

WHITE-TAIL DEER MANAGEMENT

Historic Perspective and Future Trends



HISTORY OF DEER POPULATIONS IN LOUISIANA

1880-1925 <20,000 Deer

1952 >250,000 Deer (St. Amant
& Perkins)

1980-90 1,000,000 Deer (Moreland)

2007 750,000 Deer (Durham)

DEVELOPMENT OF DEER MANAGEMENT EFFORTS

- 1950 Bucks Only Law
 - 1959 First Either Sex Harvest on WMA
 - 1950-1970 Restocking Programs
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MISSISSIPPI DELTA BREEDING STOCK



CONTROL OF PRIVATE PROPERTY INTENSIFIED DEER MANAGEMENT

- 1970 Hunting Lease Enterprises

 - 1980 Marked the Beginning of
Modern Deer Management
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SELECTIVE HARVEST STRATEGIES

DMAP

Antler Restrictions

Tagging

DEER ANTLER DEVELOPME NT



FUTURE DIRECTIONS IN DEER MANAGEMENT

- *Primary* Emphasis Will Be On
Selective Harvest Of Bucks
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EVERY HUNTERS' DREAM WALKER



CURRENT TRENDS

- ❑ Quality Deer Management
 - ❑ Supplemental Feed and Food Plots
 - ❑ Merchandizing Deer Management
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BOONE & CROCKET STANDARDS SETTING THE CURVE



130 Class Buck

THE W.F.P. LAUREL HUNTING CLUB EXPERIENCE: WEST FELICIANA PARISH 1979-2008



FREE-RANGING DEER vs. FENCING



REALITY vs. EXPECTATIONS



110 BC vs 140 BC

CHALLENGES FOR THE FUTURE

- ❑ Decline of Hunters
 - ❑ Population Control and Disease
 - Chronic Wasting Disease
 - Blue Tongue
 - ❑ More Restrictions-regulations
 - ❑ Funding For Wildlife
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