

DEER PERMIT AREA 252 HUNTING INFORMATION

2022 Deer Hunting Information

Designation: One-deer limit: antlerless permit lottery (550)

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

Special Regulations: N/A

Seasons:

- Archery: Sept. 17 - Dec. 31
- Youth: Oct. 20 - Oct. 23
- Early Antlerless: N/A
- Firearm A: Nov. 5 - Nov. 13
- Firearm B: N/A
- Muzzleloader: Nov. 26 - Dec. 11
- Late CWD Hunts: N/A

Land Cover Types	% Tot.
Woody Cover	2
Grassland and Wetlands	7
Annual Row Crops	82
Open Water	3
Developed	6

Total Land Area in 2021 (Non-water)

715 Sq. Mi.

Lands Open to Public Hunting

Publically Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	6
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	0.2
Total for Public Hunting	7

Wildlife Manager Report

Land cover in Deer Permit Area (DPA) 252 is primarily agricultural row crops. There are major riparian corridors, including the East Fork of the Des Moines River, Elm Creek and Watonwan River. There are also public hunting areas (state WMA and federal WPA) that provide hunting opportunities. Complexes providing good deer habitat have continued to grow. Deer populations in DPA 252 are currently at the goal established through the 2021 public goal setting process. Harvest trends in DPA 252 have been relatively stable to slightly increasing. To maintain a stable population a designation of Lottery with 550 permits available will be in effect in 2022 to maintain the herd near the population goal.

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Important Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Information
Optional CWD testing available. Visit mndnr.gov/cwd/cwd-testing.html

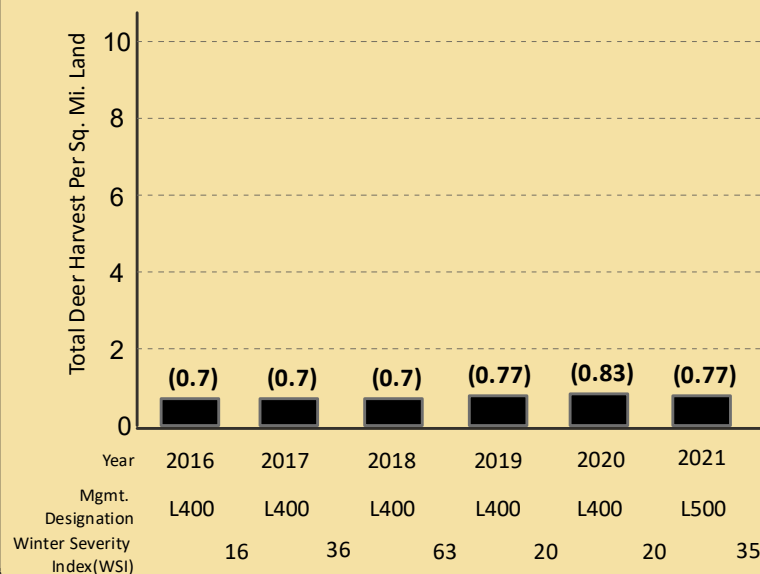
2021 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 2
Hunter Success: 32%

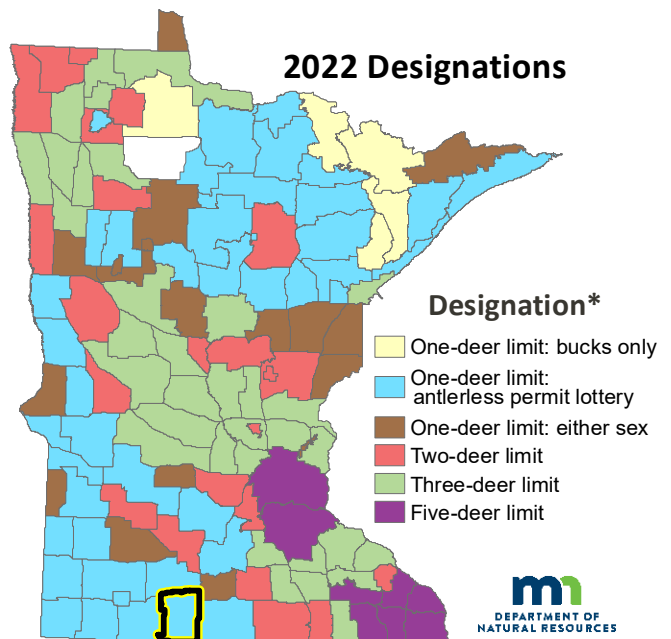
2021 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
Firearms	300	22	100	12	434
Archery	48	1	23	2	74
Muzzleloader	27	2	11	1	41
Total Harvest	375	25	134	15	549

Deer Harvest, Management Designation and Winter Severity Index from 2016 - 2021/22



2022 Designations



* see page 67 in the hunting regulations for details