



2023-2024 DEER HARVEST REPORT

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Conservation Department

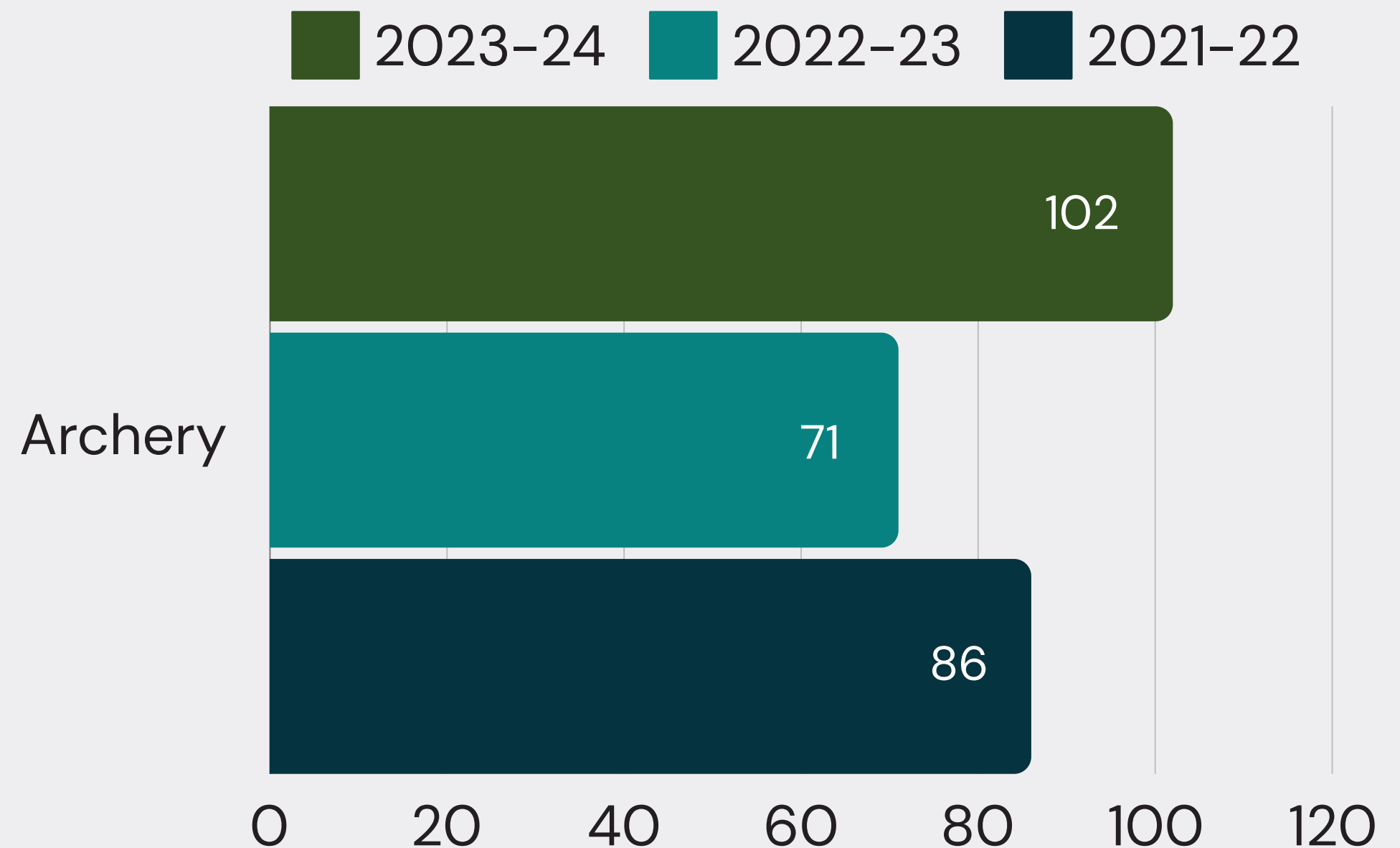
**Our goal is to
balance deer
harvest
opportunities
while
maintaining
a healthy
and
sustainable
herd**

The Conservation Department tracks annual whitetail deer harvest data since the late 1980s. This information guides assessments of sportsmen's success rates. By comparing these numbers to historical averages, the department ensures an appropriate success rate.

