DEER PERMIT AREA 237 HUNTING INFORMATION

2025 Deer Hunting Information

Designation: One-deer limit: antlerless permit lottery (100)
Firearm Options: Shotgun using slugs, muzzleloaders and handguns legal for big game
Special Regulations: N/A

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

Land Cover Types	% Tot.
Woody Cover	1
Grassland and Wetlands	9
Annual Row Crops	82
Open Water	1
Developed	6

Total Land Area in 2024 (Non-water)

608 Sq. Mi.

Lands Open to Public Access Hunting

Publically Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	10
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	0.3
Total for Public Hunting	**11.3**

Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 237 had a boundary change in 2021 shrinking it by approximately 122 square miles. 82% of this permit area consists of row crop agriculture. In 2016-2020 50 antlerless permits were allocated to increase the deer population. In order to stabilize an increasing deer population, the antlerless permit allocation was set at 200 from 2021-2023 and reduced to 75 in 2024. Due to harvest data trends, we will be setting the antlerless permit allocation at 100 in 2025. This strategy will be re-evaluated after the 2025 harvest data is in and adjust accordingly.

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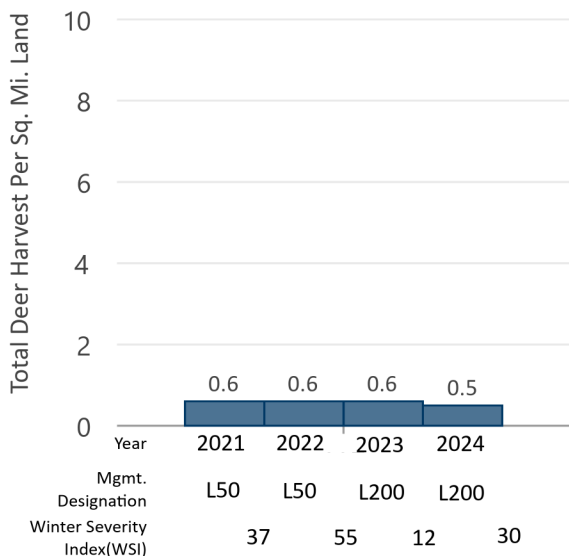**Optional CWD testing**

2024 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics
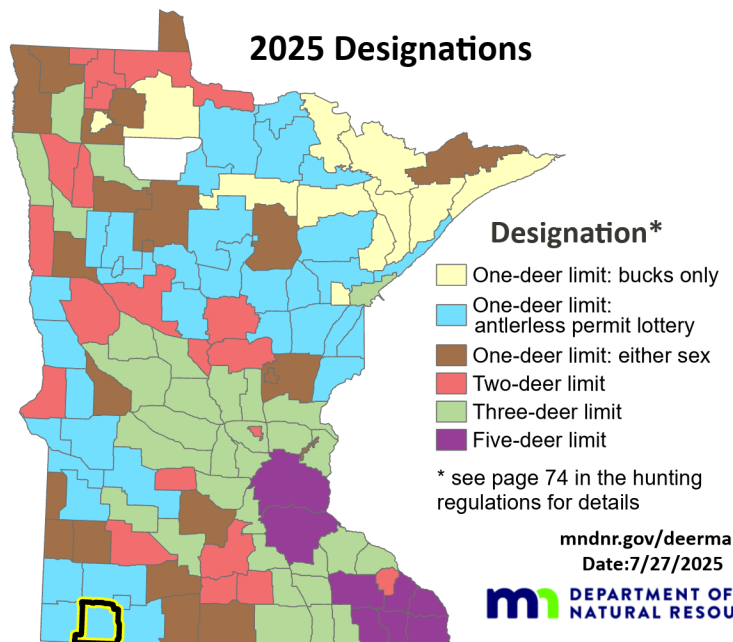
Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 2
Hunter Success: 26%

2024 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
Firearms	214	9	25	4	252
Archery	41	4	11	1	57
Muzzleloader	22	1	0	0	23
Total Harvest	277	14	36	5	332

Harvest, Designation and Winter Severity Index (WSI)

Year	2021	2022	2023	2024
(Harvest)	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5
Mgmt. Designation	L50	L50	L200	L200
Winter Severity Index(WSI)	37	55	12	30

2025 Designations

Designation*
- One-deer limit: bucks only
- One-deer limit: antlerless permit lottery
- One-deer limit: either sex
- Two-deer limit
- Three-deer limit
- Five-deer limit

* see page 74 in the hunting regulations for details

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