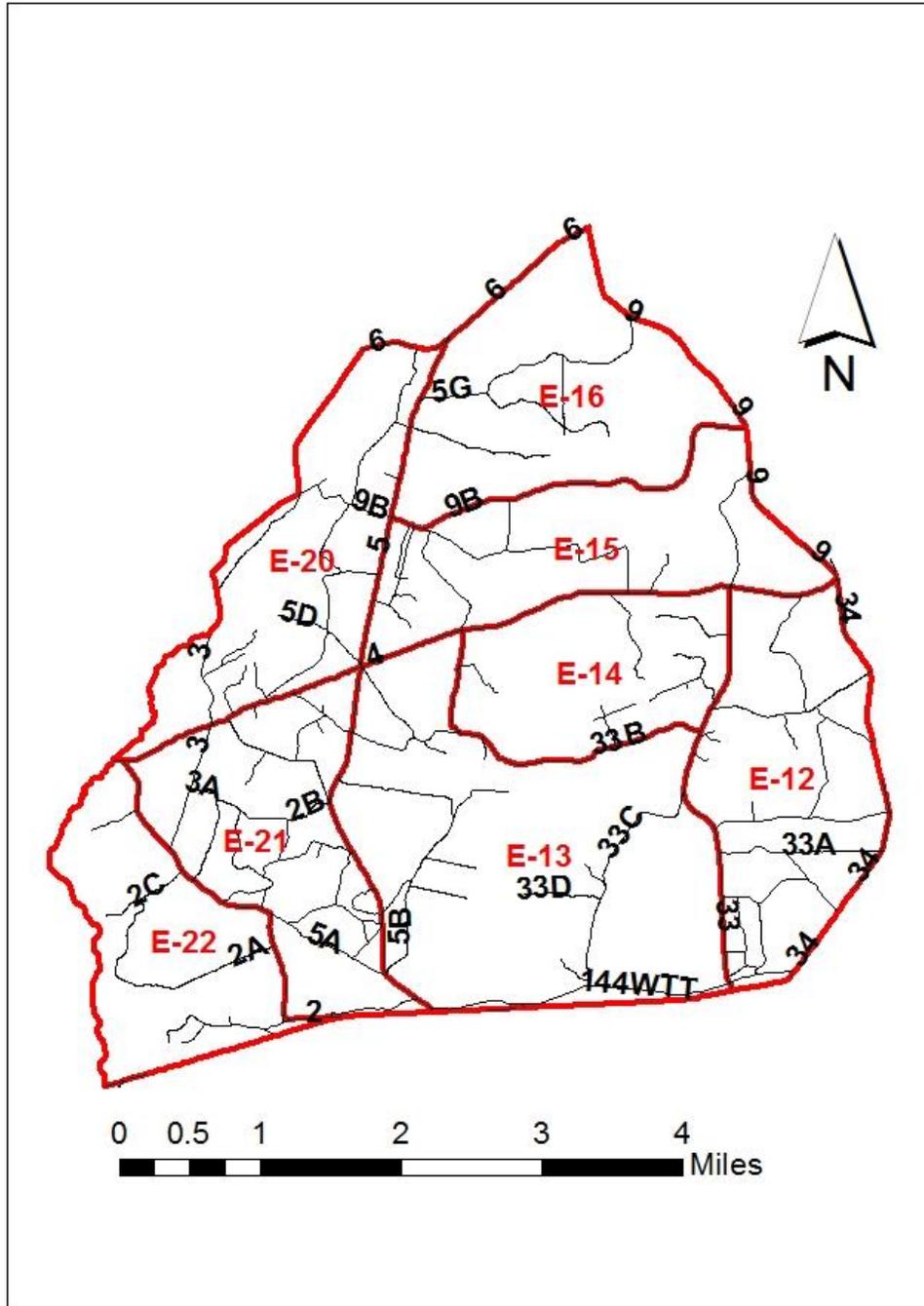
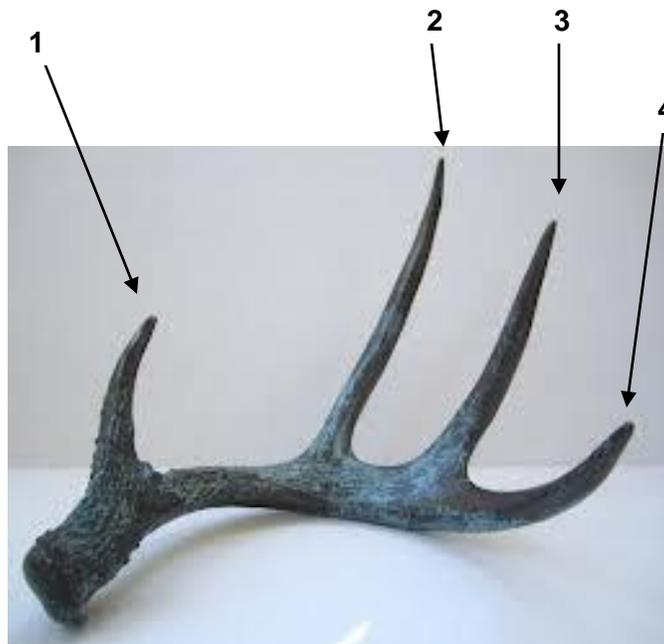


FT STEWART, GA QUALITY DEER MANAGEMENT AREA (QDMA)





Special QDMA harvest restriction: All antlered bucks must have a minimum of 4 points, at least 1" in length, on one side of their antlers.

