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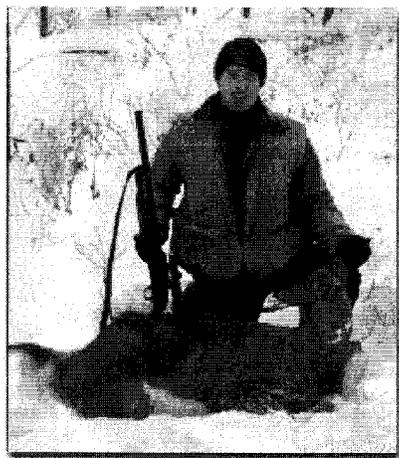
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## HUSH

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## HUSH: Help Us Stop Hunger

HUSH is a cooperative effort among deer hunters, the Food Bank of Iowa, meat lockers and the Iowa DNR. The two main goals of HUSH include

- (1) **reducing the deer population while**
- (2) **providing high-quality red meat to the needy in Iowa.**

Whether you're a deer hunter, a locker owner or volunteer in your community, there is a vital role you can play.

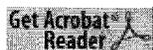
**Thank you to all of the hunters who donated deer to the HUSH program during the 2009-2010 hunting season. More than 7,075 deer were donated!**

As a hunter, consider buying extra antlerless-only deer permits to help reduce the deer population. By participating in HUSH hunters can continue to hunt after they would normally stop and thus help reduce the deer population and provide high-quality venison for the needy in Iowa. You can donate any legally taken deer of any sex from any season. For the avid deer hunter in Iowa this presents itself as the perfect opportunity to hunt more deer and do something positive for the local community. Hunters must continue to purchase their deer license, which includes a \$1 deer surcharge to fund the HUSH program.

Participating lockers skin, bone and grind the meat to two-pound packages of pure ground venison. A local social services agency distributes the venison to needy Iowa families in the area. The 84 lockers that participated in 2009-2010 received \$65 for each processed deer.

Partnering with the Food Bank of Iowa and their affiliates throughout the state, high-quality protein many Iowans are lacking in their diet is available in the form of pure ground venison. The Food Bank of Iowa receives \$5 for each deer to cover administrative costs.

More than 7,075 deer were donated by hunters to HUSH this past season, generating 1.2 million meals to Iowa's less fortunate.



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# Iowa Donated Deer 4/26/10

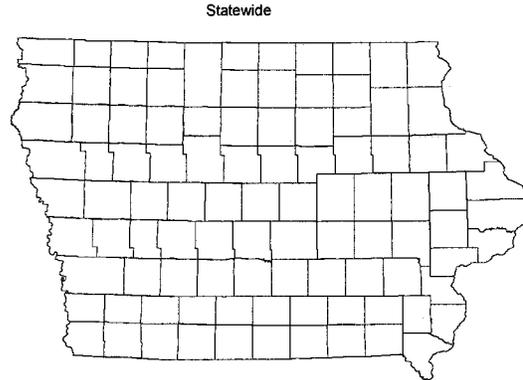
	HUSH Deer Donated	PVP Deer Donated	FHFH Deer Donated <u>2/</u>	Processing Costs	Overhead Costs <u>5/</u>	Total Costs	Income	Overspent
03-04 Season (Prison paid for PVP <u>1/</u> ) @ \$55	1,604	226	0	89,200	9,800	99,000	78,000	21,000
04-05 Season (Prison paid for PVP) @ \$60	1,898	0	0	118,880	10,000	128,880	69,000	59,880
05-06 Season (DNR paid PVP) @ \$70	5,680	736	50	445,440	17,000	462,440	379,370	83,070
06-07 Season (Prison paid for PVP) @ \$70	6,482	63	275	453,740	3,000	456,740	377,801	78,939
07-08 Season (Prison paid for PVP) @ \$70	8369 <u>3/</u>	98	186	584,500	3,000	587,500	389,000	198,500
08-09 Season (Prison paid for PVP) @ \$70	7327 <u>4/</u>	63	206	512,995	9,400	522,395	406,000	116,395
09-10 Season @ \$70	<u>7093 <u>6/</u></u>	<u>0</u>	<u>176</u>	<u>496,625</u>	<u>6748.00</u>	<u>503,373</u>	<u>405,547</u>	<u>97,826</u>
<b>To-date Totals</b>	<b>38,399</b>	<b>1,186</b>	<b>893</b>	<b>\$2,701,380</b>	<b>\$58,948</b>	<b>\$2,760,328</b>	<b>\$2,104,718</b>	<b>\$655,610</b>
Deer donated to prisons	1,186							
<b>Total donated to state programs</b>	<b>39,585</b>							
Deer donated to FHFH	893			\$62,510 saved				
<b>Total all donated</b>	<b>40,478</b>							
Meals to needy Iowans	7.1 million							

- 1/ Prison Venison Program (HUSH paid processing only in 05-06 season).
- 2/ Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry paid processing, 1 chapt. in 05, 2 in 06, 1 in later years
- 3/ Includes 14 hi fence deer + 5 late HUSH deer
- 4/ Includes 22 shooting permit deer processed at \$75 each and 19 late deer at \$65 each (no \$5/deer to Food Bank for these 41 deer)
- 5/ Primarily freezer bags, HUSH posters for lockers, locker listing brochure for hunters = 2.2% overhead
- 6/ Includes 23 shooting permit deer processed at \$75 each

