4	6.8	13.7	61,132	15.2	3.8	11.6	4,499	65,631
Oconee	23.9	8.5	14.6	24,865	25.5	6.0	14.2	981	25,846
Orangeburg	24.1	13.2	19.9	120,796	19.2	4.3	14.2	5,122	125,918
Pickens	17.8	11.3	12.9	29,921	0.0	5.3	5.2	286	30,207
Richland	13.2	10.8	11.4	35,456	8.7	5.3	7.3	1,011	36,466
Saluda	16.2	11.3	14.0	34,800	16.0	0.0	7.3	305	35,105
Spartanburg	21.1	11.9	17.1	82,745	23.0	6.2	11.0	1,523	84,268
Sumter	20.1	7.5	14.6	48,245	12.7	8.8	10.9	1,661	49,906
Union	18.5	9.6	14.5	58,198	14.1	12.6	13.0	10,811	69,009
Williamsburg	19.9	10.8	16.0	61,511	10.3	3.0	8.4	2,326	63,837
York	23.5	9.7	16.8	53,282	17.9	12.0	14.9	6,395	59,677
Total	20.9	9.8	16.0	2,118,344	17.4	9.0	14.4	222,140	2,340,484
% Change from 2012	0.1	9.1	0.1	4.6	2.9	9.0	4.9	9.1	4.5

Table 9. Estimated deer harvest by weapon type in South Carolina in 2013.

	Rifle	Bow & Arrow	Shotgun	Muzzle-loader	Crossbow	Handgun	Total
Number of Deer Harvested	180,193	14,452	21,452	5,419	2,484	1,806	225,806
Percent Total Deer Harvest	79.8	6.4	9.5	2.4	1.1	0.8	100.0
Percent Hunter Success With Weapon	65.5	29.3	33.4	28.9	21.9	9.1	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 2013.

	Rifle	Bow & Arrow	Shotgun	Muzzle-loader	Crossbow	Handgun
Residents	121,142	31,671	36,554	16,759	9,765	4,619
Non-Residents	14,545	2,358	1,347	3,031	1,056	429
Total	135,687	34,029	37,901	19,791	10,822	5,047

Total across weapons not given because hunters use multiple weapons. Total hunters = 147,273.

Table 11. Weapons utilization (percent) among deer hunters in South Carolina in 2013.

	Rifle	Bow & Arrow	Shotgun	Muzzle-loader	Crossbow	Handgun
Residents	91.8*	24.0*	27.7*	12.7*	7.4	3.5
Non-Residents	95	15.4	8.8	19.8	6.9	2.8
Total	92.4	22.5	24.4	14.0	7.3	3.4

* Significant difference in weapons use category based on residency.

Table 12. Weapons preference (percent) among deer hunters in South Carolina in 2013.

	Rifle	Bow & Arrow	Shotgun	Muzzle-loader	Crossbow	Handgun	Total
Residents	77.8	12.3*	7.9*	0.9*	0.9	0.3	100.0
Non-Residents	83.7	9.1	2.4	3.4	0.7	0.7	100.0
Total	78.8	11.8	6.9	1.4	0.8	0.3	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 2013.
Rank is by per unit area harvested.

