

# DEER PERMIT AREA 171 HUNTING INFORMATION

## 2025 Deer Hunting Information

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

**Firearm Options:** All Legal Firearms

**Special Regulations:** N/A

### Seasons:

Archery: Sept. 13 - Dec. 31

Youth: Oct. 16-19

Early Antlerless: N/A

Statewide Firearms: Nov. 8 - 23

Late SE Firearms: N/A

Muzzleloader: Nov. 29 - Dec. 14

Late CWD: 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 2024 (Non-water)

740 Sq. Mi.

### Lands Open to Public Access Hunting

Publicly Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	42
State Forest	209
Misc. State Land	35
County Managed Land	143
USFWS Land (WPA and NWR)	0
USFS Land (National Forest)	8
Privately Owned Lands	
Forest Legacy/Forests for Future	1
Walk-In Access	0
<b>Total for Public Hunting</b>	<b>438</b>

## Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 171 lies in the northwest part of Aitkin County with portions in Crow Wing and Cass Counties. It has significant tracts of land open to public hunting with good habitat. The population goal established in 2021 aims to increase density by 25% for the DPA. Harvest data, particularly success rates and harvest numbers, indicate that we are still working toward that goal. The winters of 2023-24 and 2024-25 were both quite mild and should help us move the population toward goal, but there is a need to be conservative. DPA 171 will continue at Lottery 250 for the 2025 season.

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### Important Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Information Optional CWD testing

A deer feeding and attractant ban is in effect for Aitkin, Cass and Crow Wing Counties. See [mndnr.gov/cwd/feedban.html](http://mndnr.gov/cwd/feedban.html) for details

## 2024 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

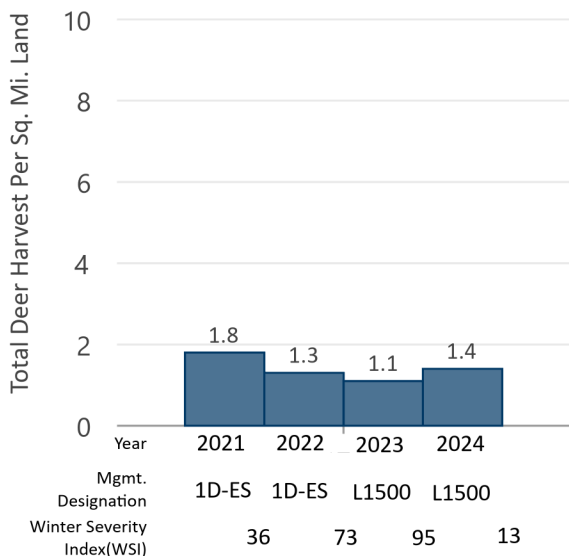
Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 7

Hunter Success: 19%

## 2024 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
<b>Firearms</b>	840	29	111	14	994
<b>Archery</b>	34	4	27	2	67
<b>Muzzleloader</b>	6	0	0	1	7
<b>Total Harvest</b>	<b>880</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>1068</b>

## Harvest, Designation and Winter Severity Index (WSI)



## 2025 Designations

