

DEER PERMIT AREA 223 HUNTING INFORMATION

2022 Deer Hunting Information

Designation: Three-deer limit

Firearm Options: Shotgun using slugs, muzzleloaders and handguns legal for big game

Special Regulations: N/A

Seasons:

Archery: Sept. 17 - Dec. 31

Youth: Oct. 20 - Oct. 23

Early Antlerless: Oct. 20 - Oct. 23

Firearm A: Nov. 5 - Nov. 13

Firearm B: N/A

Muzzleloader: Nov. 26 - Dec. 11

Late CWD Hunts: N/A

Land Cover Types % Tot.

Woody Cover	28
Grassland and Wetlands	28
Annual Row Crops	28
Open Water	4
Developed	11

Total Land Area in 2021 (Non-water)

376 Sq. Mi.

Lands Open to Public Hunting

Publically Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	5
State Forest	9
Misc. State Land	0
County Managed Land	0
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	14

Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 223 contains many human residences and developed areas, especially in the eastern and western portions. The eastern two-thirds of the DPA has a strong oak forest/agricultural component with associated small and large wetlands/lakes scattered throughout. The western third of the DPA has a large amount of open agricultural land. DPA 223 has a strong firearms and archery deer hunting heritage, usually allowing for satisfactory deer herd management. More moderate-to-liberal deer season strategies are often selected due to the high recruitment potential of the deer population and areas of private land where deer hunting is not allowed.

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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 in effect for Mille Lacs County. See mndnr.gov/cwd/feedban.html for details

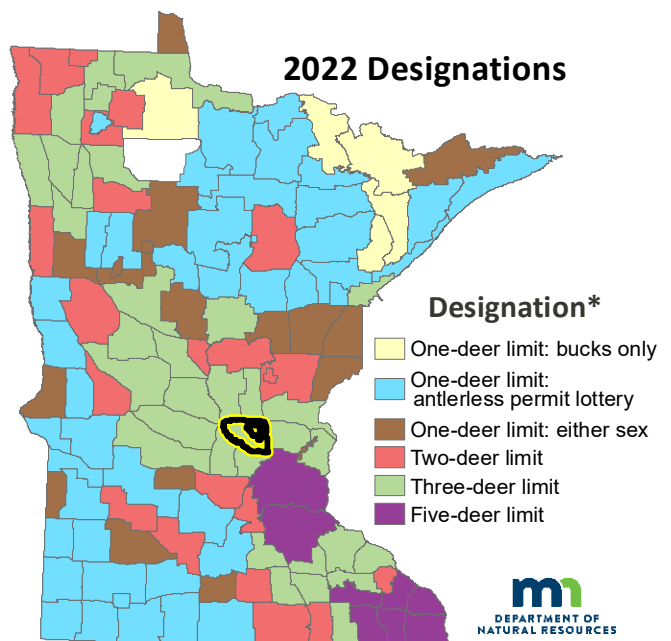
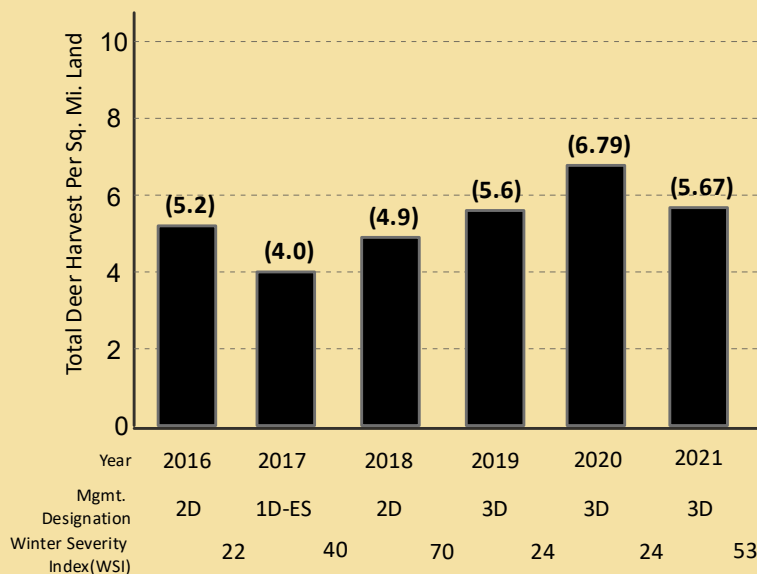
2021 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 10
Hunter Success: 38%

2021 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
Firearms	756	111	397	75	1339
Archery	239	38	311	46	634
Muzzleloader	53	16	74	15	158
Total Harvest	1048	165	782	136	2131

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



* see page 67 in the hunting regulations for details