

DEER PERMIT AREA 253 HUNTING INFORMATION

2020 Deer Hunting Information

Designation: Lottery: 1 deer limit (300 permits)

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

Special Regulations: N/A

Seasons:

Archery: Sept. 19 - Dec. 31

Youth: Oct. 15 - Oct. 18

Early Antlerless: N/A

Firearm A: Nov. 7 - Nov. 15

Firearm B: N/A

Muzzleloader: Nov. 28 - Dec. 13

Land Cover Types % Tot.

Woody Cover	4
Grassland and Wetlands	5
Annual Row Crops	83
Open Water	1
Developed	6

Total Land Area in 2019 (Non-water)

974 Sq. Mi.

Lands Open to Public Hunting

Publically Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	7
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	0.5
Total for Public Hunting	9

Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 253 includes much of Faribault County with about one quarter of Eastern Martin County and small portions of Southern Blue Earth, Watonwan, and Waseca counties. The area is intensively farmed, with wintering areas concentrated along river corridors and large conservation areas. The Walnut Lake Wildlife Management Area is a large area of excellent habitat in the center of this DPA. Deer populations appear stable in this area, and we therefore intend to maintain the antlerless tag lottery at 300 permits available.

DNR Wildlife Contact(s): Stein Innvaer, 507-225-3572

2019 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 2
Hunter Success: 27%

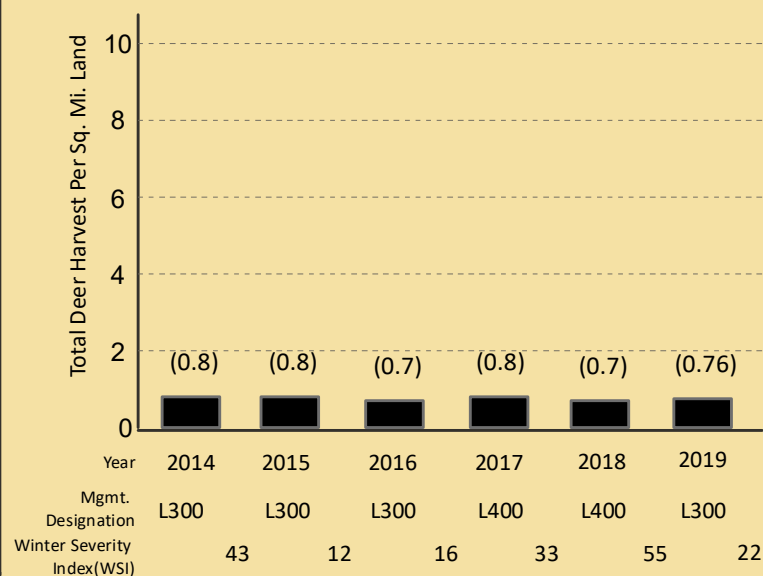
2019 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
Firearms¹	390	18	88	6	502
Archery	88	7	50	3	148
Muzzleloader	55	2	19	1	77
Total Harvest²	539	28	161	12	740

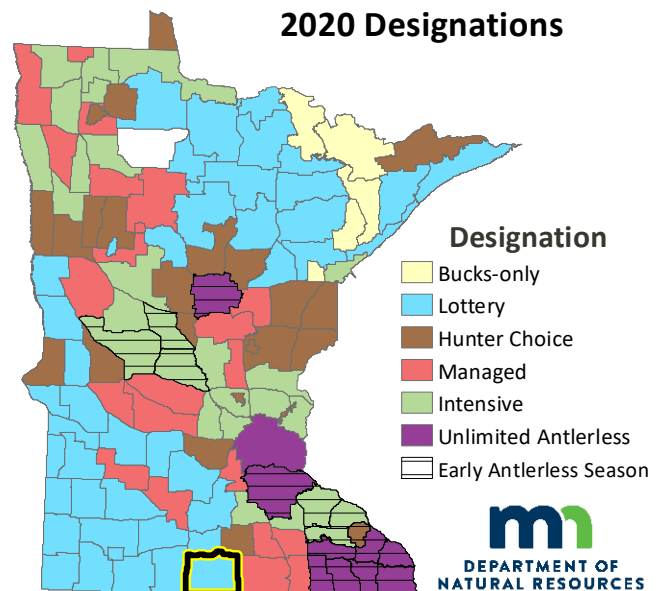
¹Includes Regular A and B seasons as well as early antlerless and youth seasons if it applies.

²Includes all seasons above plus any special hunts.

Deer Harvest, Management Designation and Winter Severity Index from 2014 - 2019/20



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