

## Better, Not Great Opening Week-end

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Better weather. More deer. Happy hunters. It's probably too soon to say hunters across Wisconsin are completely pleased about the opening week-end of the state's nine day gun deer hunt just yet. But they certainly had a better time of it this year if you go by the numbers. The DNR pegs the preliminary total of deer harvested in the state after the first two days of gun deer at a little over 106 thousand. That's a six percent increase over last year's opening week-end totals of just a little over a hundred thousand deer. But also down considerably from 134 thousand in 2008 and over 170 thousand in 2007.