

Hunter survey results on the 2015-16 hunting season by deer management unit

The FWC commissioned Responsive Management, an internationally recognized public opinion and attitude survey research firm specializing in natural resource and outdoor recreation issues, to conduct an annual scientific survey of licensed deer hunters in Florida. The survey was conducted to determine deer harvest in Florida by deer management unit (DMU) during the 2015-2016 hunting season. In June 2016, the firm interviewed by telephone a random sample of deer hunters in each of the 12 DMUs to collect data on the number of people who hunted deer, where they hunted (county or WMA), how many days they hunted, what methods of take were used, how many deer they harvested (bucks and does), and number of antler points. The following graphs summarize highlights of this statistically valid survey. Please email DeerManagement@MyFWC.com for complete survey results.

Estimated Deer Harvest During the 2015-16 Hunting Season by Deer Management Unit



Figure 1. Bar graph showing estimated harvest of bucks and does in each DMU during the 2015-16 hunting season: Zone A (3,145 - bucks, 1,020 - does), DMU-B1 (2,503 - bucks, 1,385 - does); DMU-C1 (3,813 - bucks, 1,854 - does); DMU-C2 (3,746 - bucks, 2,029 - does); DMU-C3 (10,409 - bucks, 3,829 - does); DMU-C4 (5,925 - bucks, 3,632 - does); DMU-C5 (5,730 - bucks, 2,926 - does); DMU-C6 (5,642 - bucks, 4,724 - does); DMU-D1 (9,434 - bucks, 5,697 - does); DMU-D2 (10,424 - bucks, 9,025 - does).

Estimated Deer Harvest During the 2015-16 Hunting Season for Private Land and Public Land by Deer Management Unit

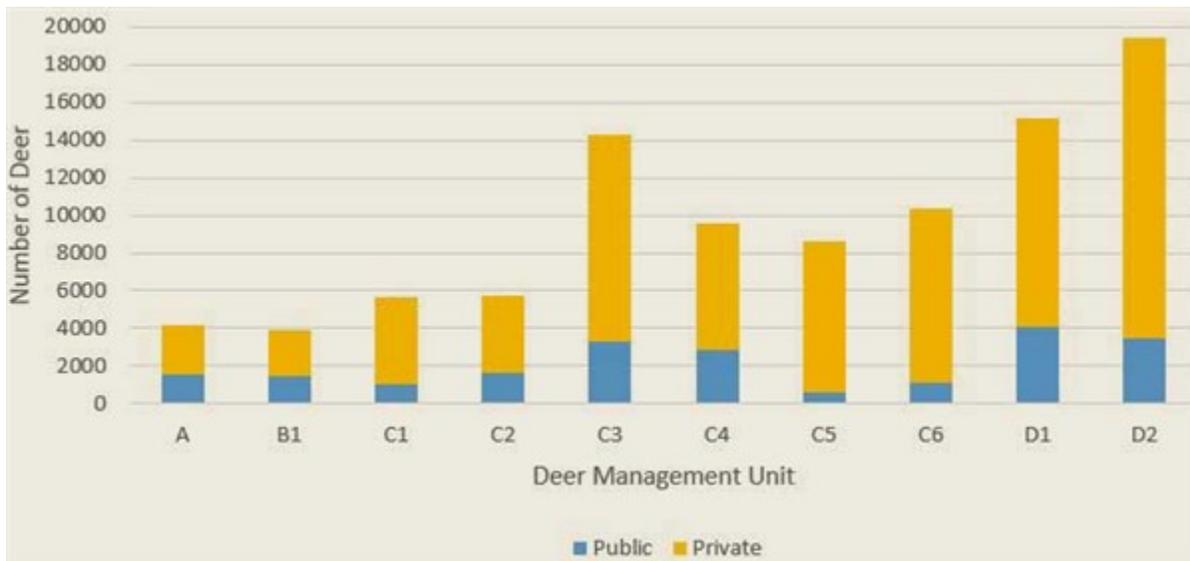


Figure 2. Bar graph showing estimated harvest of deer on private and public land in each DMU during the 2015-16 hunting season: Zone A (1,590 - public, 2,574 - private); DMU-B1 (1,500 - public, 2,368 - private); DMU-C1 (1,017 - public, 4,650 - private); DMU-C2 (1,614 - public, 4,139 - private); DMU-C3 (3,297 - public, 10,940 - private); DMU-C4 (2,888 - public, 6,669 - private); DMU-C5 (639 - public, 7,993 - private); DMU-C6 (1,153 - public; 9,212 - private); DMU-D1 (4,104 - public, 11,027 - private); DMU-D2 (3,485 - public, 15,964 - private).