During the 2023–24 hunting season, 918 Sportsman licenses were issued, slightly down by 1% compared to the previous year and 2021. However, this decrease did not significantly affect the overall harvest compared to past years.

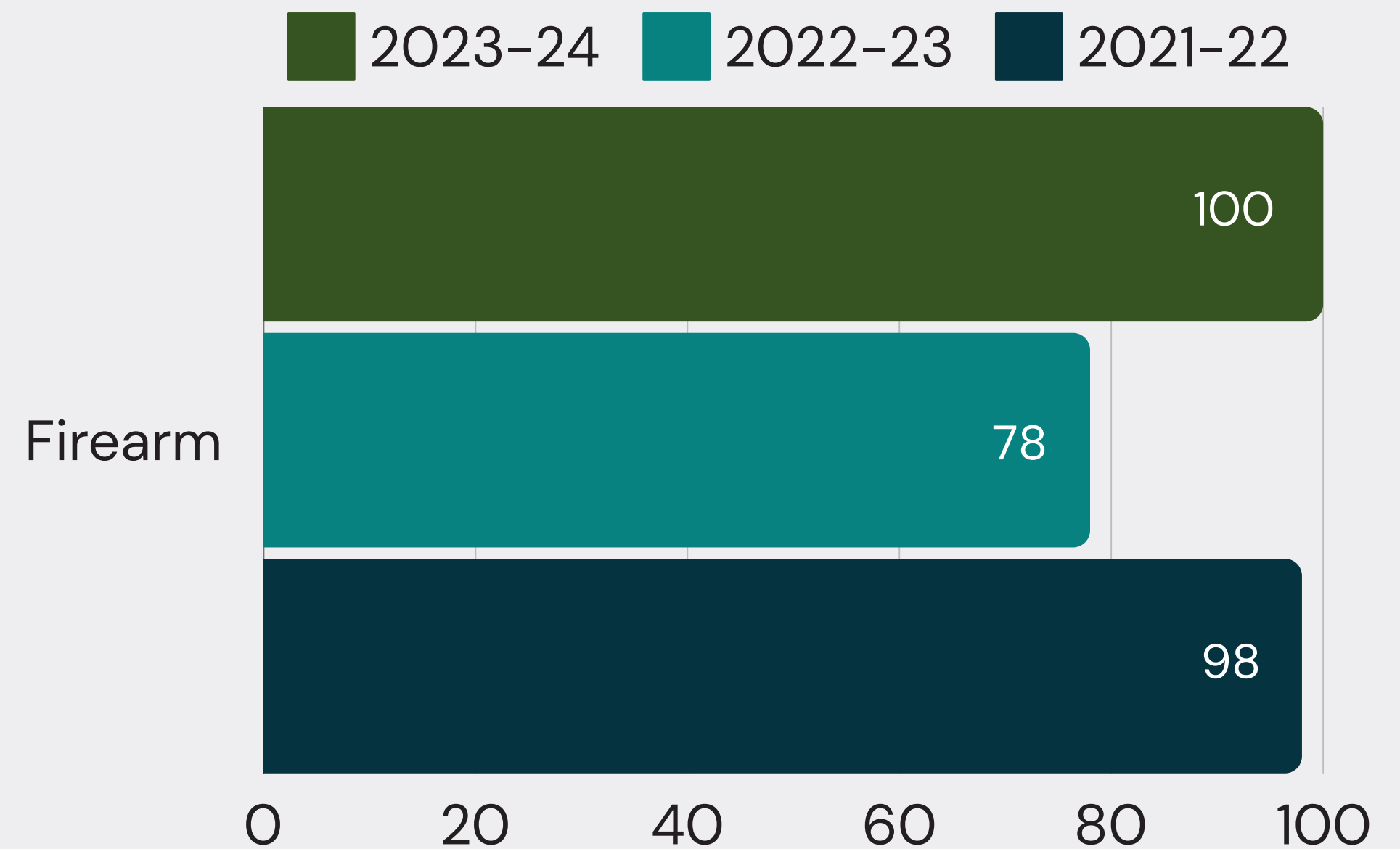
Archery Season Harvest Rate

During the 2023 archery season, Sportsmen harvested 102 deer, surpassing last year's total of 71 deer. The overall harvest increased by 30% from 2022 and 16% from 2021. Early archery season totals closely aligned with the yearly averages



