

DEER PERMIT AREA 238 HUNTING INFORMATION

2024 Deer Hunting Information

Designation: One-deer limit: antlerless permit lottery (50)

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	1
Grassland and Wetlands	19
Annual Row Crops	72
Open Water	3
Developed	4

Total Land Area in 2023 (Non-water)

95 Sq. Mi.

Lands Open to Public Hunting

Publically Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	9
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
Total for Public Hunting	10

Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 238 is a small permit area surrounding the 5000+ acre Talcot Lake Wildlife Management Area. The harvest strategy for a number of years allocated 50 antlerless permits. Due to this strategy the deer population increased, and antlerless permits were increased incrementally since 2021 to stabilize the population. In 2023, 125 antlerless permits were offered. Due to harvest data trends and new fawn survival data, we will be reducing antlerless permits back to 50 for 2024. When the 2024 harvest data is in, we will re-evaluate this strategy and adjust accordingly in 2025.

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Important Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Information

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

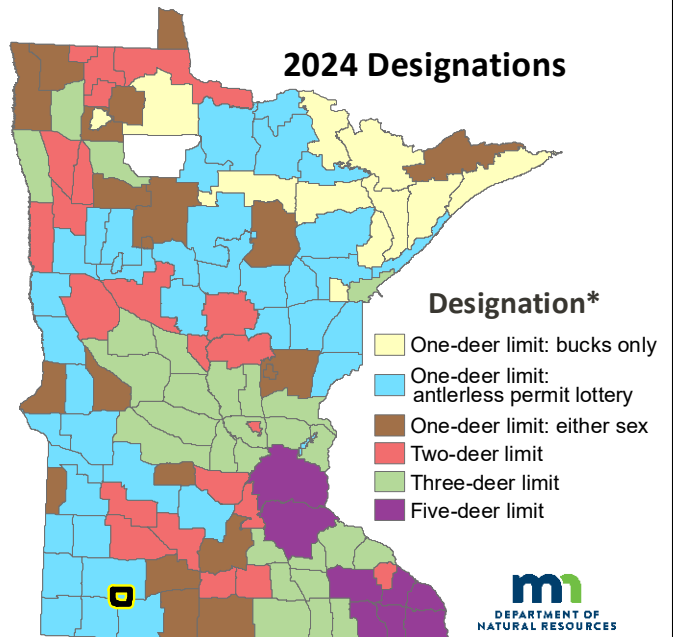
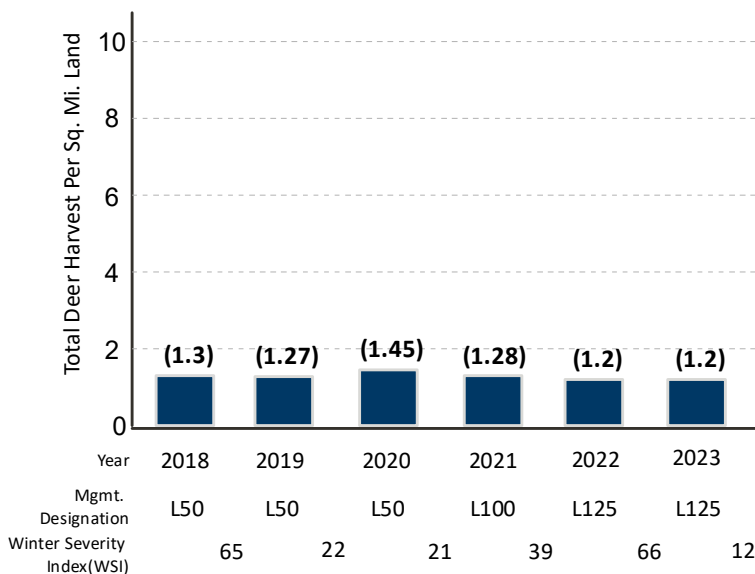
2023 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 3
Hunter Success: 34%

2023 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
Firearms	69	2	18	1	90
Archery	7	3	6	0	16
Muzzleloader	8	0	2	0	10
Total Harvest	84	5	26	1	116

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



* see page 70 in the hunting regulations for details