### BLACK ROCK FOREST 2006 DEER HARVEST REPORT

### **THE SEASON**

November 18 to December 10

The harvest produced 49 kills.

Bow Season --Rifle Season -- 1 Deer 46 Deer 1 Buck 26 Bucks 0 Antierless 20 Antierless

Muzzieloader season --

2 Deer

0 Bucks

2 Antierless

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		HUNTER	PERMITS	VISITS PER	SUCC	ESS RATE
}	<u>HUNTERS</u>	<u>VISITS</u>	(VEHICLES)	<u>HUNTER</u>	<u>BUCKS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
12 Year					<u>Buc</u>	ks and Antlerless
Average	178	567	398	3.1	14%	23%
Range (Hi- Low)	208-147	695-384	510-275	3.3 - 2.5	20% - 7%	29% - 13%
2006	167	489	362	2.9	16%	29%

### PERMITS AND LICENSES FILLED

<u>Type</u>	Number Harvested
Big Game	
Rifle	24
Bow	1
Muzzleloader	2
Deer Management Unit Permit	12
Deer Management Assistance Program	<u>10</u>
	49

### **HUNTING PRESSURE AND SUCCESS BY ZONE**

ZONE	ACRES	<b>HUNTER VISITS</b>	BUCKS	DOES
	450	38	3	0
11	520	137	5	2
III	450	77	8	7
IV	460	101	8	7
V	400	39	3	0
VI	500	43	1	0
VII	150	16	3	0
VIII	330	34	1	0
MINERAL SPRINGS	120	4	0	1
TOTAL	3380	489	32	17

### THE DEER

A surprisingly good rebound in yearling buck numbers (5 in 2005, 15 in 2006), displaying good antler beam diameters (avg. 15.3 mm) and body weights (avg. 89 lbs. dressed). Accepted as the indicators of health and reproduction, it will be the female age structure and quantity that will produce the herds' potential. Females, exclusively harvested on the northern portion of the forest (zones 2, 3 and 4), determined to be more numerous than the upper elevations of the central forest by the over-wintering deer tracking census. The aging of 22 does indicated a sound healthy cohort of younger adults are present (70% are younger than 3 ½ years) to accommodate the potential for population growth. Most of the young females will only be capable of single births; the increase in population will only be moderate. The abundant acorn crop of the Black Oak Family and the continuance of this mild winter will greatly assist in the well being of the forest female deer.

The consistent harvest of mature rack bucks, (12 Bucks,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  years and older) were certainly not the downtrodden yearlings of last year, but deer of neighboring farms, orchards, woodlots and urban backyards which are attracted to the lore of a structured Doe herd during the fall Rut.

YEARLING MALES

2006	15	8	1	2	3	1	0	0	(	)		3.2	15.3	89	56%
RANGE (hi - low)	5 - 31				-PEF	YE	AR-					4.1 - 2.3	16.7 - 14-7	94 - 75	83% - 29%
					-PEF	DEI	ER-					3,1	15.9	89	
AVERAGE	15				-PEF	YE,	AR-								57%
TOTAL	233	100	32	56	15	15	1	1	,	1	2		1		
1990 - 2005															
		<u>SPK</u>	<u>3</u>	4	5	<u>6</u>	<u>Z</u>	8	<u>le</u>	gal	UK			(dressed)	
<u>YEAR</u>	<b>YEARLINGS</b>								S	ub		POINTS	DIAMETER	WEIGHT	BUCK TAKE
	TOTAL											ANTLER	BEAM	BODY	LEGAL
								ı					(mm)	(ibs.)	% OF

