

# DEER PERMIT AREA 203 HUNTING INFORMATION

## 2025 Deer Hunting Information

**Designation:** One-deer limit: bucks only

**Firearm Options:** All Legal Firearms

**Special Regulations:** Special regulations apply for WMAs in this permit area. See page 103 from the hunting regulations for details.

### Seasons:

Archery: Sept. 13 - Dec. 31

Youth: Oct. 16-19

Early Antlerless: N/A

Statewide Firearms: Nov. 8 - 16

Late SE Firearms: N/A

Muzzleloader: Nov. 29 - Dec. 14

Late CWD: N/A

### Land Cover Types % Tot.

Woody Cover	19
Grassland and Wetlands	73
Annual Row Crops	0
Open Water	5
Developed	2

### Total Land Area in 2024 (Non-water)

118 Sq. Mi.

### Lands Open to Public Access Hunting

Publicly Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	35
State Forest	0
Misc. State Land	0
County Managed Land	0
USFWS Land (WPA and NWR)	83
USFS Land (National Forest)	0
Privately Owned Lands	
Forest Legacy/Forests for Future	0
Walk-In Access	0
<b>Total for Public Hunting</b>	<b>118</b>

## Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 203 is entirely public land consisting of the Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge and Mud Lac, Elm Lake, and Eckvoll Wildlife Management Areas in eastern Marshall County. Approximately 75% of the DPA is wetlands and grasslands, 20% woodlands, and 5% open water. This DPA was included in the 2020 Deer Goal Setting process--the consensus was an increase of 25% above current levels to provide more hunter opportunity and support resident wolf packs. The past two winters were very mild and deer survival was very good but population growth has been slow. The management designation will remain Bucks-Only for all 2025 deer seasons to help accelerate the population increase.

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

## 2024 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

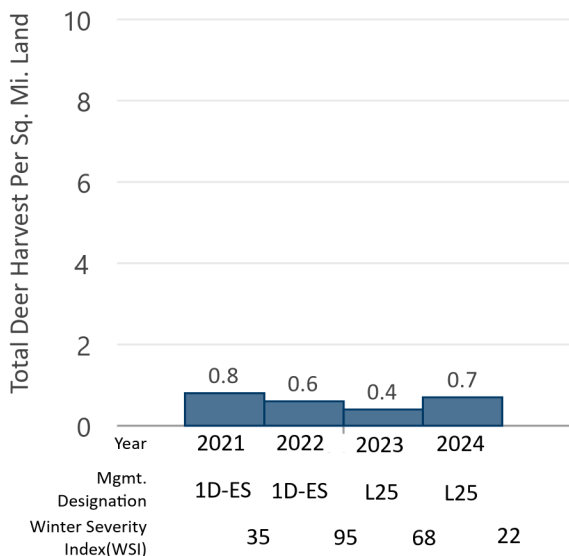
Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 1

Hunter Success: 37%

## 2024 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
<b>Firearms</b>	65	0	1	0	66
<b>Archery</b>	2	0	0	0	2
<b>Muzzleloader</b>	6	0	3	0	9
<b>Total Harvest</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>77</b>

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



## 2025 Designations