Estimated Number of Bucks Harvested per Hunter During the 2015-16 Hunting Season

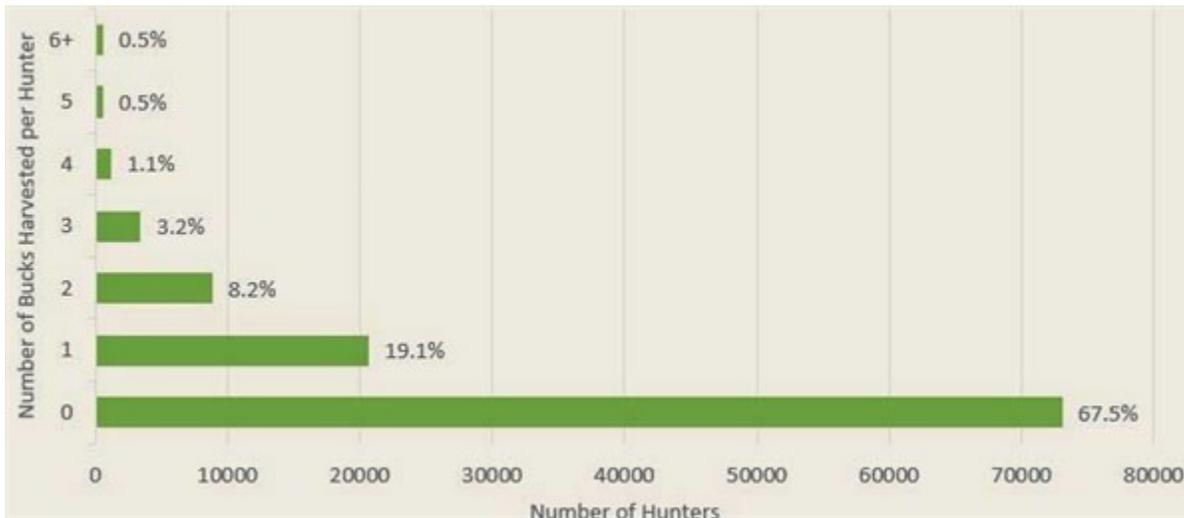


Figure 3. Bar graph showing estimated harvest of bucks per hunter during the 2015-16 hunting season: 67.5% - 0, 19.1% - 1, 8.2% - 2, 1.1% - 4, .5% - 5, .5% - 6+.

Statewide Estimated Average Number of Antler Points per Harvested Buck by Hunting Season

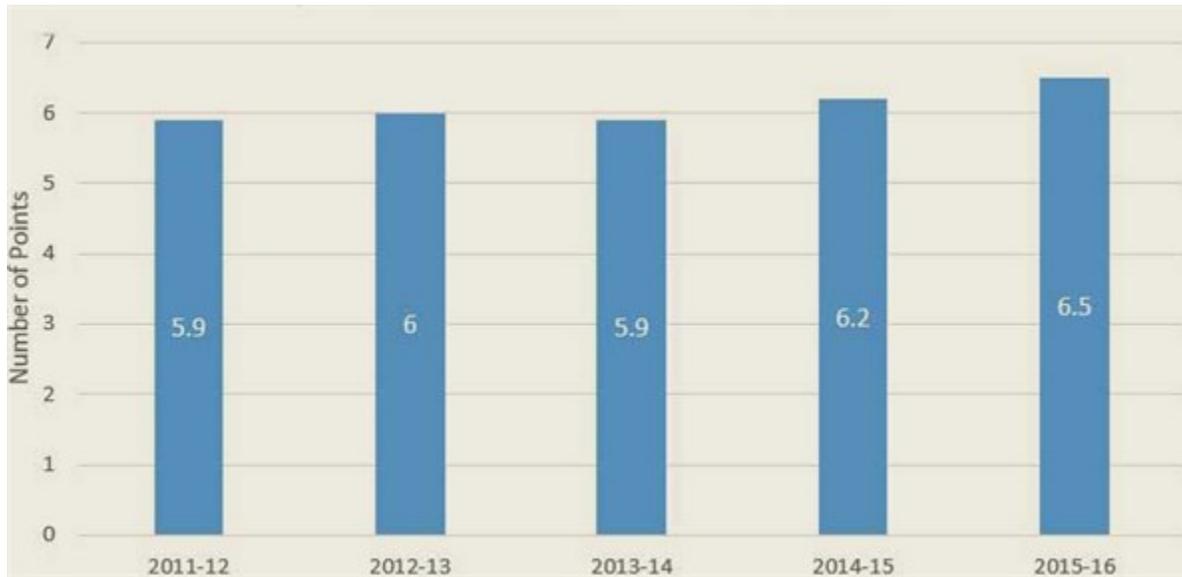


Figure 4. Bar graph showing average number of antler points per harvested buck from the 2011-12 hunting season through the 2015-16 season: 5.9 – 2011-12, 6 – 2012-13, 5.9 – 2013-14, 6.2 – 2014-15, 6.5 – 2015-16.