2 ½ YEAR OLDS

TOTAL	1				•	ĺ		{			ANTLER	BEAM	BODY	LEGAL
2 1/2 years											POINTS	DIAMETER	WEIGHT	BUCK TAKE
	<u>SPK</u>	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	<u>UK</u>			(dressed)	
114	7	4	20	14	33	15	20	0	0	1				
AVERAGE 7PER YEAR														
				PEF	R DE	ER					5.7	21.2	108	
2 - 14				-PEF	YE.	AR-					6.3 - 4.2	23.1 - 18.4	122 - 95	44% - 8%
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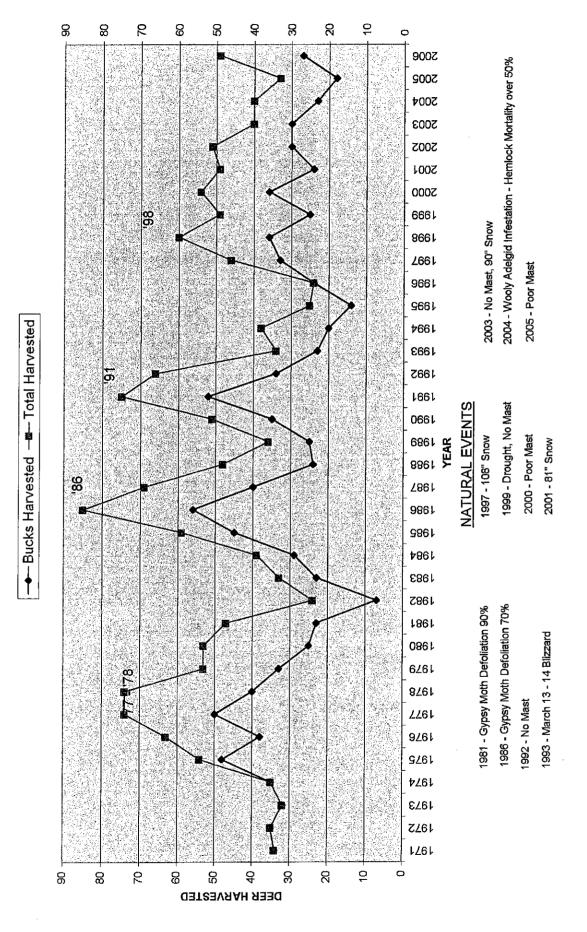
3 ½ + 4 ½ YEAR OLDS

2006	5	0	0	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	6.6	24.8	118	18%
RANGE (hi - low)	14 - 0		·		-PEF	YE.	AR-					10.0 - 5.0	28.6 - 21.7	140 - 94	44% - 0%
					PEF	R DE	ER-					7.1	25.4	123	
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TOTAL	67	0	0	4	6	12	11	28	1	4	1				
1990 - 2005															
		<u>SPK</u>	<u>3</u>	4	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	8	9	10	UK			(dressed)	
<u>YEAR</u>	3 1/2 years			L		i						<u>POINTS</u>	DIAMETER	WEIGHT	BUCK TAKE
	TOTAL	<u> </u>										ANTLER	BEAM	BODY	LEGAL
													(mm)	(lbs.)	% OF

DOES

AGE CLASS	Fawn	1.5	2.5	3.5	4.5	5.5	6.5	7.5	8.5	10.5	Unknown	% 3.5+	Total
Number Harvested	2	4	7	1	0	2	0	1				29%	17
Avg. Dressed Weight	54	76	96	90	0	96	0	98					

BUCK HARVEST VS TOTAL HARVEST 1971 - 2006



### **DEER HARVEST** 1970 - 2006

DATE	BUCK	DOES	TOTAL HARVEST
1970	24	0	24
1971	34	0	34
1972	35	0	35
1973	32	0	32
1974	35	0	35
1975	48	6	54
1976	38	25	63
1977	50	24	74
1978	40	34	74
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1980	25	28	53
1981	23	24	47
1982	7	17	24
1983	23	10	33
1984	29	10	39
1985	45	14	59
1986	56	29	85
1987	40	29	69
1988	24	24	48
1989	25	11	36
1990	35	16	51
1991	52	23	75
1992	34	32	66
1993	23	11	34
1994	20	18	38
1995	14	11	25
1996	24	0	24
1997	33	13	46
1998	36	24	60
1999	25	24	49
2000	36	18	54
2001	28	21	49
2002	30	21	51
2003	30	10	40
2004	23	17	40
2005	19	14	33
2006	27	22	49

