

# Edwards Plateau region ranks as top deer producer

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 estimates, there were about 84,000 archery hunters in the 2007-08 season. This accounts for about 14 percent of the total number of deer hunters. Many archery hunters also hunt with a rifle during the regular season.

In addition to white-tailed deer hunters, there were 23,929 hunters who traveled west or north in search of a mule deer.

During the short two-week season that occurs just after Thanksgiving, 9,141 mule deer were harvested. Most of these were taken in the Trans-Pecos and western Edwards Plateau regions.

Mule deer harvest also was re-

ported in the High Plains and Rolling Plains ecological regions.

Statewide, TPWD data shows 56 percent of the total harvest was bucks and 44 percent does. In the Hill Country, the kill was almost balanced with 119,395 bucks harvested compared to 109,996 antlerless deer.

The state does not have harvest figures for individual counties, but with a regional kill of 7.4 deer per 1,000 acres, it can be estimated that approximately 4,500 hunters harvested 3,500 whitetails in Lampasas County last season.

With current populations, the 2008-09 harvest may equal or exceed the 2007-08 harvest.

# Winchester lives up to its reputation

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new 40-grain ballistic tip Hornady bullets loaded to about 3,000 feet per second, it will group less than an inch at 100 yards. It is not a tack driver but a real fun gun to own and shoot.

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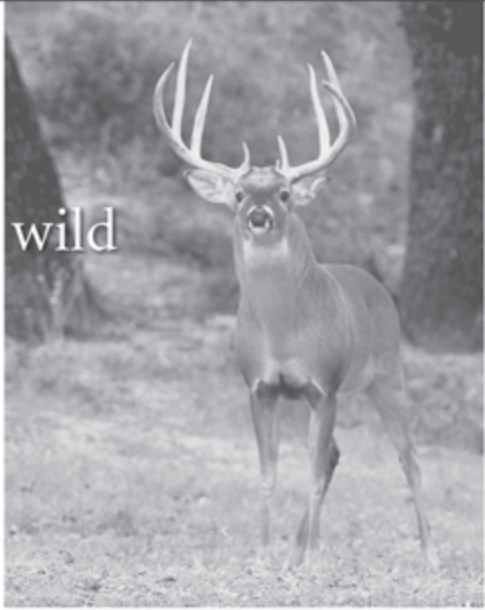

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