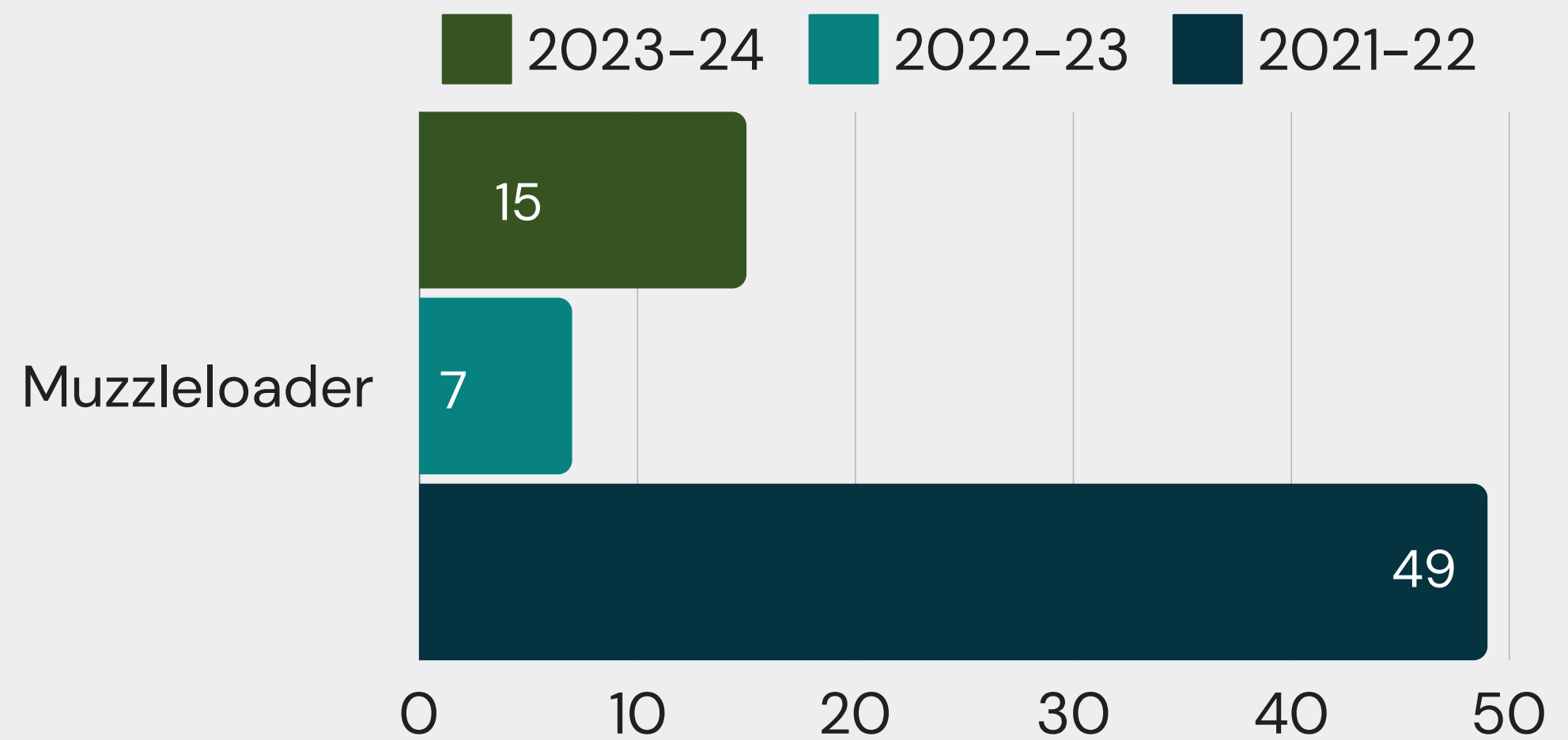
Firearm Season Harvest Rate

In the annual firearm season, 100 deer were harvested by Sportsmen, marking a 22% increase from 2022 and a 2% increase from 2021. Interestingly, the average archery and firearm harvest rates did not align with the recorded license sales.



