

DMAP Harvest Summary

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Season: 2024	Acres: 4306
Location: Leflore County, MS	Years on DMAP: 29
Soil Region: Delta	Biologist: Brad Holder
	% Data Collected: 100

Table 1. Harvest Summary

	Number Harvested	Acres Per Deer Harvested
Bucks	13	331
Does	8	538
Totals	21	205

Table 2. Harvest History

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	RG 2023	Club Avg
Acres	4306	4306	4306	4306	4306	4306	4306	4306	4306	4306	412736	4306
Total Deer	21	28	16	29	19	25	4	16	15	21	2157	19
Buck	13	10	6	13	10	9	2	6	9	8	778	9
Doe	8	18	10	16	9	16	2	10	6	13	1379	11
Acres/Deer	205	154	269	148	227	172	1076	269	287	205	191	222
Acres/Buck	331	431	718	331	431	478	2153	718	478	538	531	501
Acres/Doe	538	239	431	269	478	269	2153	431	718	331	299	399

Table 3. Age Distribution

	Bucks		Does		Management Bucks		Criteria Bucks	
Age	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
0.5	0	0	1	12	0	0	0	0
1.5	1	8	1	12	0	0	1	8
2.5	3	23	4	50	0	0	3	23
3.5	7	54	0	0	0	0	7	54
4.5	1	8	1	12	0	0	1	8
5.5	1	8	1	12	0	0	1	8
6.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Table 4. Statistics for Doe Harvest

Age	Number Harvested	Avg Live Weight	Percent Lactating
0.5	1	62	0
1.5	1	85	0
2.5	4	123	0
3.5	0	0	0
4.5	1	110	0
5.5	1	145	0
6.5	0	0	0
7.5	0	0	0
8.5	0	0	0
Totals	8	105	

Table 5. Doe Harvest History

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	RG 2023	Club Avg
Total Does	8	13	10	16	9	16	5	10	6	13	2012	11
Acres/Doe	538	331	431	269	478	269	861	431	718	331	205	406
% Harvest By Age												
% 0.5	12	23	10	0	22	12	0	10	0	0	6	9
% 1.5	12	23	10	31	0	38	0	20	33	31	21	23
% 2.5	50	23	20	38	22	0	40	0	67	8	23	23
% 3.5+	25	31	60	31	56	50	60	70	0	62	48	45
Average Weight												
0.5	62	81	70	0	80	75	0	70	0	0	69	75
1.5	85	103	100	104	0	94	0	104	110	109	101	102
2.5	123	105	118	108	128	0	112	0	126	130	114	117
3.5+	128	104	125	129	117	128	125	128	0	131	121	124
% Lactation												
% 1.5	0	0	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	9	12
% 2.5	0	33	0	33	50	0	100	0	50	100	49	38
% 2.5+	0	71	12	45	43	29	100	57	50	44	58	44
% 3.5+	0	100	17	60	40	29	100	57	0	38	62	47

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Table 6. Statistics for Yearling Bucks

	Number	Percent	Avg. Live Weight	Average Points
Spikes	0	0	0	0
Forks	1	100	140	4
Totals	1			

Table 7. Buck Statistics

	Live Weight		Points		Base		Length		Spread	
Age	Number	Average	Number	Average	Number	Average	Number	Average	Number	Average
0.5	0	0	0	N/A	0	N/A	0	N/A	0	N/A
1.5	1	140	1	4	1	3.0	1	7.4	1	8.5
2.5	3	179	3	8	3	4.1	3	17.7	3	16.4
3.5	7	189	7	8.1	7	4.1	7	19.2	7	16.2
4.5	1	200	1	10	1	4.2	1	24.0	1	15.0
5.5	1	200	1	8	1	4.8	1	19.2	1	17.2
6.5	0	0	0	N/A	0	N/A	0	N/A	0	N/A
7.5	0	0	0	N/A	0	N/A	0	N/A	0	N/A
8.5	0	0	0	N/A	0	N/A	0	N/A	0	N/A

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Table 8. Buck Harvest History (All Bucks)

