

DEER PERMIT AREA 156 HUNTING INFORMATION

2024 Deer Hunting Information

Designation: One-deer limit: antlerless permit lottery (250)

Firearm Options: All Legal Firearms

Special Regulations: Special CWD related regulations in this area. See mndnr.gov/cwd for details

Seasons:

- Archery: Sept. 14 - Dec. 31
- Youth: Oct. 17 - 20
- Early Antlerless: N/A
- Firearm A: Nov. 9 - 24
- Firearm B: N/A
- Muzzleloader: Nov. 30 - Dec. 15
- Late CWD Hunts: N/A

Land Cover Types % Tot.

Woody Cover	75
Grassland and Wetlands	19
Annual Row Crops	1
Open Water	1
Developed	3

Total Land Area in 2023 (Non-water)

825 Sq. Mi.

Lands Open to Public Hunting

Publically Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	9
State Forest	103
Misc. State Land	32
County Managed Land	125
USFWS Land (WPA and NWR)	0
USFS Land (National Forest)	0
Privately Owned Lands	
Forest Legacy/Forests for Future	0
Walk-In Access	0
Total for Public Hunting	269

Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 156 lies in portions of Carlton, Pine, and Aitkin Counties. It is a productive unit for NE MN with a fair amount of farmland. Both the population model and harvest rates indicate a slightly declining deer population over the last 5 years. This population is under goal. We have had a string of tougher winters that have impacted deer survival and fawn production. However, this past winter was very mild. Hopefully the mild winter will result in a good fawn crop this year to help get this population growing again. The hunting season in 2024 will be conservative to help get the population growing towards the goal. Antlerless permits will be issued through the Lottery with 250 permits available.

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Important Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Information Mandatory CWD testing Nov. 9-10

A deer feeding and attractant ban is in effect for Aitkin County. See mndnr.gov/cwd/feedban.html for details

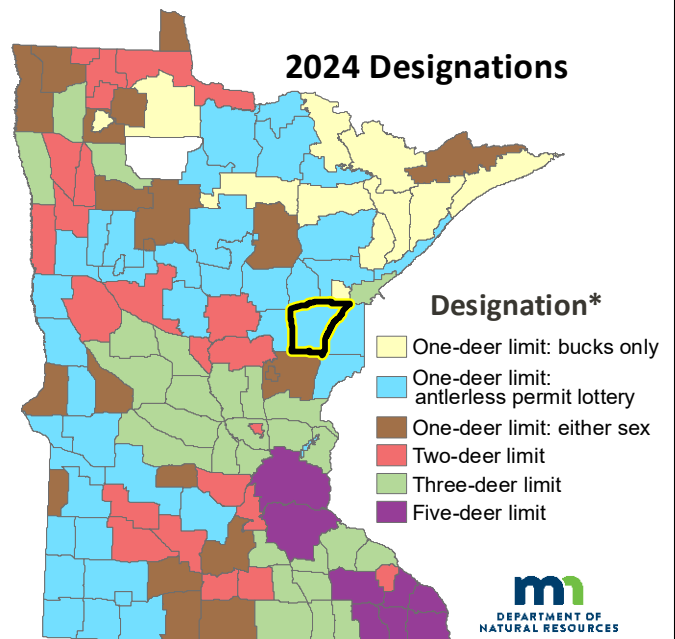
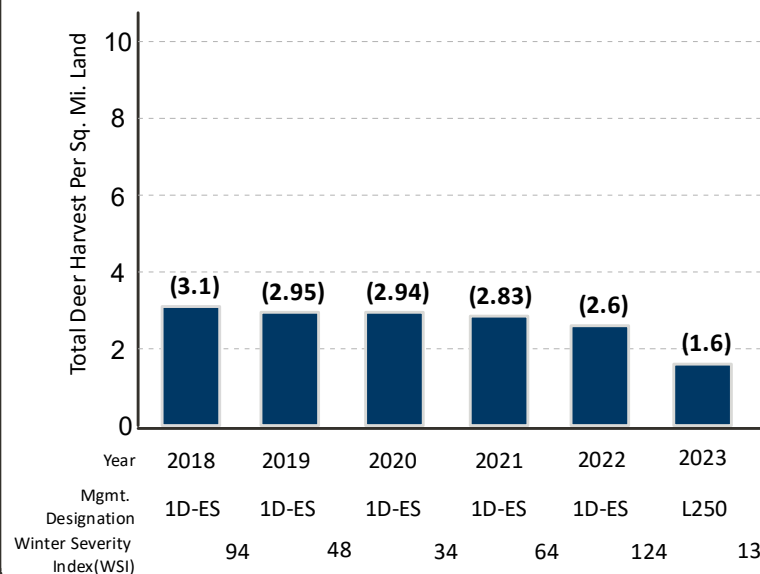
2023 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 9
Hunter Success: 17%

2023 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
Firearms	1014	18	144	15	1191
Archery	48	3	46	1	98
Muzzleloader	4	0	6	0	10
Total Harvest	1066	21	196	16	1299

Deer Harvest, Management Designation and Winter Severity Index from 2018 - 2023/24



* see page 70 in the hunting regulations for details