County	Hog Harv.	Harv./ Mile ²	% Change from 2012	2013 Rank	2012 Rank	Coyote Harv.	Harv./ Mile ²	% Change from 2012	2013 Rank	2012 Rank
Abbeville	2,275	6.53	56.6	1	1	1,307	3.75	79.7	1	9
Aiken	924	1.18	5.9	27	18	1,284	1.64	1.4	18	18
Allendale	1,735	5.13	-21.2	2	2	653	1.93	31.2	10	13
Anderson	1,622	4.74	62.7	3	13	969	2.83	-4.7	4	1
Bamberg	406	1.32	-21.9	22	30	383	1.25	23.1	28	32
Barnwell	360	0.82	-42.1	32	26	631	1.43	78.7	22	41
Beaufort	113	0.49	-39.8	42	37	23	0.10	-72.9	46	45
Berkeley	1,352	1.52	41.5	17	14	428	0.48	-14.0	41	38
Calhoun	856	2.87	32.9	6	7	270	0.91	-49.9	34	26
Charleston	1,217	2.70	36.2	8	3	428	0.95	-10.4	33	32
Cherokee	293	1.20	40.8	24	28	721	2.95	57.8	3	24
Chester	383	0.82	-12.2	32	35	1,104	2.35	-8.3	7	8
Chesterfield	698	1.20	60.2	24	29	1,014	1.74	74.5	15	20
Clarendon	698	1.50	16.0	18	9	743	1.60	-5.8	20	16
Colleton	1,487	1.89	-12.7	12	6	563	0.72	-28.6	38	37
Darlington	721	1.61	-11.0	16	22	293	0.65	-49.6	40	22
Dillon	203	0.61	-69.5	39	43	135	0.40	-35.0	42	28
Dorchester	1,329	2.81	-5.9	7	23	766	1.62	104.8	19	43
Edgefield	270	0.70	543.7	37	44	541	1.40	-33.2	23	15
Fairfield	676	1.12	-20.6	28	19	1,172	1.95	17.5	9	21
Florence	743	1.20	23.5	26	31	631	1.01	-10.6	31	34
Georgetown	901	1.44	-42.9	19	20	473	0.76	-18.6	36	44
Greenville	90	0.20	-71.0	46	34	811	1.76	-23.4	14	40
Greenwood	541	1.69	8.6	13	8	698	2.19	-1.1	8	6
Hampton	2,366	4.66	46.0	4	10	766	1.51	47.6	21	38
Horry	1,397	1.68	-9.1	14	16	135	0.16	-35.0	45	42
Jasper	698	1.44	-6.5	19	12	338	0.70	25.2	39	36
Kershaw	924	1.64	53.4	15	14	969	1.72	11.1	17	19
Lancaster	180	0.43	8.6	43	31	991	2.38	40.4	6	5
Laurens	248	0.50	-14.8	40	40	946	1.90	-40.8	11	4
Lee	270	0.79	543.7	34	37	473	1.38	-8.8	24	31
Lexington	113	0.26	81.7	45	46	315	0.72	-41.6	37	11
McCormick	473	1.43	42.5	21	24	315	0.95	-15.7	32	10
Marion	653	1.93	-55.0	11	4	90	0.27	-83.3	44	14
Marlboro	406	0.92	-58.5	30	17	586	1.33	65.9	25	46
Newberry	248	0.50	49.3	40	36	901	1.82	-26.4	12	3
Oconee	383	0.86	-3.0	31	26	338	0.76	-57.2	35	30
Orangeburg	315	0.40	-47.6	44	39	1,036	1.31	-27.7	26	17
Pickens	360	1.05	188.4	29	42	113	0.33	-63.8	43	29
Richland	1,329	2.50	60.0	9	31	676	1.27	-30.8	27	25
Saluda	225	0.75	80.2	35	21	969	3.23	1.4	2	2
Spartanburg	270	0.65	44.6	38	25	721	1.73	-42.1	16	22
Sumter	1,284	2.42	-7.7	10	5	608	1.15	12.6	30	27
Union	496	1.23	165.1	23	45	721	1.79	-0.8	13	12
Williamsburg	2,433	3.03	166.2	5	10	969	1.21	45.9	29	34
York	315	0.73	26.7	36	40	1,059	2.45	-13.6	5	7
Total	35,281	1.61	24.4	NA	NA	30,076	1.37	6.3	NA	NA
	(+ -) 2,337					(+ -) 1,539				

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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 Public Safety 2006-2012. Data for 2013 was not available at printing.

County	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Abbeville	11	22	10	8	12	10	11
Aiken	47	57	54	59	62	59	66
Allendale	10	13	5	8	12	8	8
Anderson	47	67	75	87	116	89	103
Bamberg	20	14	14	21	14	15	17
Barnwell	29	13	11	16	20	15	14
Beaufort	110	128	157	155	163	123	143
Berkeley	40	62	66	84	87	88	98
Calhoun	10	16	27	14	15	24	40
Charleston	175	194	200	182	219	131	203
Cherokee	10	7	13	17	15	19	23
Chester	7	22	17	20	19	18	23
Chesterfield	7	18	20	25	15	14	13
Clarendon	16	34	35	47	50	49	34
Colleton	45	59	64	60	55	66	69
Darlington	13	24	38	29	35	37	44
Dillon	8	5	8	17	27	15	25
Dorchester	48	82	63	67	63	82	73
Edgefield	17	24	15	12	12	4	7
Fairfield	9	26	16	15	22	25	35
Florence	24	40	39	56	66	69	84
Georgetown	8	15	16	20	24	31	46
Greenville	56	87	63	96	133	113	122
Greenwood	33	63	21	27	29	10	14
Hampton	25	14	16	13	29	20	11
Horry	45	67	70	95	85	98	94
Jasper	50	61	75	63	76	59	53
Kershaw	18	30	24	29	71	54	43
Lancaster	11	13	29	20	14	22	20
Laurens	48	51	45	27	28	22	16
Lee	8	15	18	27	35	33	32
Lexington	34	50	37	36	46	42	60
McCormick	11	12	11	4	4	3	6
Marion	4	10	15	13	19	33	35
Marlboro	7	9	14	10	19	21	18
Newberry	31	31	21	14	22	14	7
Oconee	13	15	17	18	12	15	17
Orangeburg	64	88	86	55	62	82	114
Pickens	18	13	21	22	23	17	22
Richland	64	94	96	100	101	91	92
Saluda	10	27	25	11	8	8	9
Spartanburg	94	91	106	113	117	133	139
Sumter	30	48	58	51	73	75	60
Union	9	10	12	17	8	6	19
Williamsburg	19	30	42	42	39	55	68
York	53	43	36	31	38	27	31
Total	1,466	1,914	1,921	1,953	2,214	2,044	2,281