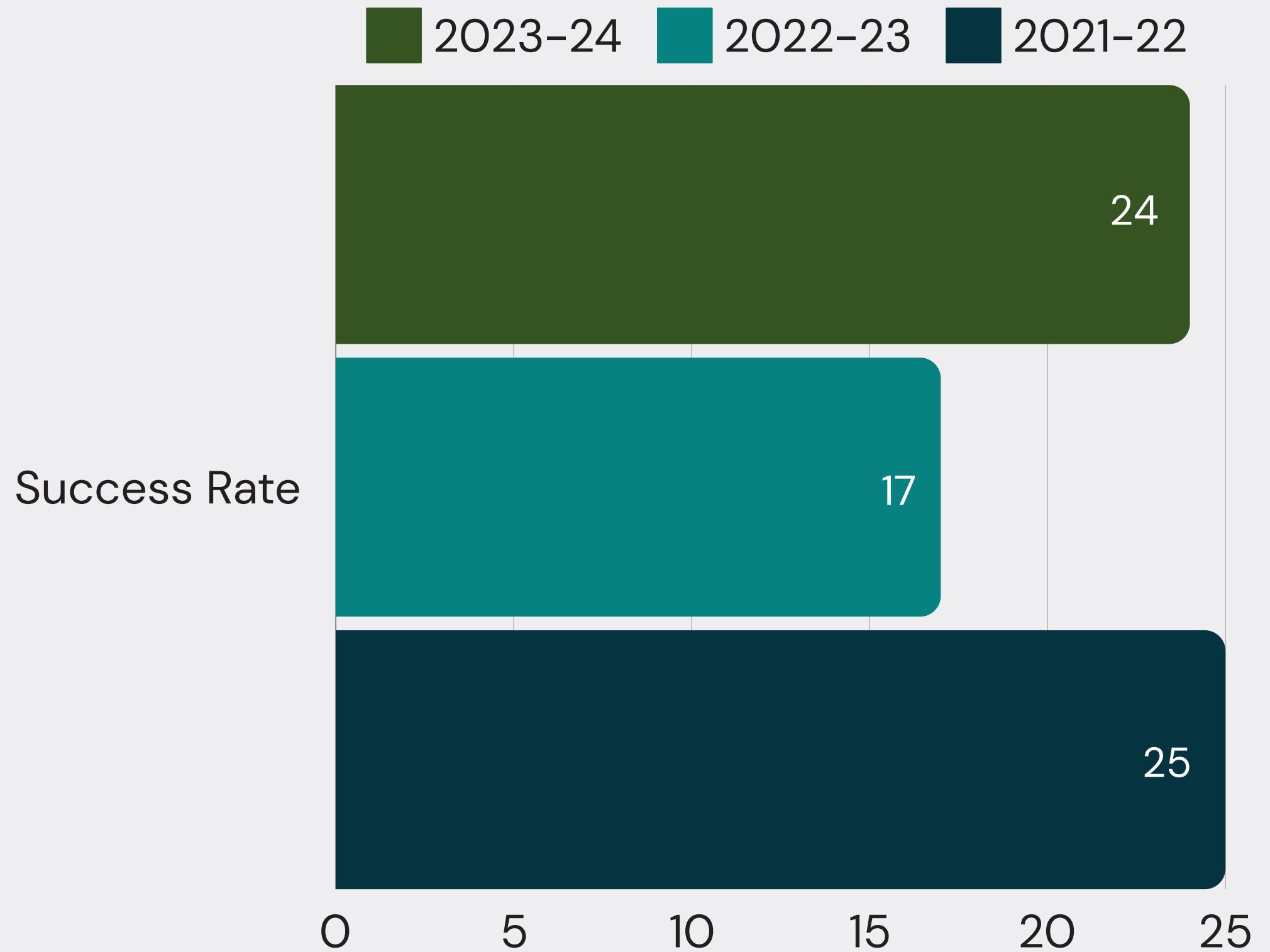
Muzzleloader Season Harvest Rate

In the 2023 muzzleloader season, Sportsmen harvested 15 deer, marking an increase from 2022 but an extreme 69% decrease from 2021.