## 1992 - 2006 WHITE-TAILED DEER HARVEST REPORT

### YEARLING MALES

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AVG BEAM		16.7	14.7	15.0	16.3	14.8	15.5	16.2	16.3	15.1	16.0	17.7	16.7	14.8	14.0	15.3		AVG BEAM AVERAGE	DIA. (MM)	20.9	18.4	20.0	22.0	21.5	21.4	23.1	22.5	20.7	20.0	21.7	22.8	20.9	20.2	23.6
AVG	PTS.	3.7	2.6	3.0	3.1	2.6	2.8	3.5	3.4	3.2	2.3	3.1	4.5	2.8	3.0	3.2		AVG.	PTS.	5.6	4.2	4.5	5.5	4.5	5.8	6.3	6.0	5.5	5.7	5.7	6.3	5.1	5.5	5.6
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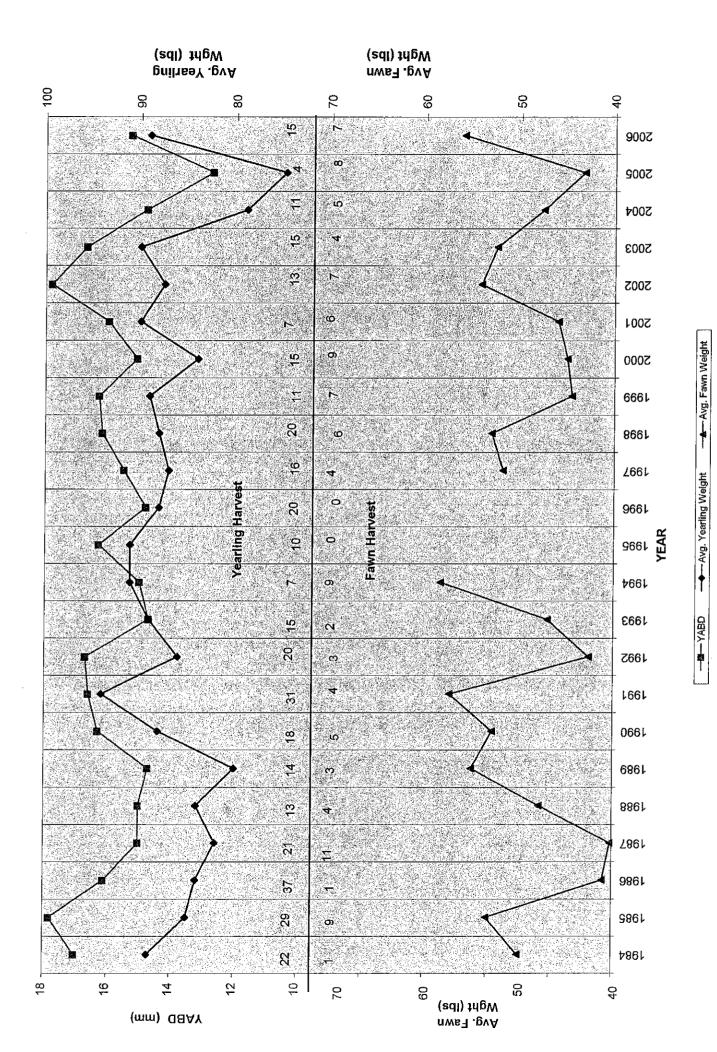
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Average	Wf. (lbs.)	140	126	124	137	138	123	137	122	113	109	117	127	0	115	118		% 3 1/2 yrs. +	59	45	20	54		45	46	43	61	50	38	20	53	25	29
vg. Beam	Dia. (mm)	26.3	23.5	23.1	28.0	26.0	27.7	28.6	26.3	21.7	23.4	26.4	28.0	0.0	25.3	24.8		TOTAL %	32	-	: 42	7	0	13	24	21	18	21	72	10	17	14	17
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## 1984-2006 HARVEST DATA: FAWNS

