

DEER PERMIT AREA 250 HUNTING INFORMATION

2025 Deer Hunting Information

Designation: One-deer limit: antlerless permit lottery (450)

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 % Tot.

Woody Cover	2
Grassland and Wetlands	10
Annual Row Crops	79
Open Water	3
Developed	6

Total Land Area in 2024 (Non-water)

713 Sq. Mi.

Lands Open to Public Access Hunting

Publicly Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	10
State Forest	0
Misc. State Land	0.4
County Managed Land	0
USFWS Land (WPA and NWR)	9
USFS Land (National Forest)	0
Privately Owned Lands	
Forest Legacy/Forests for Future	0
Walk-In Access	0.1
Total for Public Hunting	19.5

Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 250 is primarily agricultural row crops. There are areas of good deer habitat including the Des Moines River corridor, and publicly owned land in the Sioux Valley and Heron Lake areas. There are also scattered public hunting areas that provide opportunities for hunters. The deer population in DPA 250 is at or slightly below goal set in 2021 with buck harvest decreasing during the past two years. Lottery Designation will decrease to 450 permits in 2025.

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Important Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Information
Optional CWD testing

2024 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

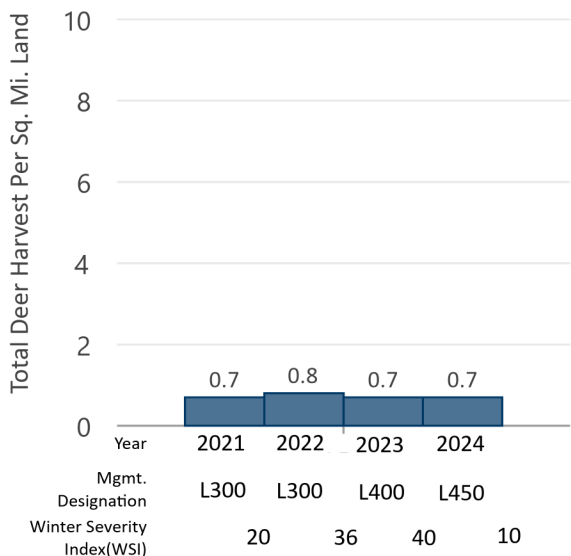
Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 2

Hunter Success: 29%

2024 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
Firearms	266	16	76	10	368
Archery	43	0	22	2	67
Muzzleloader	25	1	18	0	44
Total Harvest	334	17	116	12	479

Harvest, Designation and Winter Severity Index (WSI)



2025 Designations

