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The statewide firearms deer season in Missouri had a decline of more than 47,000 deer taken this year compared to a year ago.



Grundy County Conservation Agent Jeff Berti said the weather, a lack of hunters, and epizootic hemorrhagic disease over the past two year had an adverse effect on the numbers.

More than 157,000 deer were taken statewide during the firearms deer season. That is down 23 percent compared to last year.

Deer taken this year in area counties included Harrison with 1,872, Sullivan 1,789, Linn 1,788, Daviess 1,452, Mercer 1,361, Livingston 1,163, and Grundy with 970.

All of those counties had sizable drops compared to last year, ranging from 194 in Grundy County to 635 in Sullivan County.