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	RG 2023	Club Avg
Bucks	13	6	6	13	10	9	5	5	9	8	1068	8
Acres/Buck	331	718	718	331	431	478	861	861	478	538	387	513
% .5 Bucks	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	3	1
# .5 Bucks	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	27	1
Avg Weight	0	0	0	0	65	0	0	0	0	0	71	65
% 1.5 Bucks	8	0	33	15	20	0	20	0	0	12	8	11
# 1.5 Bucks	1	0	2	2	2	0	1	0	0	1	89	0.9
% Spikes	0	0	50	100	50	0	0	0	0	100	60	56
Avg Weight	140	0	150	133	130	0	128	0	0	140	114	137
Avg Points	4	0	3.5	2	2.5	0	3	0	0	2	2	3
Avg Base	3.0	0	2.8	0	2.2	0	2.3	0	0	2.0	2.0	2.4
Avg Length	7.4	0	7.1	4.5	3.4	0	7.5	0	0	6.2	5.3	5.7
Avg Spread	8.5	0	6.0	4.5	3.8	0	5.5	0	0	6.5	6.3	5.4
% 2.5 Bucks	23	67	67	46	40	11	0	20	56	62	15	39
# 2.5 Bucks	3	4	4	6	4	1	0	1	5	5	156	3.3
Avg Weight	179	188	184	209	162	125	0	195	159	172	172	179
Avg Points	8	7.75	8.5	9	6	8	0	6	7.6	7.4	7	8
Avg Base	4.1	3.7	4.1	4.2	3.2	2.0	0	3.0	3.0	3.4	3.6	3.6
Avg Length	17.7	17.6	17.7	19.9	12.8	11.5	0	13.0	16.0	15.8	16.4	16.6
Avg Spread	16.4	13.8	16.2	17.0	11.8	13.0	0	13.0	13.6	14.0	14.0	14.6
% 3.5 Bucks	54	17	0	8	20	11	20	40	33	12	28	23
# 3.5 Bucks	7	1	0	1	2	1	1	2	3	1	301	1.9
Avg Weight	189	250	0	240	162	203	160	178	199	195	190	192
Avg Points	8.14	12	0	8	8	8	8	9	9	10	8	9
Avg Base	4.1	2.5	0	4.9	3.4	3.4	4.7	4.5	3.8	4.4	4.1	4.0
Avg Length	19.2	17.0	0	18.9	18.2	17.9	20.7	18.1	17.8	19.2	18.6	18.6
Avg Spread	16.2	15.0	0	17.0	15.5	16.0	18.5	15.0	13.8	16.2	15.6	15.7
% 4.5 + Bucks	15	17	0	31	10	78	60	40	11	12	44	26
# 4.5 + Bucks	2	1	0	4	1	7	3	2	1	1	194	2.2
Avg Weight	200	200	0	212	190	201	180	234	190	200	202	202
Avg Points	9	0	0	9	8	8.43	8	10	10	8	8	8
Avg Base	4.5	4.0	0	4.8	4.0	4.4	4.5	4.9	4.5	3.0	4.6	4.6
Avg Length	21.6	19.9	0	20.7	19.2	20.4	20.0	22.5	19.5	19.5	20.7	20.5
Avg Spread	16.1	18.0	0	15.2	20.0	16.6	18.3	15.6	15.0	14.0	16.7	16.5

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Table 9. Criteria Buck Harvest History

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	RG 2023	Club Avg
Bucks	13	6	6	13	10	9	5	5	9	8	967	8
Acres/Buck	331	718	718	331	431	478	861	861	478	538	427	513
% .5 Bucks	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	2	1
# .5 Bucks	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	23	1
Avg Weight	0	0	0	0	65	0	0	0	0	0	72	65
% 1.5 Bucks	8	0	33	15	20	0	20	0	0	12	6	11
# 1.5 Bucks	1	0	2	2	2	0	1	0	0	1	57	0.9
% Spikes	0	0	50	100	50	0	0	0	0	100	42	56
Avg Weight	140	0	150	133	130	0	128	0	0	140	112	137
Avg Points	4	0	3.5	2	2.5	0	3	0	0	2	2	3
Avg Base	3.0	0	2.8	0	2.2	0	2.3	0	0	2.0	2.0	2.4
Avg Length	7.4	0	7.1	4.5	3.4	0	7.5	0	0	6.2	6.5	5.7
Avg Spread	8.5	0	6.0	4.5	3.8	0	5.5	0	0	6.5	6.7	5.4
% 2.5 Bucks	23	67	67	46	40	11	0	20	56	62	15	39
# 2.5 Bucks	3	4	4	6	4	1	0	1	5	5	145	3.3
Avg Weight	179	188	184	209	162	125	0	195	159	172	173	179
Avg Points	8	7.75	8.5	9	6	8	0	6	7.6	7.4	7	8
Avg Base	4.1	3.7	4.1	4.2	3.2	2.0	0	3.0	3.0	3.4	3.6	3.6
Avg Length	17.7	17.6	17.7	19.9	12.8	11.5	0	13.0	16.0	15.8	16.5	16.6
Avg Spread	16.4	13.8	16.2	17.0	11.8	13.0	0	13.0	13.6	14.0	14.1	14.6
% 3.5 Bucks	54	17	0	8	20	11	20	40	33	12	28	23
# 3.5 Bucks	7	1	0	1	2	1	1	2	3	1	271	1.9
Avg Weight	189	250	0	240	162	203	160	178	199	195	191	192
Avg Points	8.14	12	0	8	8	8	8	9	9	10	8	9
Avg Base	4.1	2.5	0	4.9	3.4	3.4	4.7	4.5	3.8	4.4	4.1	4.0
Avg Length	19.2	17.0	0	18.9	18.2	17.9	20.7	18.1	17.8	19.2	18.8	18.6
Avg Spread	16.2	15.0	0	17.0	15.5	16.0	18.5	15.0	13.8	16.2	15.6	15.7
% 4.5 + Bucks	15	17	0	31	10	78	60	40	11	12	46	26
# 4.5 + Bucks	2	1	0	4	1	7	3	2	1	1	183	2.2
Avg Weight	200	200	0	212	190	201	180	234	190	200	202	202
Avg Points	9	0	0	9	8	8.43	8	10	10	8	8	8
Avg Base	4.5	4.0	0	4.8	4.0	4.4	4.5	4.9	4.5	3.0	4.6	4.6
Avg Length	21.6	19.9	0	20.7	19.2	20.4	20.0	22.5	19.5	19.5	20.7	20.5
Avg Spread	16.1	18.0	0	15.2	20.0	16.6	18.3	15.6	15.0	14.0	16.7	16.5