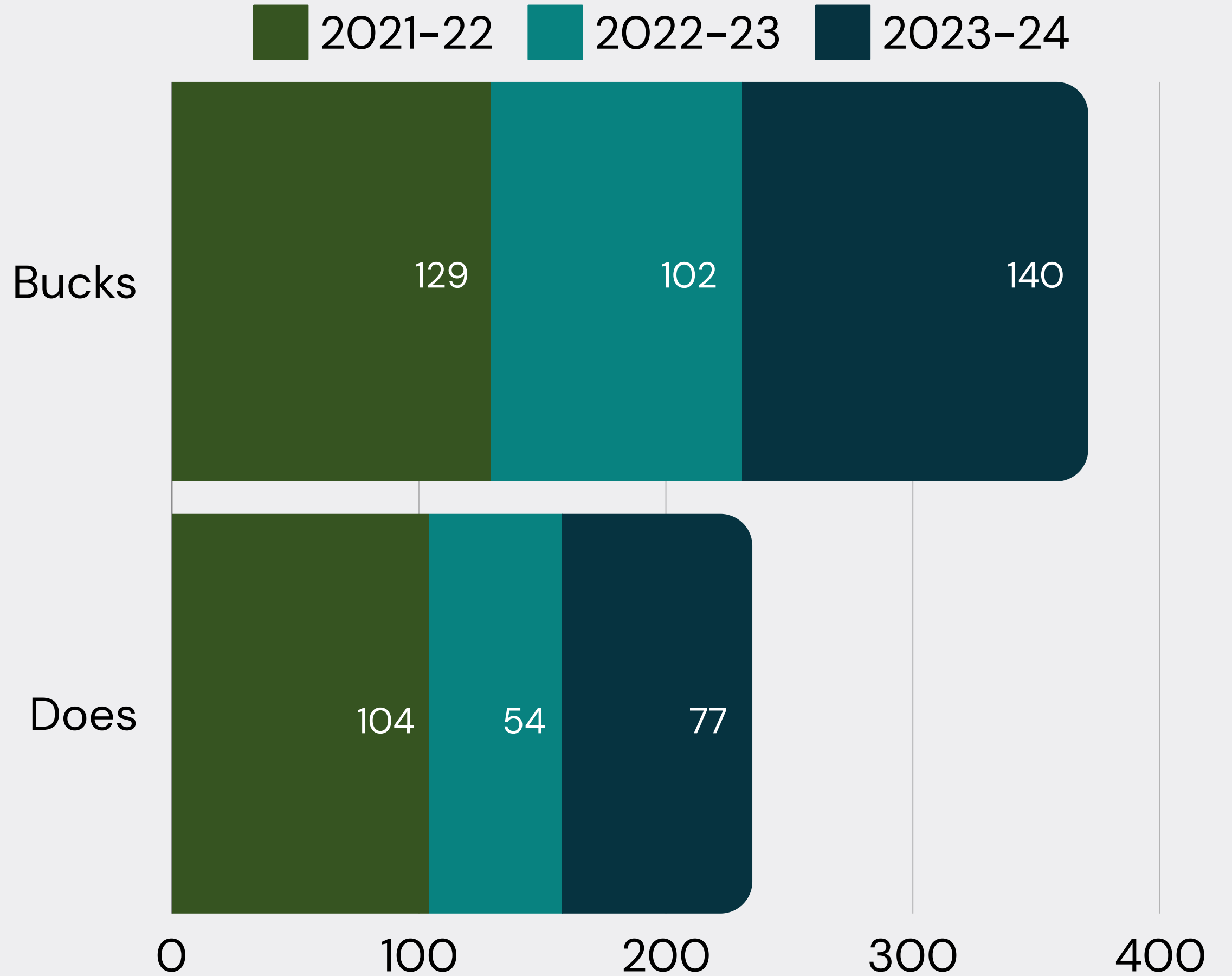


Annual Success Rate %

In the 2023–24 Deer seasons, Oneida Sportsmen harvested 217 whitetail deer, resulting in a 24% success rate. This compares to 17% in 2022 and 25% in 2021. The Department aims for a 25–30% success rate for our Sportsmen.