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 2013 Deer Hunter Survey

January, 2014

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 2013 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 2012 survey can be found at www.dnr.sc.gov/wildlife/deer/2012/DeerHarvestReport.html

Thank you for your assistance.



Charles Ruth
Wildlife Biologist
Deer/Turkey Project Supervisor

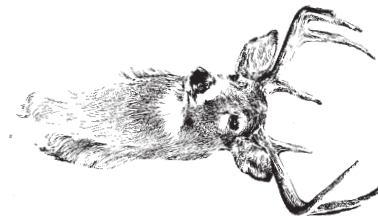
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If you have questions regarding this survey, please call 803-734-3886 or write 2013 Deer Hunter Survey, SCDNR, P.O. Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202.

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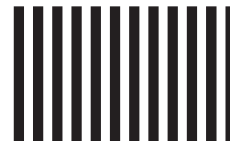
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2013 South Carolina Deer Hunter Survey

1. Did you hunt deer in SC this past season (2013)? **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 (2013). 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	
1		# Bucks	#Does
2		# Bucks	#Does
3		# Bucks	#Does
4		# Bucks	#Does

If you did not harvest any deer in SC in 2013 please go to question # 6.

4. Please record the number of deer taken by month of season in SC last season (2013).

August	September	October	November	December	January

5. Please record the number of deer taken with each weapon in SC last season (2013).

Rifle	Bow	Shotgun	Muzzleloader	Crossbow	Handgun

6. Please circle **all** the weapons that you hunted deer with in 2013.

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 2013, 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.

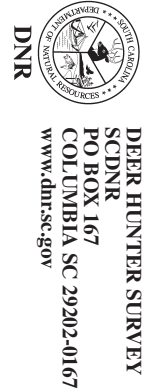
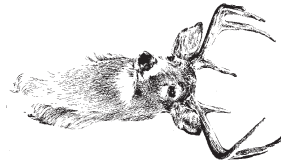


Figure 2. Percent of deer harvested by month of season in South Carolina in 2013. Note that December includes January 1 which is the last day of deer season.

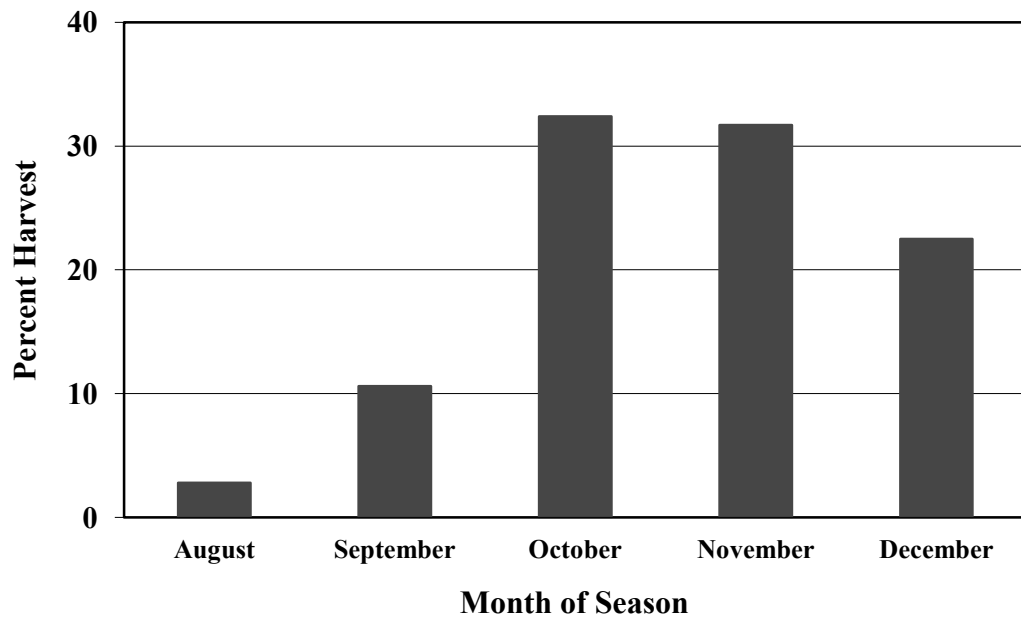


Figure 3. Percent of female deer conceiving by week in South Carolina, based on historic data.