Estimated Statewide Hunter Satisfaction with the 2015-16 Deer Hunting Season

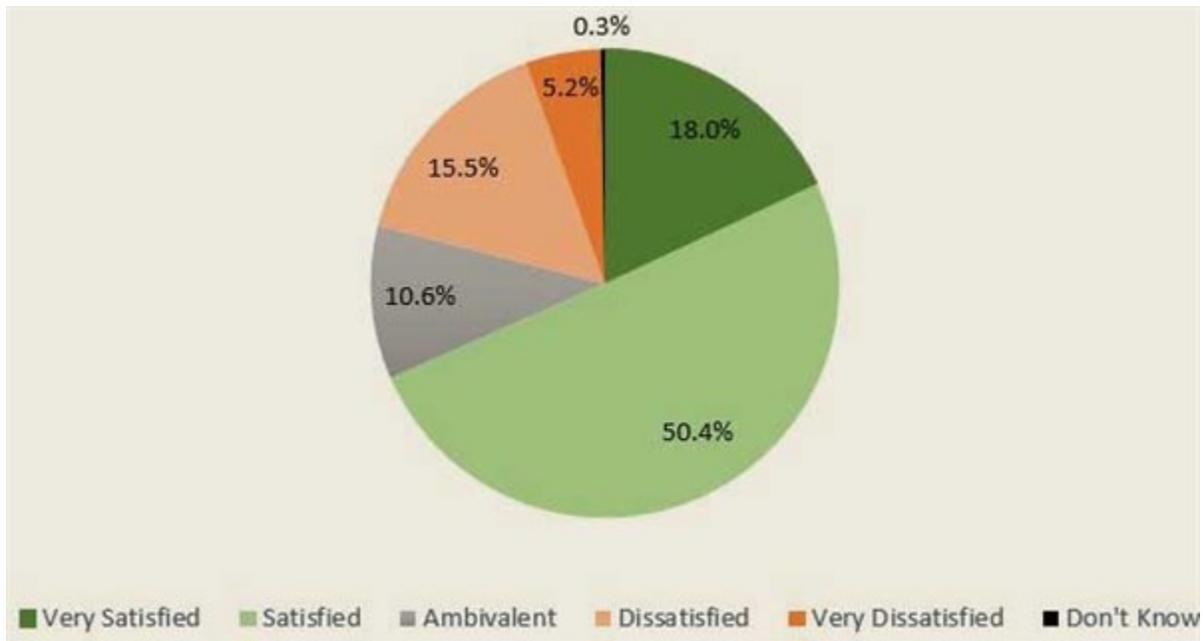


Figure 5. Pie chart showing the estimated hunter satisfaction with the 2015-16 hunting season: 0.4% - satisfied, 18% - very satisfied, 15.5% - dissatisfied, 10.6% - ambivalent, 5.2% - very dissatisfied, .3% - don't know.

Estimated Statewide Deer Harvest During the 2015-16 Hunting Season by Season Type

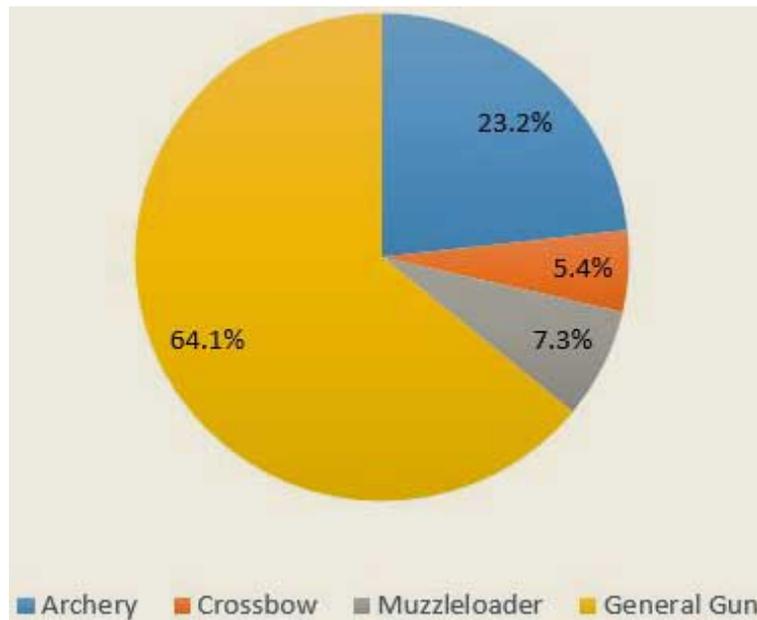


Figure 6. Pie chart showing estimated percentage of deer taken during each hunting season during 2015-16: 64.1% - general gun, 23.2% - archery, 7.3% - muzzleloading gun, 5.4% - crossbow.