

# DEER PERMIT AREA 233 HUNTING INFORMATION

## 2024 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. 14 - Dec. 31
- Youth: Oct. 17 - 20
- Early Antlerless: N/A
- Firearm A: Nov. 9 - 17
- Firearm B: N/A
- Muzzleloader: Nov. 30 - Dec. 15
- Late CWD Hunts: N/A

## Land Cover Types % Tot.

Woody Cover	4
Grassland and Wetlands	10
Annual Row Crops	76
Open Water	1
Developed	9

## Total Land Area in 2023 (Non-water)

381 Sq. Mi.

## Lands Open to Public Hunting

Publically Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	2
State Forest	0
Misc. State Land	0
County Managed Land	0
USFWS Land (WPA and NWR)	0.2
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>2.2</b>

## Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 233 includes much of Dodge and eastern Steele Counties. Deer habitat is provided by a patchwork of grasslands, marshes, brushy areas, groves, and small forest tracts often associated with rivers in a landscape used primarily for row crop production, cities, and towns. There is a high percentage of private lands where hunting access is determined by landowners. Winter conditions were very mild. Indicators suggest deer numbers are robust. This year's Three-deer bag limit is meant to provide good hunting opportunities and help stabilize deer numbers near goal.

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### Important Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Information

Optional CWD testing - <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/cwd/cwd-testing.html>

A deer feeding and attractant ban is in effect for Dodge County. See [mndnr.gov/cwd/feedban.html](https://mndnr.gov/cwd/feedban.html) for details

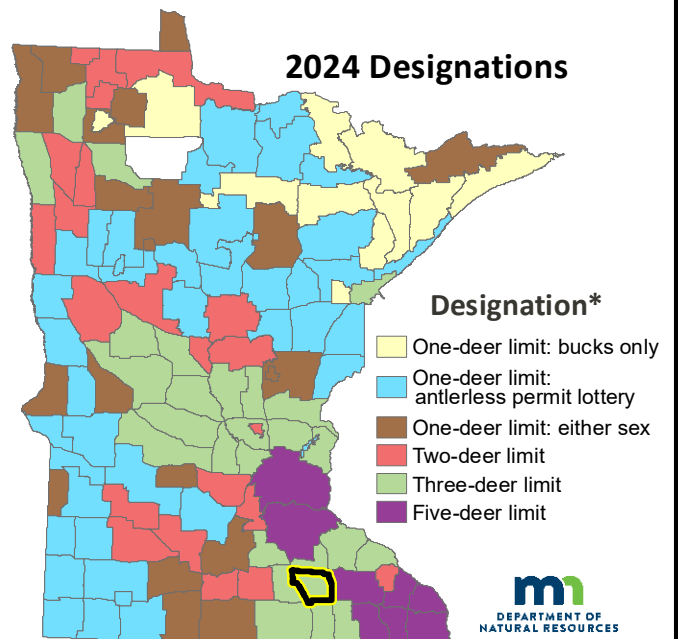
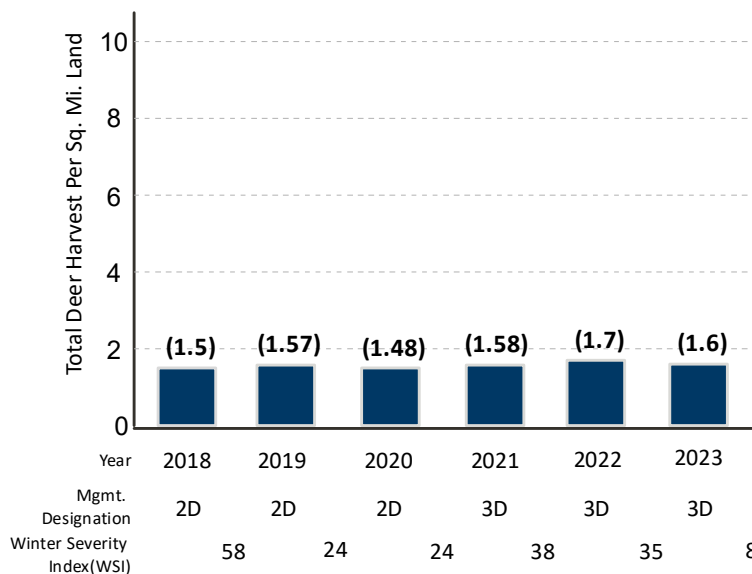
## 2023 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land:	2
Hunter Success:	43%

## 2023 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
<b>Firearms</b>	225	32	99	15	371
<b>Archery</b>	63	8	93	3	167
<b>Muzzleloader</b>	22	5	32	1	60
<b>Total Harvest</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>598</b>

## Deer Harvest, Management Designation and Winter Severity Index from 2018 - 2023/24



\* see page 70 in the hunting regulations for details



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