2025 Archery Deer Hunting Season Results

The first month of the 2025 archery hunting season was a relatively dry one. In recent years, dry summer conditions have spurred increased cases of epizootic hemorrhagic disease (EHD), which was first documented in deer in 2017. Although, no confirmed cases have been documented yet in 2025, results are still pending on a couple of deer that were experiencing neurological symptoms.

Epizootic hemorrhagic disease is transmitted by biting midges (commonly referred to as sand gnats, sand flies, or no-see-ums). Outbreaks tend to occur when drought conditions are prevalent, typically in late summer and early fall, causing an increase in midge numbers. EHD outbreaks cease with the onset of a hard frost, which kills the midges carrying the virus. Outbreaks can range from a few mild cases to more widespread events, such as those that occurred in 2022.

With reasonably good weather, archers reported harvesting 1,280 deer during the first month of the archery season, up 21% from the 2024 season (1,061), and up 6.8% from the previous 3-year average (1,198). Twenty-two percent (37 of 165) of towns reported 50 percent or greater increases (highlighted in yellow in the table below) in harvest from the 3-year average (Table below). Although Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station reports indicate poor acorn production across much of the state, favorable weather conditions were likely a major factor to early success. A lack of acorns translates to greater hunter success and good hunting conditions.

Town by town archery harvest from September 15-October 15, 2022-2025.

Town	2022	2023	2024	2025	3-year avg. (2022-2024)	% diff 2024 to 3-yr avg.
Andover	14	7	10	9	10.3	-12.9%
Ansonia	1	3	0	1	1.3	-25.0%
Ashford	14	16	14	16	14.7	9.1%
Avon	1	2	3	3	2.0	50.0%
Barkhamsted	7	5	5	5	5.7	-11.8%
Beacon Falls	6	2	2	3	3.3	-10.0%
Berlin	17	8	12	12	12.3	-2.7%
Bethany	8	9	8	10	8.3	20.0%
Bethel	3	1	7	5	3.7	36.4%
Bethlehem	1	1	2	1	1.3	-25.0%
Bloomfield	12	8	6	6	8.7	-30.8%
Bolton	4	5	1	11	3.3	230.0%
Bozrah	8	4	5	7	5.7	23.5%
Branford	8	1	2	5	3.7	36.4%
Bridgeport	0	0	0	2	0.0	>100.0%
Bridgewater	5	10	3	3	6.0	-50.0%
Bristol	3	2	1	2	2.0	0.0%

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Brookfield	9	7	3	10	6.3	57.9%
Brooklyn	7	10	11	10	9.3	7.1%
Burlington	8	5	1	4	4.7	-14.3%
Canaan	6	13	8	14	9.0	55.6%
Canterbury	12	11	11	22	11.3	94.1%
Canton	11	6	4	9	7.0	28.6%
Chaplin	9	13	11	13	11.0	18.2%
Cheshire	19	17	18	7	18.0	-61.1%
Chester	3	3	2	2	2.7	-25.0%
Clinton	4	0	3	5	2.3	114.3%
Colchester	15	7	20	14	14.0	0.0%
Colebrook	1	1	1	0	1.0	-100.0%
Columbia	7	4	6	13	5.7	129.4%
Cornwall	6	1	2	6	3.0	100.0%
Coventry	27	18	9	23	18.0	27.8%
Cromwell	8	3	2	3	4.3	-30.8%
Danbury	8	10	7	7	8.3	-16.0%
Darien	12	6	19	9	12.3	-27.0%
Deep River	7	2	4	3	4.3	-30.8%
Derby	3	2	0	0	1.7	-100.0%
Durham	6	10	6	12	7.3	63.6%
East Granby	4	5	1	1	3.3	-70.0%
East Haddam	14	16	17	10	15.7	-36.2%
East Hampton	6	8	6	9	6.7	35.0%
East Hartford	5	2	1	0	2.7	-100.0%
East Haven	3	3	2	4	2.7	50.0%
East Lyme	6	6	4	6	5.3	12.5%
East Windsor	12	5	3	12	6.7	80.0%
Eastford	16	9	9	6	11.3	-47.1%
Easton	24	7	16	11	15.7	-29.8%
Ellington	5	3	2	3	3.3	-10.0%
Enfield	22	12	8	11	14.0	-21.4%
Essex	0	0	0	2	0.0	>100.0%
Fairfield	10	12	11	11	11.0	0.0%
Farmington	2	2	2	3	2.0	50.0%
Franklin	7	3	2	8	4.0	100.0%
Glastonbury	6	10	11	12	9.0	33.3%
Goshen	10	10	5	8	8.3	-4.0%
Granby	3	3	2	0	2.7	-100.0%
Greenwich	14	8	13	5	11.7	-57.1%
Griswold	12	10	16	14	12.7	10.5%
Groton	12	7	13	10	10.7	-6.2%
Guilford	22	12	19	22	17.7	24.5%
Haddam	12	9	9	10	10.0	0.0%

