

DEER PERMIT AREA 171 HUNTING INFORMATION

2022 Deer Hunting Information

Designation: One-deer limit: antlerless permit lottery (1500)

Firearm Options: All Legal Firearms

Special Regulations: N/A

Seasons:

- Archery: Sept. 17 - Dec. 31
- Youth: Oct. 20 - Oct. 23
- Early Antlerless: N/A
- Firearm A: Nov. 5 - Nov. 20
- Firearm B: N/A
- Muzzleloader: Nov. 26 - Dec. 11
- Late CWD Hunts: N/A

Land Cover Types % Tot.

| | |
|------------------------|----|
| Woody Cover | 74 |
| Grassland and Wetlands | 18 |
| Annual Row Crops | 1 |
| Open Water | 4 |
| Developed | 2 |

Total Land Area in 2021 (Non-water)

627 Sq. Mi.

Lands Open to Public Hunting

| Publically Owned Lands | Sq. Mi. |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| State Wildlife Management Area | 42 |
| State Forest | 179 |
| Misc. State Land | 34 |
| County Managed Land | 145 |
| USFWS Land (WPA and NWR) | 0 |
| USFS Land (National Forest) | 8 |
| Privately Owned Lands | |
| Forest Legacy/Forests for Future | 1 |
| Walk-In Access | 0 |
| Total for Public Hunting | 409 |

Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 171 lies in the northwest part of Aitkin County with smaller portions in Crow Wing and Cass Counties and has significant tracts of land open to public hunting. There is good habitat and plenty of access for hunters. Harvest rates for DPA 171 have continued to decline at a low rate. Winter severity in 2021/2022 was variable across the unit with pockets of higher snow depths. To move toward the goal of increasing the population by 25% I recommend the area stay at a conservative management designation of Lottery (1500) in 2022.

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Important Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Information
 Optional CWD testing available. Visit mndnr.gov/cwd/cwd-testing.html

A deer feeding and attractant ban is currently in effect for Aitkin, Cass and Crow Wing Counties. See mndnr.gov/cwd/feedban.html for details

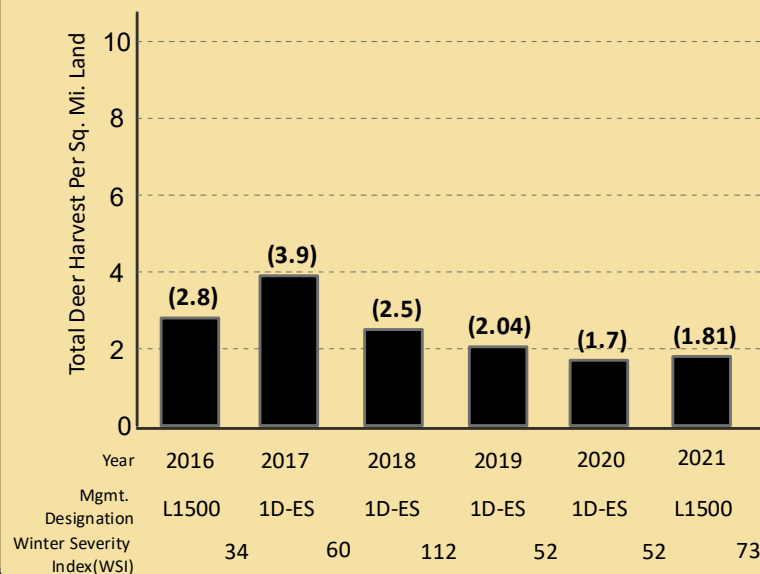
2021 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 8
 Hunter Success: 19%

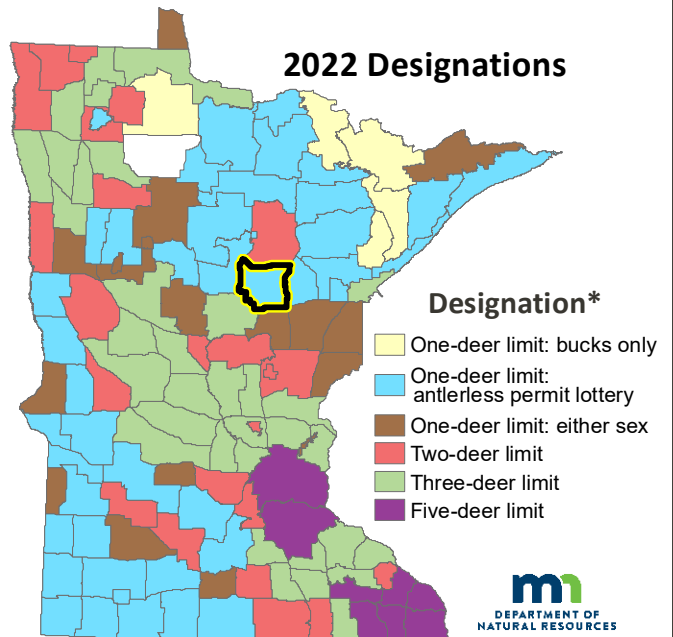
2021 Deer Harvest

| | Adult Male | Fawn Male | Adult Female | Fawn Female | Total |
|----------------------|------------|-----------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| Firearms | 714 | 66 | 253 | 32 | 1065 |
| Archery | 29 | 2 | 19 | 2 | 52 |
| Muzzleloader | 3 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 15 |
| Total Harvest | 746 | 73 | 277 | 36 | 1132 |

Deer Harvest, Management Designation and Winter Severity Index from 2016 - 2021/22



2022 Designations



* see page 67 in the hunting regulations for details