



## Alegany County Second In 1970 Deer Take

New York's deer hunters harvested 64,581 deer during the 1970 season, fewer than in recent years but near average when compared to long-term records, according to Al Hall, Director of the Division of Fish and Wildlife. Hall said, "The 1970 take was below the previous 10-year average (1960-69) of 68,175 but the higher than the 20-year average (1950-69) of 69,191. The 1970 take has been exceeded only eight times since 1923 when accurate deer take records were first begun. The statewide adult buck take of 36,492 was the lowest since 1964."

The deer management objectives of the Department of Environmental Conservation are not intended to produce record deer harvests indefinitely. Much of the reduction in take this year results from intentionally reduced party permit quotas from those of the previous two years as deer populations were reaching desired levels, as determined by Department biologists.

Under regular big game license gunners took 34,638 adult bucks statewide, party permit-hunter took 28,492 deer of both sexes and archers harvested another 1,148 deer. In addition two special hunts were held, one in the Seneca Army Depot where 266 deer were taken and a special antlerless season in the Moose River Recreation Area where 37 deer were taken.

Looking at the deer take regionally, the Department reports that the 25 county Central and Western Region produced 36,009 deer. This was the area's fifth highest take on record. The all-time record occurred in 1948 when 42,242 deer were taken.

Application of the party permit system has been very successful in this region in regulating deer populations. Through the annual use of permits a consistent take of deer has been maintained, reaching approximately 30,000 in 1963 and exceeding 36,000 for the last three years. The permit has eliminated the boom and bust deer takes of the past, and has demonstrated the desirability of a sustained deer population at optimum levels. Under this type of management deer are held at levels where they do not exceed their natural food supplies and are of minimal threat to man's other uses of the land. At the same time they provide a consistent and reasonable number of deer for hunters.

The adult buck harvest in the Central and Western Region was 18,332 compared to the all-time record of 22,644 set in 1969. Steuben County was the leading western county in both the total deer take of 5,926 and the buck take of 2,819. Steuben County was followed by Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chenango and Chautauqua.

Catskill hunters took 20,443 deer, down considerably from last year's take of 32,771 deer. The major declines occurred in Sullivan and Delaware counties where the Department's deer management program was aimed at reducing deer populations to a more compatible level. Hunters took 12,976 adult bucks, well below the record of 20,682 set in 1968 but near the 10-year average of 12,664. Delaware County led the region with 4,246 total deer and 2,477 bucks.

Hunters in the Adirondack Region harvested 8,129 deer, the lowest deer take since 1948. The adult buck take of 5,094 compares to a 10-year average of 9,682 and is also the lowest since 1944.

Since 1964 Adirondack hunters have become accustomed to high deer populations brought about by a series of mild winters. The 1969 take indicated that moderate starvation occurred during the 1968-69 winter. The winter of 1969-70 was a severe one and considerable starvation occurred among fawns with some adults dying. Observation at deer check stations indicated that bucks 3½ years and older made up 55 percent of the kill in 1970, but only 43 percent in 1969 and 40 percent in 1968. Bucks 3½ years and older in 1970 were not affected by starvation when they were fawns and were taken during 1970 in numbers similar to 1969. Hunters harvested 2,800 bucks 3½ years old and older in 1970, and 2,900 in 1969. The similarity of these numbers in-

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The top 10 counties in total deer take were: Steuben 5,926; Allegany 4,854; Delaware 4,246; Cattaraugus 3,568; Sullivan 2,950; Chenango 2,485; Otsego 2,445; Ulster 2,419; Chautauqua 2,174; Columbia 1,945.

Department of Environmental Conservation personnel recorded big game license numbers of as many successful hunters as possible during the regular deer season. The license numbers of hunters actually reporting their deer were then compared to the known deer takers checked by Department people. The percentage of hunters who did not report their deer was determined from this comparison.

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