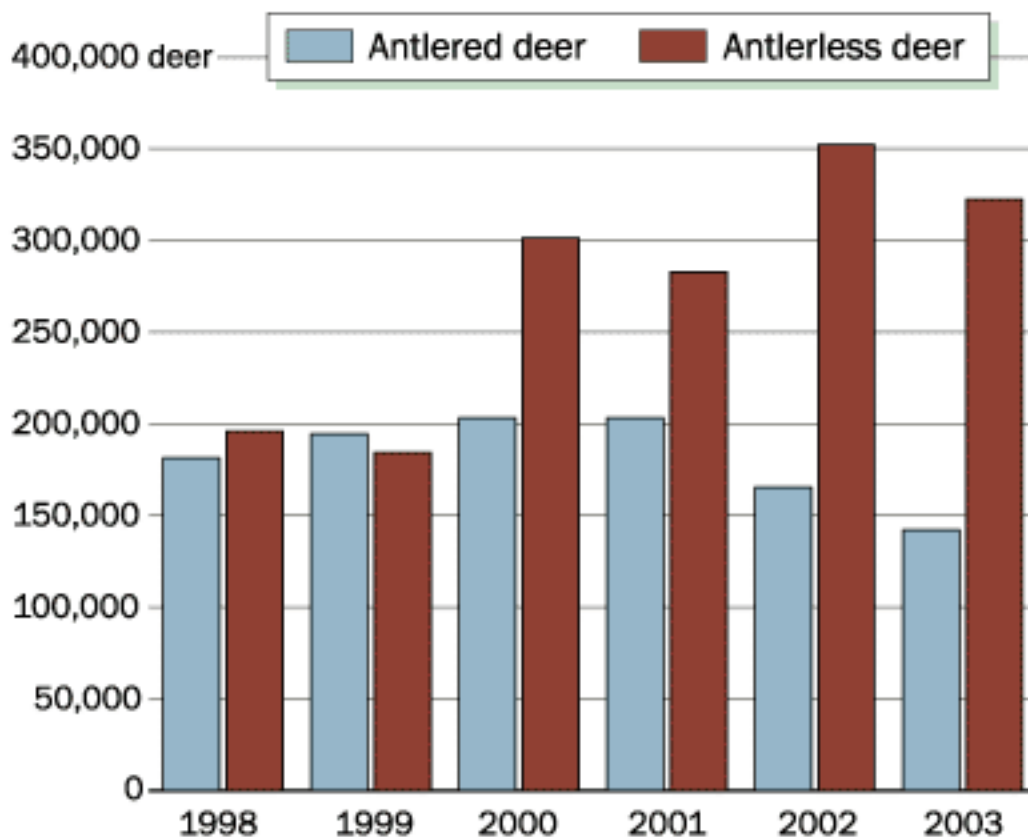




Thinning the herd

New deer hunting policies adopted by the Pennsylvania Game Commission starting in 2000 not only resulted in more deer being killed by hunters, but a much higher number of does being harvested, as shown in the antlerless deer categories at right. Some hunters now want those limits changed back, claiming deer are scarce in their areas.

Deer harvest, 1998-2003



Average yearly buck harvest per square mile by county 1915 to 1998

Less than 0.25
 0.25-0.5
 0.5-0.75
 0.75-1
 1-2
 2-4
 More than 4