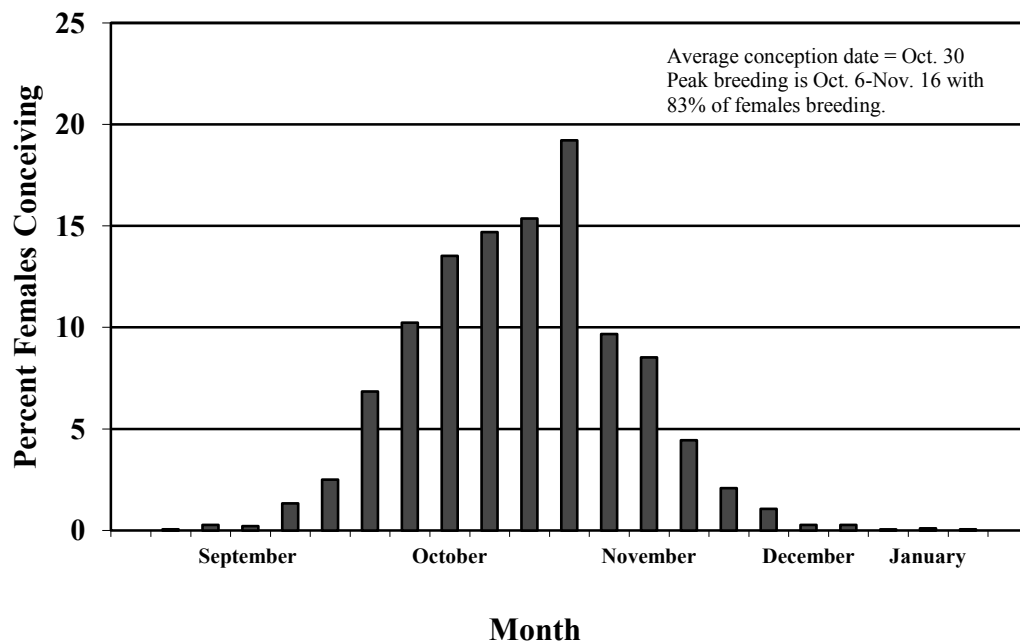


Figure 4. Estimated deer harvest in South Carolina 1972-2013.

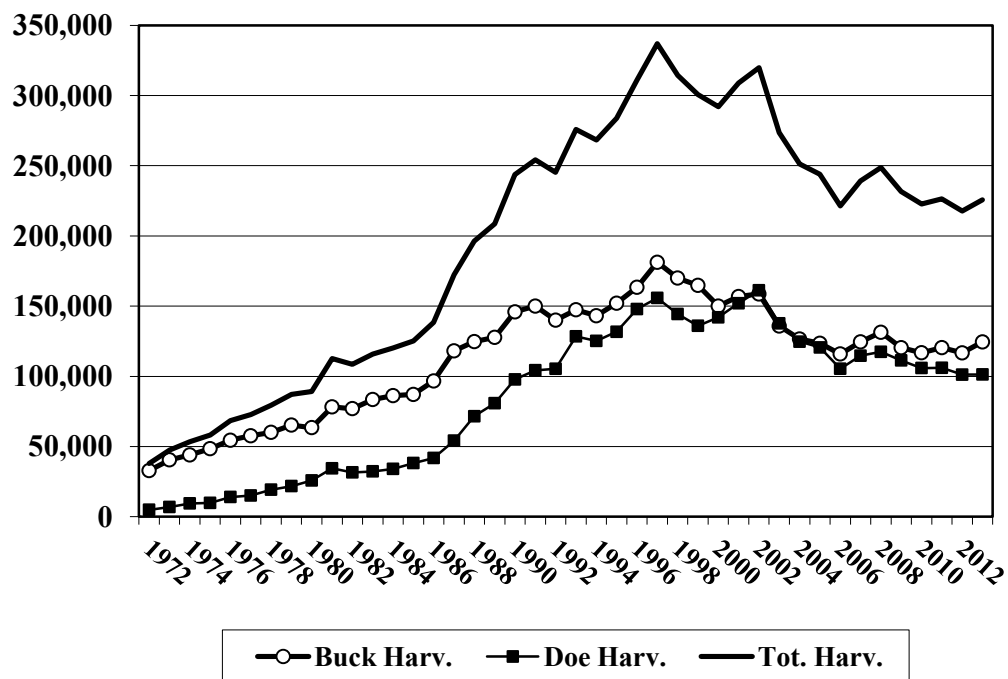


Figure 5. Estimated South Carolina deer population 1972-2013 based on population reconstruction modeling. Note that antlerless deer includes male fawns (button bucks).