The Quality Deer Management Area (QDMA) was put into effect in 2003 after receiving numerous requests for such a management area. In order to determine the best location for the QDMA on the installation, biologists utilized a Geographic Information System (GIS) and biological data collected from bucks at the annual whitetail deer check station. By analyzing the data with the GIS, a "block" of training areas consistently came up for parameters like main beam length, total # of points, beam diameter, and body weight. This block of training areas was designated the QDMA.

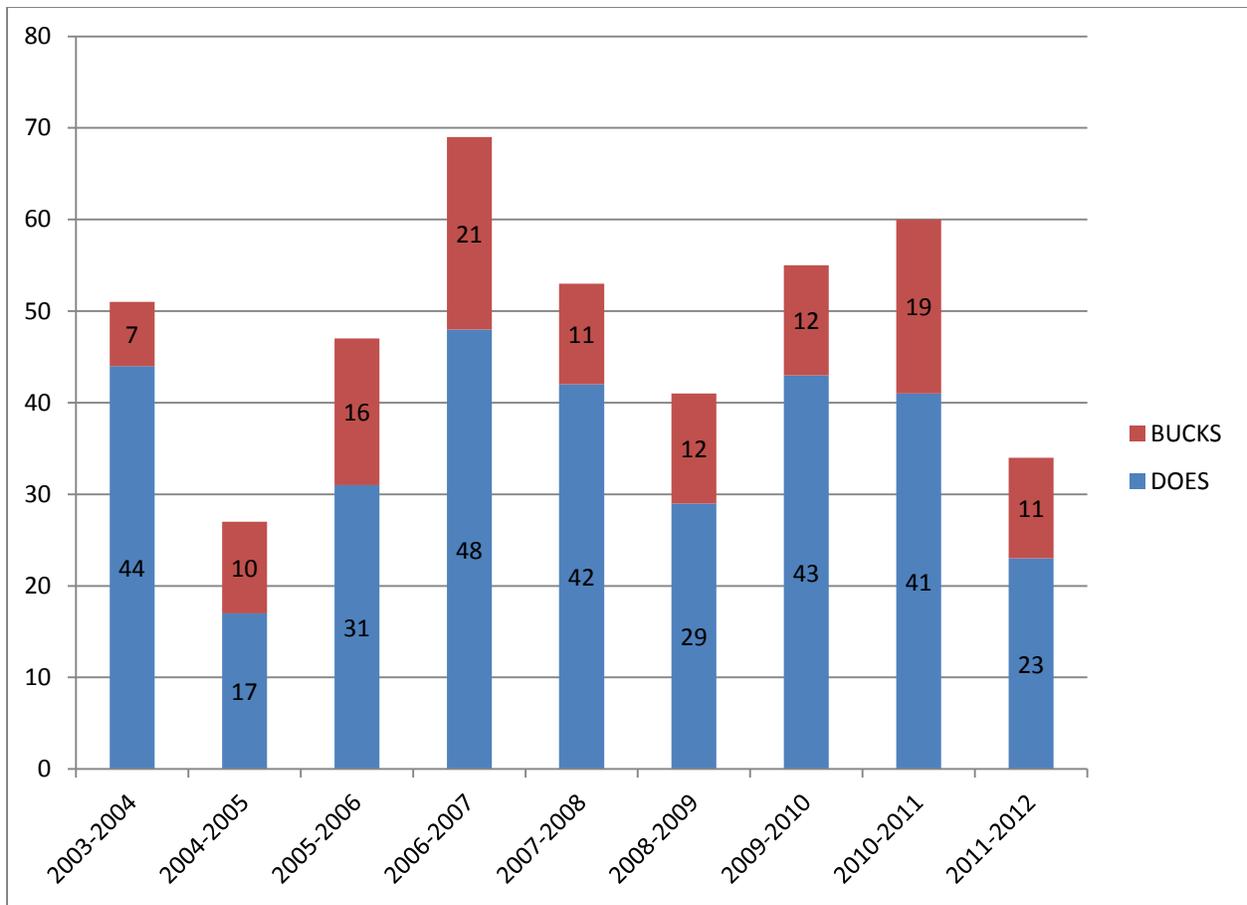
While other training areas on the installation produce comparable bucks to the QDMA, they are widely scattered. The most important management strategy that has been implemented within the QDMA is **antler restrictions on both bucks**. Check station data shows that only 15% of 2.5 year old bucks meet the current QDMA antler restrictions. This means that as long as hunters follow the regulations, almost every buck will make it to at least 3.5 years.

Below are some examples of what the QDMA is capable of producing if bucks reach maturity.









QDMA yearly reported harvest since the 2003-2004 deer season.