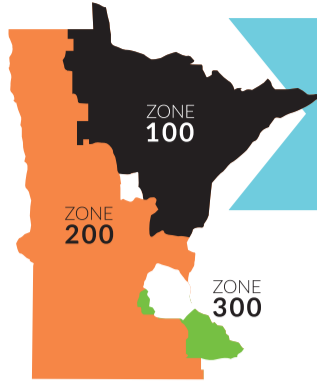
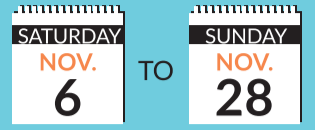


THE HUNT IS ON

The firearms deer season in Minnesota is highly valued for recreation and the economy. Deer hunting revenue supports many wildlife programs. Here is a primer for the 2021 season:



2021 FIREARM SEASON INFORMATION

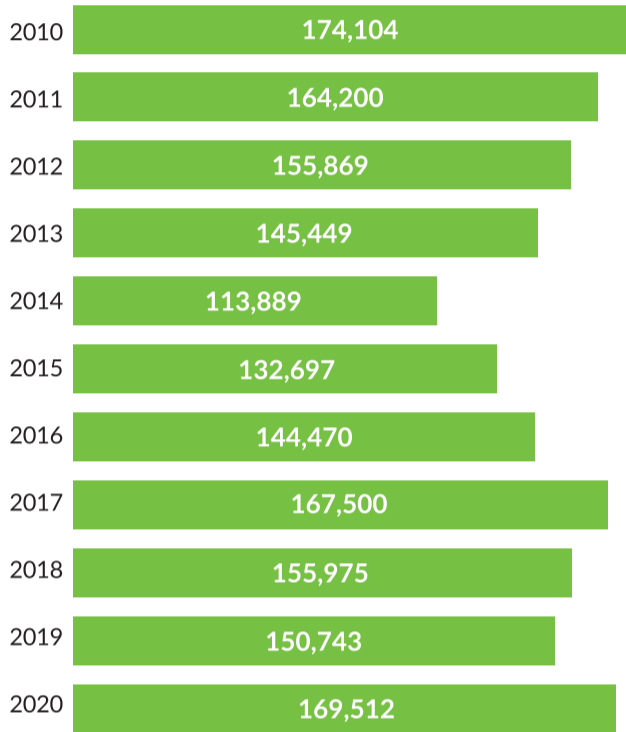


Dates for the firearm season differ by deer management zone.

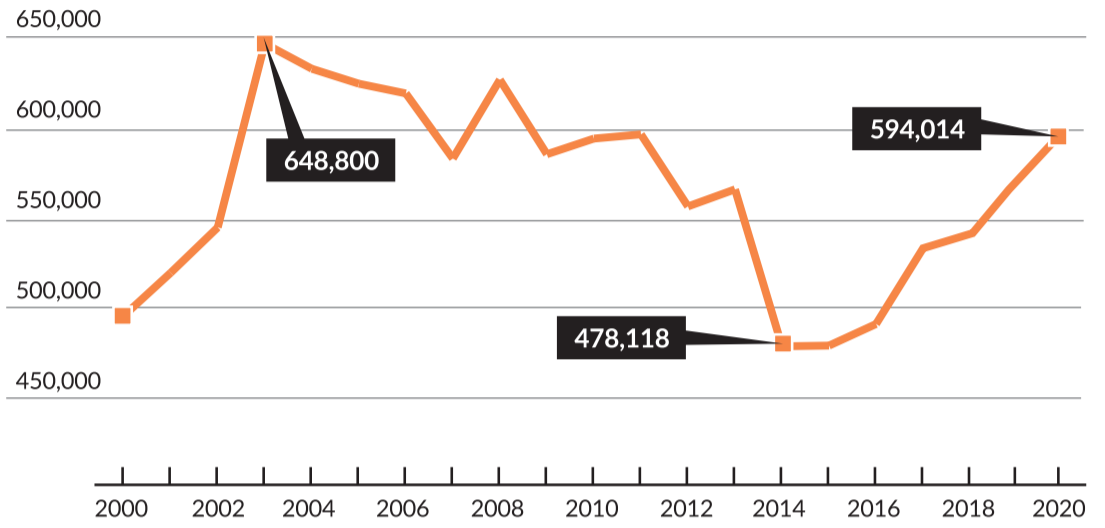
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- More than 85% of hunters in Minnesota hunt deer.
- Over 500,000 deer hunters in Minnesota, about 1 out of every 10 people.
- Hunting is the primary method used to manage the deer population.
- Minnesota ranks 8th in the U.S. for likelihood of a deer-vehicle collision.

MINN. 2010-2020 FIREARM DEER HARVEST

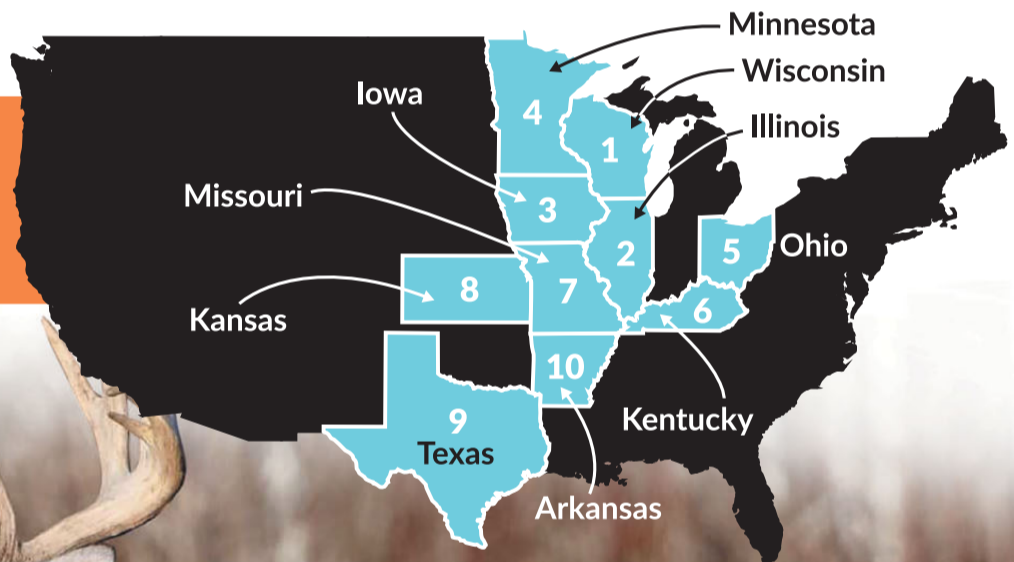


MINN. FIREARM LICENSES SOLD 2000-2020



2020 TOP 10 WHITE-TAIL STATES

For years, hunters have debated which states were the best bets for big bucks. American Hunter based its list on the most Boone & Crockett record book entries since 2000.



SAFETY FIRST

All hunters must display blaze orange or pink on the visible portion of the person's cap and outer clothing above the waist. Blaze orange or pink camouflage patterns are allowed and must be at least 50% blaze orange or pink within each square foot.

Males regrow their antlers every year.

Deer have two-color vision with blue and yellow primaries. Thus, it is hard for them to see bold oranges and reds.

The most humane place to shoot a deer is the epicenter of the circulatory system just above the heart.

The white-tail raises its tail when alarmed.

Males weigh between 150-200 pounds. Females are in the 88-198 pound range.

Odocoileus virginianus
White-tail deer

Sources: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, North American Whitetail, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

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