

DEER PERMIT AREA 181 HUNTING INFORMATION

2022 Deer Hunting Information

Designation: One-deer limit: antlerless permit lottery (300)

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	86
Grassland and Wetlands	8
Annual Row Crops	0
Open Water	3
Developed	3

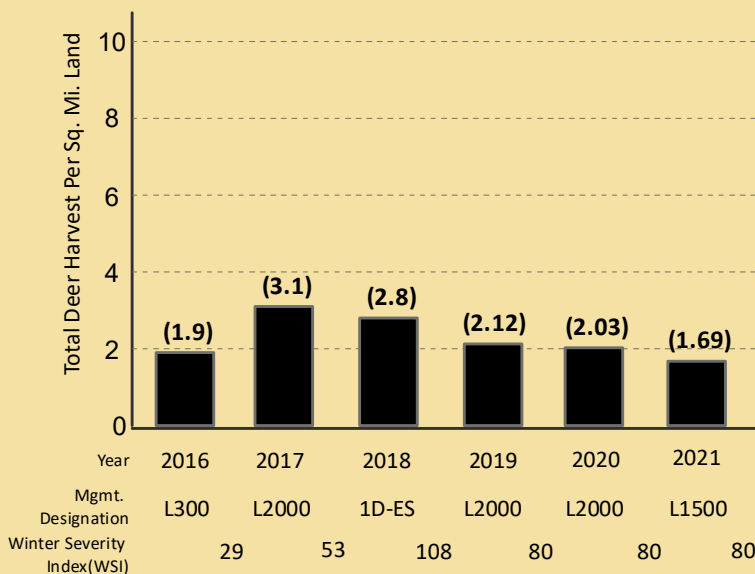
Total Land Area in 2021 (Non-water)

629 Sq. Mi.

Lands Open to Public Hunting

Publically Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	4
State Forest	50
Misc. State Land	39
County Managed Land	242
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	335

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



Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area 181 lies mostly in southern St. Louis County but a small piece dips into northern Carlton County. This unit went thru population goal setting in 2020 which resulted in a desire to increase the population 25%. Both the population model and buck harvest statistics show the population is declining and below goal. Buck harvest has declined from 1150 in 2017 to 708 last year. The buck harvest per hunter has declined from 0.22 to 0.14 during this same time period. In order to turn this population around we are only offering a Lottery of 300 antlerless tags this fall. This conservative hunting season framework should help get the population growing again towards the goal.

DNR Wildlife Contact(s): Chris Balzer, 218-878-5665

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

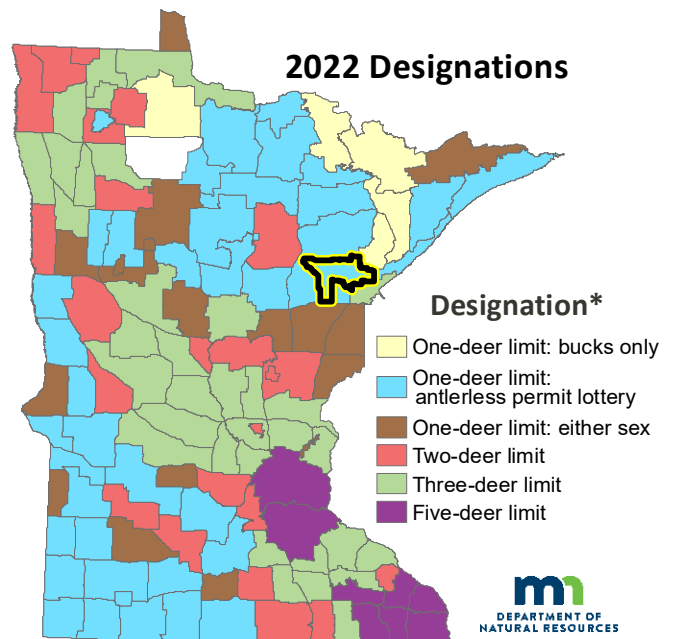
A deer feeding and attractant ban is currently in effect for Aitkin County along with a feeding ban for Carlton County. A deer feeding ban is in effect for Itasca County. See mndnr.gov/cwd/feedban.html for details

2021 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 8
Hunter Success: 20%

2021 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
Firearms	659	43	273	17	992
Archery	36	3	19	1	59
Muzzleloader	2	0	8	0	10
Total Harvest	697	46	300	18	1061



* see page 67 in the hunting regulations for details