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Missouri – Many young hunters from the area may have shot their first deer this year or having been hunting for several years. If you have pictures or stories you want to share with the ShowMe Times, please send them to news@showmetimes.com. We would be glad to showcase your child's hunting story.

This week the Missouri Department of Conservation announced that young hunters, ages 6 through 15, harvested 2,197 deer during the statewide firearms deer late youth portion. The youth season ran on December 29th and 30th weekend.

The top counties in Missouri were Callaway with 55 deer, Putnam with 47 deer, and Camden with 45 deer.

These young hunters shot 2,193 deer during this portion in 2011. Earlier in the season they checked in 19,277 during the statewide firearms deer youth weekend, which ran November 3rd and 4th.

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The late youth portion concluded this year's firearms deer season with a total harvest of 257,307 deer. The second segment of the

deer archery season remains open through January 15, 2013.

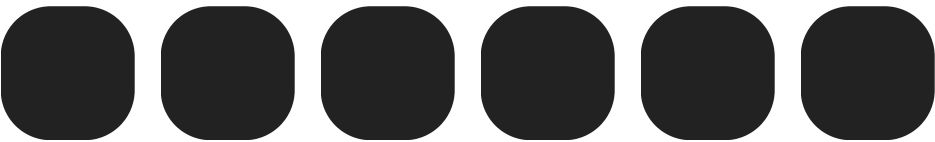
According to the Missouri Department of Conservation, Missouri has more than 511,000 deer hunters, including about 70,000 under the age of 16. Deer hunters spend about \$690 million in the state each year on related activities. This has an overall economic impact of \$1.1 billion in Missouri each year and supports almost 12,000 jobs.

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