

DEER PERMIT AREA 232 HUNTING INFORMATION

2020 Deer Hunting Information

Designation: Managed: 2 deer limit

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

Special Regulations: N/A

Seasons:

- Archery: Sept. 19 - Dec. 31
- Youth: Oct. 15 - Oct. 18
- Early Antlerless: N/A
- Firearm A: Nov. 7 - Nov. 15
- Firearm B: N/A
- Muzzleloader: Nov. 28 - Dec. 13

Land Cover Types % Tot.

Woody Cover	4
Grassland and Wetlands	15
Annual Row Crops	71
Open Water	1
Developed	8

Total Land Area in 2019 (Non-water)

377 Sq. Mi.

Lands Open to Public Hunting

Publically Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	5
State Forest	0
Misc. State Land	0
County Managed Land	0
USFWS Land (WPA and NWR)	1
USFS Land (National Forest)	0
Privately Owned Lands	
Forest Legacy/Forests for Future	0
Walk-In Access	0.5
Total for Public Hunting	7

Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 232 includes much of Steele, eastern Waseca with parts of Rice and LeSueur Counties. Deer habitat is a patchwork of grasslands, marshes, brushy areas, groves and small woodlands in a landscape used primarily for the production of row crops. Winter conditions were not as harsh as the previous year and good numbers of fawns were observed in spring. Deer density is projected to be above the goal range established in 2007. Historically a moderate season framework is selected due to good fawn recruitment and high percentage of private lands where hunting access is determined by landowners. This year's Managed framework is meant to maintain good hunting opportunities and deer numbers near goal.

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2019 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 4
Hunter Success: 33%

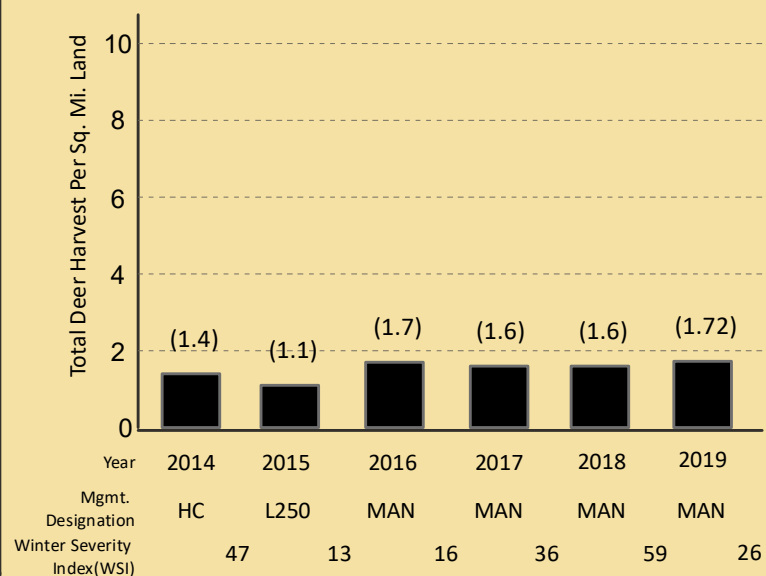
2019 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
Firearms¹	277	32	122	24	455
Archery	57	7	39	2	105
Muzzleloader	24	6	40	4	74
Total Harvest²	366	46	206	30	648

¹Includes Regular A and B seasons as well as early antlerless and youth seasons if it applies.

²Includes all seasons above plus any special hunts.

Deer Harvest, Management Designation and Winter Severity Index from 2014 - 2019/20



2020 Designations