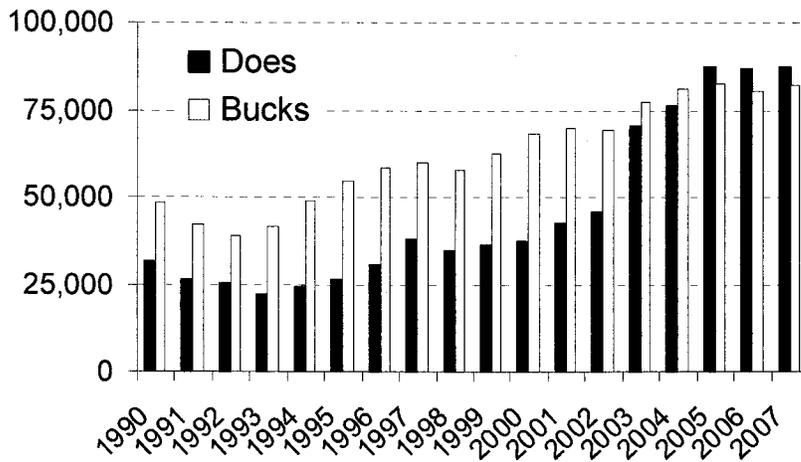
**Appendix IV. Deer Population Update after the 2007/2008 season: Statewide**

The following graphs show the deer harvest numbers and the predicted population.

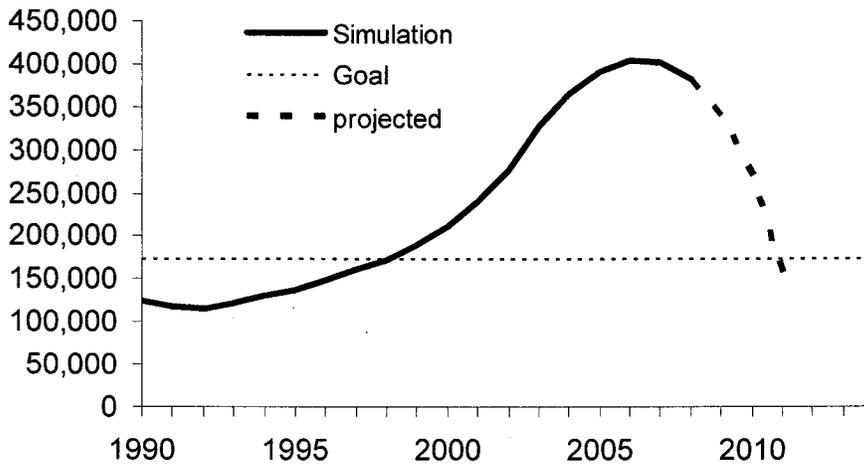
The increased level of doe harvest over the past 3 years should reduce deer numbers to the department's goal. In 2007 over 60% of the deer harvested were antlerless deer. The number of antlerless licenses available in 2008 was increased by 11,050.



**Deer Harvest**



**Simulated Deer Numbers**



## DEER STATUS

Different from specific elk objectives, deer status is assessed relative to long term averages.

### MULE DEER

#### Region 1

Currently 4 of 19 hunting districts (21%) with long term population estimates are above long term average.

#### Region 2

Currently 3 of 24 hunting districts (13%) with long term population estimates are above long term average.

#### Region 3

Currently 4 of 22 hunting districts (18%) with long term population estimates are above long term average.

#### Region 4

Currently 1 of 20 hunting districts (5%) with long term population estimates are above long term average.

#### Region 5

Currently 2 of 12 hunting districts (17%) with long term population estimates are above long term average.

#### Region 6

Currently 5 of 16 hunting districts (31%) with long term population estimates are above long term average.

#### Region 7

Currently 1 of 6 hunting districts (17%) with long term population estimates are above long term average.

#### Statewide

Currently 20 of 119 hunting districts (17%) with long term population estimates are above long term average.

SEE TABLE 1 BELOW

Table 1. Number of mule deer hunting districts with long term population estimates; number of districts over long term average.

FWP Admin Region	Hunting Districts over long term average of population estimate	Total Hunting Districts with long term population estimates available	Percentage of Hunting Districts over long term average
1	4	19	21%
2	3	24	13%
3	4	22	18%
4	1	20	5%
5	2	12	17%
6	5	16	31%
7	1	6	17%
STATEWIDE	20	119	17%

## **WHITE-TAILED DEER**

### **Region 1**

Currently 1 of 19 hunting districts (5%) with long term population estimates are above long term average.

### **Region 2**

Currently 2 of 25 hunting districts (8%) with long term population estimates are above long term average.

### **Region 3**

Currently 3 of 21 hunting districts (14%) with long term population estimates are above long term average.

### **Region 4**

Currently 2 of 8 hunting districts (25%) with long term population estimates are above long term average.

### **Region 5**

Currently 0 of 12 hunting districts (0%) with long term population estimates are above long term average.

### **Region 6**

Currently 4 of 15 hunting districts (27%) with long term population estimates are above long term average.

### **Region 7**

Currently 0 of 6 hunting districts (0%) with long term population estimates are above long term average.

### **Statewide**

Currently 12 of 106 hunting districts (11%) with long term population estimates are above long term average.

SEE TABLE 2 BELOW.