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TOTAL ANTLERLESS TAKE (INCLUDES BB) (AND SUBLEGALS)	10	20	37	36	25	4	19	26	33	12	22	<del></del>	TAKE	16	25	28	24	25	26	<u>5</u>	25	20	23	488	
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\* DRESSED WEIGHT - Weight of animal with all internal body organs removed. (Live weight calculaton = dressed weight  $\times$  1.25)



YEAR OF DEATH

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YEAR OF BIRTH

\*The data represents the population compositon each year at the time fawns were born.

Deer per sq. Mile 20 <u>1</u>5 25 10 0 S 2006 2005 2004 —★─ Overwinter Deer Density 2003 Acorn Crop and Overwinter Deer Density 2002 2001 Year 2000 Total Acorn Crop 1999 1998 1997 1996 10,000 80,000  $_{\rm o}$ 0 20,000 -30,000 70,000 000'09 40,000 50,000 Number of Acorns per Acre





### New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Division of Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources

### Deer Management Assistance Program Application - No Fee Postmark Deadline - September 1

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APPLICANT INFORM.  Name (Landowner # 1, clu  BLACK Re	ıb, coope			Telephone # (845)		Name (Person represo	\ _	ndowner - if different)		Telephone # Horne (845) 496-3019
Address		TAL ROP		Telephone #	Work )	Address		·		Telephone # Work
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	PPLICATION CATEGORY Agricul			Municipal	Significant Nati Communities	tural Forest Regeneration			Custom Deer Management	
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• Totals and Typ	es of	Acreage:								
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### LAND AREA / LOCATION INFORMATION: (Required)

Either the Farm Service Agency or Tax Map ID Number of the property must be included on the completed application. Only the lands identified on the application will be valid for DMAP permit use.

### **REASON FOR DMAP:**

*If Agricultural Damage*: Please complete the sections relating to the problem, methods used in the past and current status.

### RECENT HUNTING AND DEER TAKE:

Complete this section based on your best recollection if a written record is not available.

### **HUNTER NEEDS/INTEREST:**

If you wish to have your name made available to hunters or would like the names of interested hunters, complete this section.

<u>Number of DMAP Tags Requested</u>: No limit for agricultural, significant natural communities or municipal damage applicants (consider the number of hunters available). One tag per 50 acres for forest management and custom management applicants, except at the discretion of the Regional Wildlife Manager.

Indicate how many tags you are requesting up to the 1/50 threshold or explain why you need more. Only 2 tags may be used per hunter per year statewide, unless provided otherwise by the permit conditions.

### **MULTIPLE LANDOWNER INFORMATION:**

If the land indicated on the application is held by more than one owner, each landowner must complete and sign this section. An applicant who leases lands must include the landowner information and signatures for those parcels. Additional sheets may be attached.

- (1) Persons applying under the agricultural category who have separated parcels and who wish to have more than one agent administering DMAP on those separate parcels, should submit a separate application for each.
- (2) Persons applying under the agricultural category may include lands adjacent to and contiguous with the lands on which the damage is occurring. Each additional landowner must complete and sign this section.
- (3) Forest owners with a qualifying management plan but less than 100 acres may meet the minimum requirement by including lands adjacent to and contiguous with their property. Adjacent lands included do not need a forest management plan. Parcels of less than 100 acres may also be considered, if enrolled in the Real Property Tax Law Section 480a program. Each additional landowner must complete and sign this section.