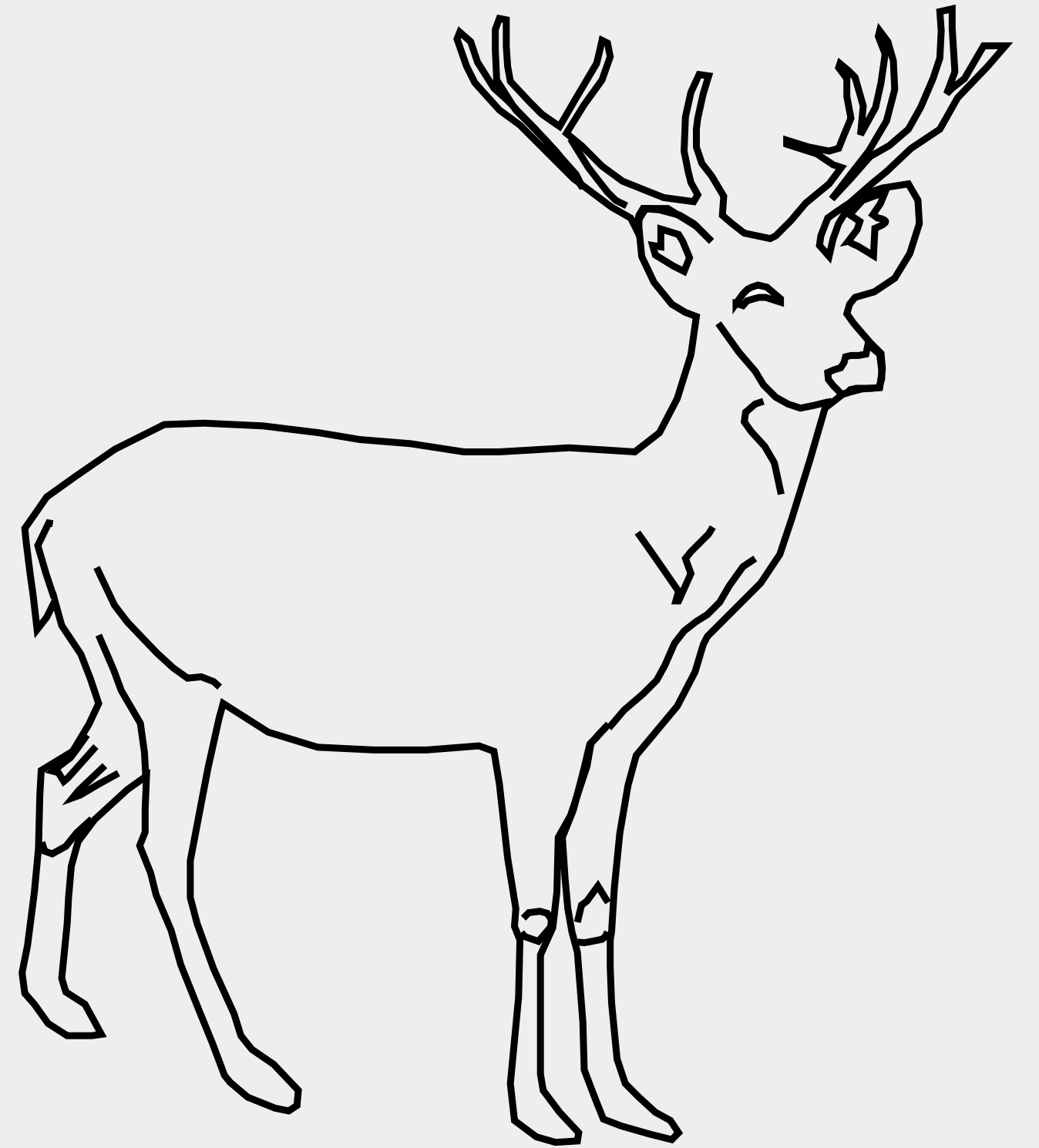


Antlerless vs. Bucks Harvest Rate



Considering the success rates, adjustments may be made to the allowable harvest rate, considering past winters' impact on the fawn crop.

Additionally, the allocation of antlerless tags to Sportsmen Elders and Youth will be reviewed to enhance the overall success rate.





The Conservation Department thanks all Sportsmen and women for a safe and successful hunting season. We hope to continue to have a healthy, sustainable deer herd and offer quality harvest opportunities with a suitable success rate.



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