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

MISSISSIPPI DELTA BREEDING STOCK





PROPERTY INTENSIFIED DEER MANAGEMENT

□ 1970 Hunting Lease Enterprises

□ 1980 Marked the Beginning of Modern Deer Management

SELECTIVE HARVEST STRATEGIES

DMAP

Antler Restrictions

Tagging

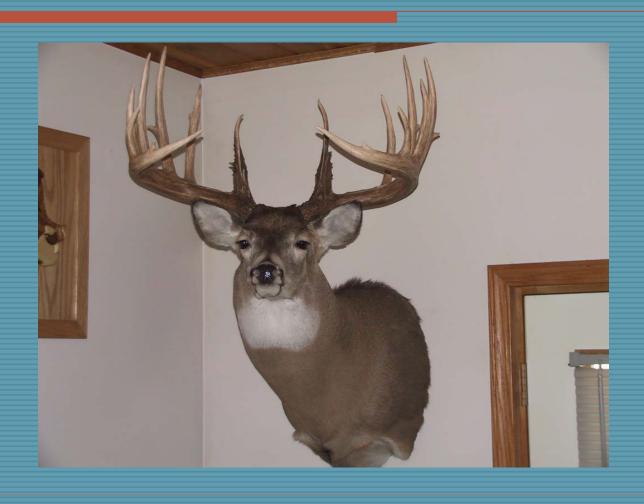
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FUTURE DIRECTIONS IN DEER MANAGEMENT

Primary Emphasis Will Be On Selective Harvest Of Bucks

EVERY HUNTERS' DREAM WALKER



CURRENT TRENDS

Quality Deer Management

Supplemental Feed and Food Plots

Merchandizing Deer Management

BOONE & CROCKET STANDARDS SETTING THE CURVE

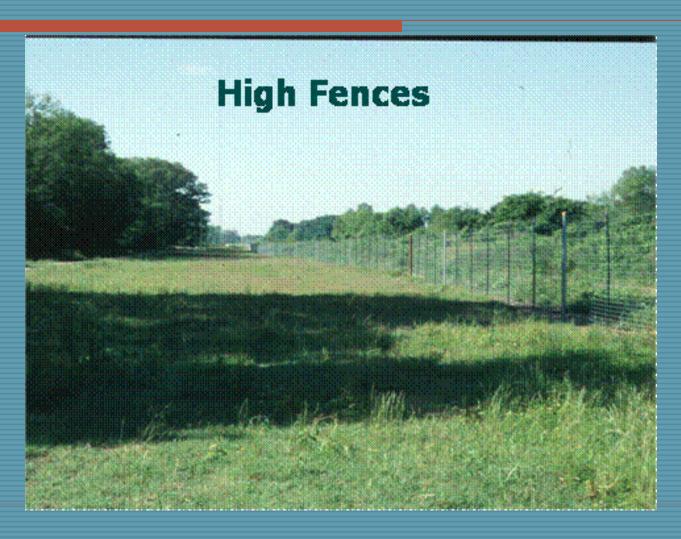


130 Class Buck

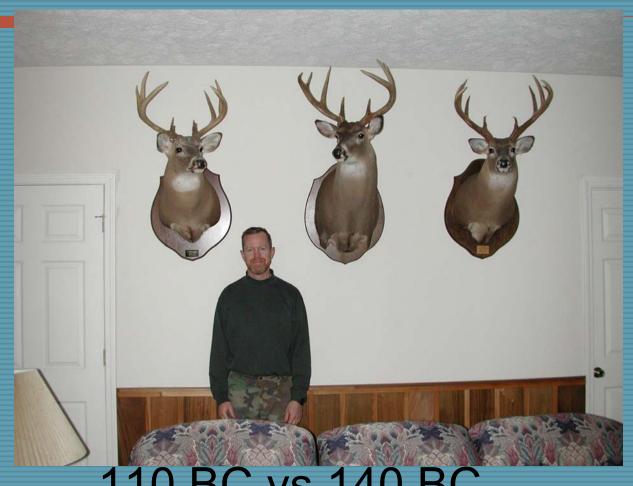
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FREE-RANGING DEER vs. FENCING



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