### REMEMBER TO SIGN AND DATE THE APPLICATION!

Submit your completed a your nearest DEC reg		Att: DMAP NYSDEC (Region 5) Route 86, PO Box 296 Ray Brook, NY 12977-0296	Att: DMAP NYSDEC (Region 8) 6274 E. Avon-Lima Rd Avon, NY 14414-9519	
Att: DMAP NYSDEC (Region 1) Loop Road, Building 40 Stony Brook, NY 11790-2356	Att: DMAP NYSDEC (Region 4) 1150 Westcott Rd. Schenectady, NY 12306-2014	Att: DMAP NYSDEC (Region 6) 317 Washington Street Watertown, NY 13601-3787	Att: DMAP NYSDEC (Region 8) 7291 Coon Rd Bath, NY 14810-9728	
Att: DMAP NYSDEC (Region 3) 21 South Putt Corners Rd New Paltz, NY 12561-1696	Att: DMAP NYSDEC (Region 4) 65561 State Hwy 10 Suite 1 Stamford, NY 12167-9503	Att: DMAP NYSDEC (Region 7) 1285 Fisher Avenue Cortland, NY 13045	Att: DMAP NYSDEC (Region 9) 182 E Union St Allegany, NY 14706	



### New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Division of Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources



### DMAP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

### Postmark Deadline - September 1

The Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) offers landowners and land managers opportunities to improve deer management on the lands they own or control. In order to enroll in the program, the applicant must submit a **complete** application by <u>September 1</u>. Please use the following instructions to help ensure your application is complete, and ready for processing by Department Wildlife Managers.

### **APPLICANT INFORMATION:** (Required)

<u>New or Renewal</u>: Indicate by checking the appropriate box whether this is a new (first time) application, a renewal of last years with no changes or a renewal of last years with changes in the area included. If you applied last year and were denied a permit, consider this a new application. Applications may be rejected based on failure to report the results of previous DMAP permits in a timely manner.

<u>Name</u>: In the first "Name" block, indicate the name of the landowner, club, cooperative or municipality that is seeking a DMAP permit. In the second "Name" block, indicate the name of the person (if different) who will be responsible for administering the DMAP permit on site. All correspondence will be sent to this individual. Additional landowners/properties may be included on the reverse side of the application.

### **APPLICATION CATEGORY:** (Required)

Check the appropriate box.

<u>Agricultural</u>: Lands on which a crop is being damaged, including Christmas trees and nurseries. To qualify, damage must be documented by the Department. Deer damage that has been documented in the past three years will be considered ongoing. Un-documented damage will be verified by the Department as time permits. For multiple parcels which are separated, see "(1)" under the <u>Multiple Landowner Information</u> section of these instructions. Lands adjacent to areas with agricultural damage may also be included. See "(2)" under the <u>Multiple Landowner Information</u> section of these instructions. <u>Municipality</u>\*: An incorporated town, village or city that has a documented deer problem and a Department approved plan for deer management.

<u>Significant Natural Communities</u>\*: Lands on which deer damage to significant natural communities has or can be documented by the Department or described within the New York Natural Heritage Program's Biological and Conservation Database. Such damage must be identified in an existing land management plan for the property.

**Forest Regeneration\***: Lands of at least 100 contiguous acres in one or more parcels on which deer are negatively impacting forest regeneration. Such impact must be documented in an existing forest management plan for the property. Two or more landowners may combine forest acreage to meet the minimum size requirement. See "(3)" under the *Multiple Landowner Information* section of these instructions.

<u>Custom Deer Management</u>\*: Lands of at least 1000 contiguous acres on which a deer management plan has been established for improved deer herd management. Custom deer management includes strategies such as quality deer management (QDM), trophy management, and other programs which attempt to balance age structure, sex ratios and forage availability.

\*Management Plan Required: For municipal, significant natural communities, and forest regeneration an existing plan should identify the deer problem. For custom deer management, a plan which clearly describes the management goals and how progress will be evaluated is required. The Regional Department Wildlife Manager can provide a management plan outline to applicants to help them meet this requirement.