

2007/08 and 2008/09 Delaware White-tailed Deer Harvest Comparison

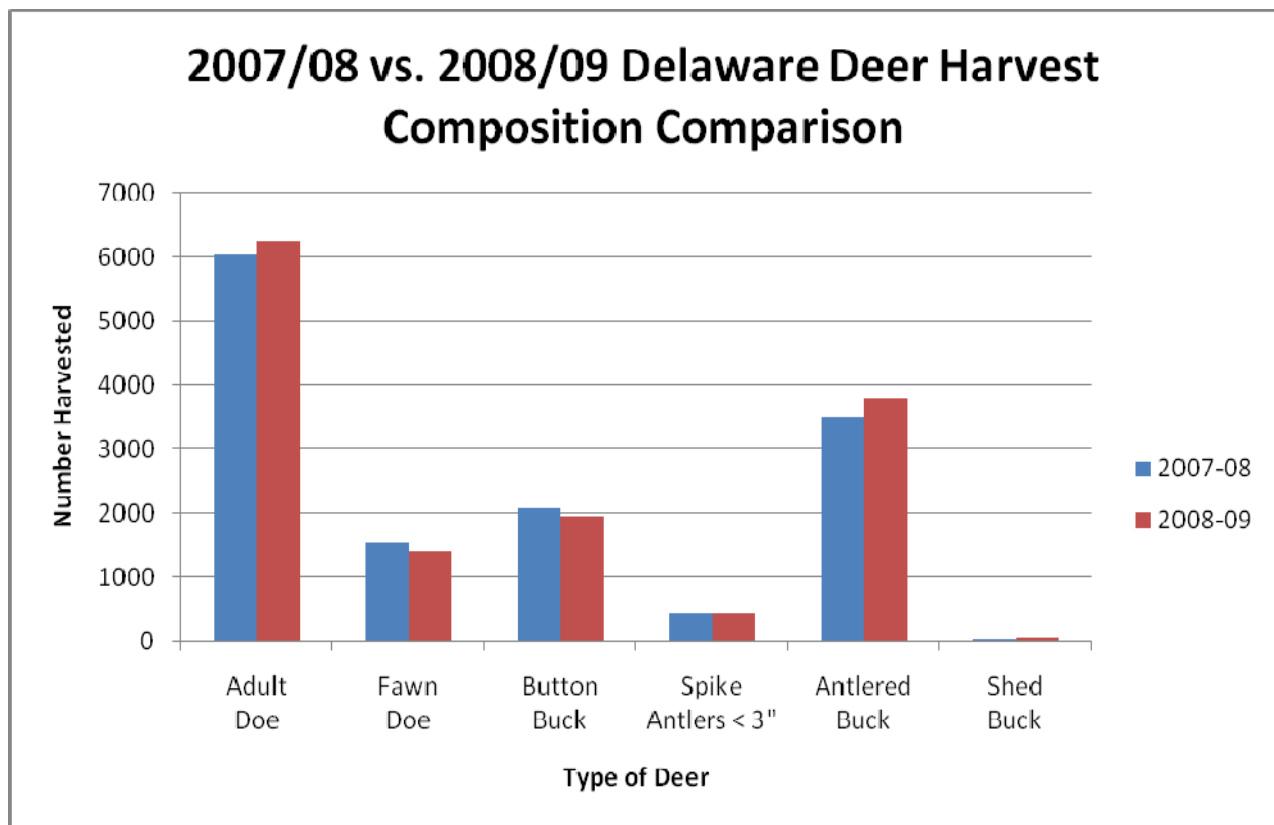
NUMBER OF DEER HAREVSTED WITHIN EACH SEASON

Season	2007/08 (%)	2008/09 (%)	% Change	2008/09 Dates
Overall	13,689 (100%)	13,926 (100%)	+1.7%	9/1/08 – 1/31/09
Bow	1,467 (10.7%)	1,682 (12.1%)	+14.7%	9/1/08 – 1/31/09
Oct Antlerless	775 (5.7%)	1,246 (8.9%)	+60.7%	10/3, 4, 24, 25, 27, and 31 ¹
Oct Muzzleloader	1,626 (11.9%)	1,658 (11.9%)	+2.0%	10/10/08-10/18/08
Youth Day	78 (0.6%)	72 (0.5%)	-7.7%	11/1/08
Nov Shotgun	6,205 (45.3%)	5,994 (43.0%)	-3.4%	11/14/08 – 11/22/08
Dec Antlerless	857 (6.3%)	842 (6.0%)	-1.8%	12/13/08 – 12/20/08
Jan Handgun	113 (0.8%)	94 (0.7%)	-16.8%	1/3/09 – 1/10/09
Jan Shotgun	1,446 (10.5%)	1,303 (9.4%)	-9.9%	1/17/09 – 1/24/09
Jan Muzzleloader	462 (3.4%)	507 (3.6%)	+9.7%	1/26/09 – 1/31/09
Special Seasons²	179 (1.3%)	54 (0.4%)	-69.8%	Varied
SDDAP³	337 (2.5%)	474 (3.4%)	+40.6%	8/15/08 – 5/15/09
Unknown	144 (1%)	0 (0%)	N/A	N/A

¹Season dates are every Friday, Saturday, and Monday in October after the October Muzzleloader Season

²Includes all of our urban deer hunts that occur outside of a traditional firearms deer season

³SDDAP = Severe Deer Damage Assistance Program. Only includes deer that were harvested from 9/1/08 – 1/31/09.



The percentage of female deer harvested during the 2007/08 and 2008/09 seasons was 55.5% and 55.2%, respectively, while the percentage of antlered bucks was 25.7% and 27.2%, respectively.

WEAPON USED TO HARVEST DEER

Weapon Type	2007/08 (%)	2008/09 (%)	% Change
Overall	13,689 (100%)	13,926 (100%)	+1.7%
Shotgun	9,397 (68.6%)	9,219 (66.9%)	-1.9%
Muzzleloader	2,312 (16.9%)	2,418 (17.6%)	+4.6%
Handgun	163 (1.2%)	149 (1.1%)	-8.6%
Sharps Rifle	N/A	4 (<0.0%)	N/A
Compound Bow	1,637 (12.0%)	1,798 (13.1%)	+9.8%
Recurve/Longbow	29 (0.2%)	84 (0.6%)	+189.7%
Crossbow	82 (0.6%)	104 (0.8%)	+26.8%
Unknown	69 (0.5%)	N/A	N/A