

How Much Meat Will I Get Back?



Many times Hunters think their Deer weighs more than it actually does. This is an example of an actual cutting test on a deer our Hunter friend thought dressed at 180 lbs.

Deer Actual Weight 129 lbs.

Hide Weight	33 lbs
Carcass Weight	22.8 lbs
Fat/Clot Loss	17.83 lbs
Total loss	73.63 lbs (Approx 57%)

Meat for Steaks, Roasts etc.	30.19 lbs
Meat from Trim (Burger, Specialties)	25.18 lbs

Total Meat He Got Back 55.37 lbs

This is NORMAL! It is the same with cow's, pig's etc.

Quick Reference to estimating eating meat.

If your Deer dresses at:	50	75	100	150	180
Total Eating meat:	22	32	43	64	78
Estimated Steaks etc.	12	17	23	34	42
Estimated Trim:	10	15	20	30	36

These numbers are based on very little meat loss from bullet wound(s).

Adjust accordingly for damaged meat.

Subtract 57% of total dressed weight for total eating meat.

20% of total dressed weight for trim. $129 \times 20\% = 25$ lbs trim.
