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Hunters checking in deer during Nebraska's Nov. 10-18 firearm season were fewer than last year.

Ron Schoenberger, owner of Laker's in Enders, an official check-in station for the Game & Parks Commission, recorded 536 deer this year.

That is shy of the 2011 final number of 574 checked in, but up from the 2010 figure of 479.

Schoenberger said it's hard to say why number were down, but some hunters said they had trouble finding whitetails this year.

Hunters should have been helped with the fact corn harvest is about 100 percent complete in the area.

Of the 536 total, Schoenberger reports that 260 were whitetail and 276 were mule deer.

Among the totals were 412 bucks and 124 does.

Forty-six of the deer bagged were shot in the reserve near the lake, up slightly from last year's 42. One was killed on the light dam property, southwest of Imperial.

Some hunters will be able to continue to hunt for their deer. Those with season's choice permits in this area have until Jan. 18, 2013.

Archers can also continue to hunt until the end of the year, and a special muzzleloader's season is established in the state from Dec. 1-31.