Hamden	12	7	4	5	7.7	-34.8%
Hampton	6	8	6	9	6.7	35.0%
Hartford	1	0	0	0	0.3	-100.0%
Hartland	4	1	0	1	1.7	-40.0%
Harwinton	6	5	4	5	5.0	0.0%
Hebron	9	13	5	6	9.0	-33.3%
Kent	1	5	6	3	4.0	-25.0%
Killingly	15	14	21	32	16.7	92.0%
Killingworth	8	10	14	12	10.7	12.5%
Lebanon	25	13	17	25	18.3	36.4%
Ledyard	20	13	17	14	16.7	-16.0%
Lisbon	4	7	2	5	4.3	15.4%
Litchfield	12	10	10	8	10.7	-25.0%
Lyme	6	3	2	3	3.7	-18.2%
Madison	9	4	6	11	6.3	73.7%
Manchester	4	6	6	4	5.3	-25.0%
Mansfield	25	26	29	26	26.7	-2.5%
Marlborough	7	3	3	4	4.3	-7.7%
Meriden	5	4	5	5	4.7	7.1%
Middlebury	3	5	1	4	3.0	33.3%
Middlefield	9	2	0	4	3.7	9.1%
Middletown	16	20	22	19	19.3	-1.7%
Milford	6	7	2	9	5.0	80.0%
Monroe	10	5	3	8	6.0	33.3%
Montville	13	7	9	10	9.7	3.4%
Morris	1	2	2	5	1.7	200.0%
Naugatuck	6	3	3	3	4.0	-25.0%
New Britain	0	0	0	1	0.0	>100.0%
New Canaan	7	7	5	8	6.3	26.3%
New Fairfield	9	5	4	5	6.0	-16.7%
New Hartford	3	5	4	3	4.0	-25.0%
New Milford	12	16	11	10	13.0	-23.1%
Newington	4	0	2	0	2.0	-100.0%
Newtown	32	17	13	23	20.7	11.3%
Norfolk	3	3	2	2	2.7	-25.0%
North Branford	3	0	2	3	1.7	80.0%
North Canaan	1	1	2	2	1.3	50.0%
North Haven	6	7	2	8	5.0	60.0%
North Stonington	14	9	6	9	9.7	-6.9%
Norwalk	3	2	2	3	2.3	28.6%
Norwich	9	6	7	8	7.3	9.1%
Old Lyme	12	6	9	11	9.0	22.2%
Old Saybrook	5	5	2	1	4.0	-75.0%
Orange	5	10	6	10	7.0	42.9%

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Oxford	13	8	9	7	10.0	-30.0%
Plainfield	20	14	12	28	15.3	82.6%
Plainville	3	0	0	0	1.0	-100.0%
Plymouth	6	8	4	12	6.0	100.0%
Pomfret	15	11	18	13	14.7	-11.4%
Portland	4	2	5	2	3.7	-45.5%
Preston	11	6	11	9	9.3	-3.6%
Prospect	8	4	3	9	5.0	80.0%
Putnam	11	5	13	7	9.7	-27.6%
Redding	17	7	10	15	11.3	32.4%
Ridgefield	11	11	1	6	7.7	-21.7%
Rocky Hill	5	2	3	2	3.3	-40.0%
Roxbury	2	2	2	4	2.0	100.0%
Salem	4	4	5	2	4.3	-53.8%
Salisbury	9	13	8	14	10.0	40.0%
Scotland	6	8	3	7	5.7	23.5%
Seymour	9	4	4	9	5.7	58.8%
Sharon	4	8	5	9	5.7	58.8%
Shelton	10	9	6	11	8.3	32.0%
Sherman	11	4	3	9	6.0	50.0%
Simsbury	0	2	3	2	1.7	20.0%
Somers	2	3	6	6	3.7	63.6%
South Windsor	5	8	1	5	4.7	7.1%
Southbury	4	6	10	9	6.7	35.0%
Southington	9	4	5	4	6.0	-33.3%
Sprague	5	3	4	7	4.0	75.0%
Stafford	6	16	9	14	10.3	35.5%
Stamford	16	5	7	11	9.3	17.9%
Sterling	14	8	14	21	12.0	75.0%
Stonington	28	17	14	10	19.7	-49.2%
Stratford	4	2	1	2	2.3	-14.3%
Suffield	19	9	9	10	12.3	-18.9%
Thomaston	5	5	4	4	4.7	-14.3%
Thompson	30	26	29	22	28.3	-22.4%
Tolland	15	21	16	14	17.3	-19.2%
Torrington	4	3	3	1	3.3	-70.0%
Trumbull	4	2	5	5	3.7	36.4%
Union	9	8	6	2	7.7	-73.9%
Vernon	9	7	0	4	5.3	-25.0%
Voluntown	12	6	7	12	8.3	44.0%
Wallingford	16	17	17	17	16.7	2.0%
Warren	6	3	2	6	3.7	63.6%
Washington	7	2	4	2	4.3	-53.8%
Waterbury	0	0	6	1	2.0	-50.0%

Waterford	16	12	13	14	13.7	2.4%
Watertown	4	8	5	3	5.7	-47.1%
West Haven	2	0	0	5	0.7	650.0%
Westbrook	3	2	0	2	1.7	20.0%
Weston	6	2	2	9	3.3	170.0%
Wethersfield	1	1	1	0	1.0	-100.0%
Willington	14	5	9	9	9.3	-3.6%
Wilton	21	15	10	14	15.3	-8.7%
Winchester	5	1	0	1	2.0	-50.0%
Windham	8	12	5	5	8.3	-40.0%
Windsor	3	0	2	5	1.7	200.0%
Wolcott	0	0	1	2	0.3	500.0%
Windsor Locks	1	0	0	0	0.3	-100.0%
Woodbridge	6	7	5	6	6.0	0.0%
Woodbury	6	7	4	7	5.7	23.5%
Woodstock	24	21	18	20	21.0	-4.8%
Grand Total	**1,430**	**1,103**	**1,061**	**1,280**	**1,198**	**6.8%**