Description of the Data and Glossary of Terms

This report is based on data MDWFP receives from DMAP clubs. The club/cooperator information in the heading, including acres under management and soil region, is based on the Annual DMAP Application. Please contact your DMAP Biologist if any of the information in the heading is incorrect. The “% Data Collected” field is the percentage of deer reported on the DMAP datasheet for which jawbones were received. Harvest totals in Tables 1 and 2 are based on deer harvest reported on the DMAP datasheet (regardless of whether a jawbone was received). All other tables are based on submitted jawbones in adequate condition to age using the tooth wear and replacement technique. For all tables including Soil Region Average data, the regional data column is labeled “RG20xx.” For all tables, Criteria Buck and Management Buck are defined below. Buck designations are made by the DMAP Biologist. If no designations are made, all bucks are classified as Criteria. If you have questions about Management and Criteria bucks, please contact your DMAP Biologist.

Soil Region Average (e.g., Regional Average or RG20xx) – the average of all deer in a specified parameter (i.e., harvest total, lactation, weight, etc.) reported for the year in question is used as an indicator of overall deer herd health by comparing club averages to other DMAP clubs in the same soil region.

Criteria Buck or perhaps a “trophy buck” – a buck deemed to have antler characteristics that satisfy the club’s goals for antler quality. This determination is generally made by the DMAP biologist in collaboration with the DMAP club and considers buck age, antler characteristics, soil region averages, and the goals of the DMAP club.

Management Buck or perhaps a “cull buck” – a harvested buck deemed to have below average antler characteristics compared to other bucks in the same age class and soil region. As with Criteria bucks, this determination is generally made by the DMAP biologist in collaboration with the DMAP club.

Lactation Index – the percentage of does for which a DMAP club recorded “detecting lactation” on the datasheet. Where sample sizes are sufficient, this index is used to determine the number of adult does that successfully raised fawns and is used to help estimate fawn recruitment. These data may be highly variable based on the timing of doe harvest in the annual cycle, as well as how thoroughly club members check for lactation. Generally, a favorable lactation index would be 60% or greater for adult does. A low lactation index (with adequate sample size) may indicate poor habitat, overpopulation, or a significant predation influence. Doe harvest early in the season (Oct- Dec) is generally better in estimating fawn recruitment vs late season harvest (after does finish lactating). For this report, lactation index is adjusted to account for late-season harvest.

Dressed Weights - average weight to the nearest pound of a dressed animal. A dressed animal should have both the forward (heart and lungs and rear (intestines) viscera removed but not any part of the remaining carcass. Comparing club average body weights from year to year or to the coordinating soil region average can be an indicator of overall herd health. Typically, doe carcass condition is a more reliable indicator of herd health than that of bucks due to the drastic fluctuation of buck body weights during the rut. Significant annual changes in carcass condition may indicate changes in habitat, mast crop, herd density, disease influence, or even severe weather conditions.

Age Distribution of Harvest – an estimate of age structure of the population, though generally only the doe segment is assessed, as buck harvest is often biased. Balanced deer herds typically show some harvest across all age classes. However, an age structure with more older animals (>40% 3 years old or greater) may indicate a stockpile of older animals which could signal an overabundant deer herd. Age distribution data is generally best considered in context with other harvest data (i.e., lactation index, doe body weights), as well as observation data (i.e., adult sex ratio, fawn recruitment) and even camera survey data (i.e., deer density, buck age structure).

Fawn Recruitment – a measurement of the number of fawns per adult doe that survive to at least 4-6 months of age. Recruitment tends to improve with increased harvest due to freeing up available resources. Generally fawn recruitment is measured using hunter observation data or camera surveys.

Adult Sex Ratio – ratio of the total number of does to total number of bucks in a deer herd. Typically, adult sex ratio is measured using observation data or camera surveys. Deer are born at nearly a 1:1 ratio of does to bucks. Thus, adult sex ratios closer to 1:1 are ideal. In trophy management scenarios adult sex ratio may be skewed towards more bucks, but most deer herds range from 1.5:1 to 3:1.

Important DMAP Reminders for Each Season

- For more information, visit www.mdwfp.com/DMAP and check out the Deer Managers Toolkit.
- If club acreages are incorrect, they should be updated on your DMAP Application. Contact your DMAP Biologist for help updating your DMAP Application.
- Calibrate your body weight scale(s) each year, especially if your club has multiple scales.
- Don't forget to retrieve jawbones from taxidermy bucks. The mature bucks are the most important to have aged.
- Do your best to collect all data completely. Check udders thoroughly for lactation.
- Hunter observation data can provide useful information, especially in clubs with small harvest data sets. Ask your biologist about hunter observation books.