

# DEER PERMIT AREA 253 HUNTING INFORMATION

## 2025 Deer Hunting Information

**Designation:** One-deer limit: either sex

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

### Total Land Area in 2024 (Non-water)

974 Sq. Mi.

### Lands Open to Public Access Hunting

Publicly Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	8
State Forest	0
Misc. State Land	0.6
County Managed Land	0
USFWS Land (WPA and NWR)	2
USFS Land (National Forest)	0
Privately Owned Lands	
Forest Legacy/Forests for Future	0
Walk-In Access	0.3
<b>Total for Public Hunting</b>	<b>10.9</b>

## Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 253 includes most of Faribault County, a portion of eastern Martin County, and small areas of southern Blue Earth, Watonwan, and Waseca counties. The land is intensively farmed with scattered public State and Federal conservation areas, and rarely experiences a severe winter. Despite the extensive agricultural land use, this DPA continues to be very productive deer habitat. Based on Buck Harvest and Hunter Success Rates, this DPA is currently stable and at goal and we believe continuing the Either-Sex harvest strategy for 2025 will maintain deer populations at this level.

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

## 2024 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

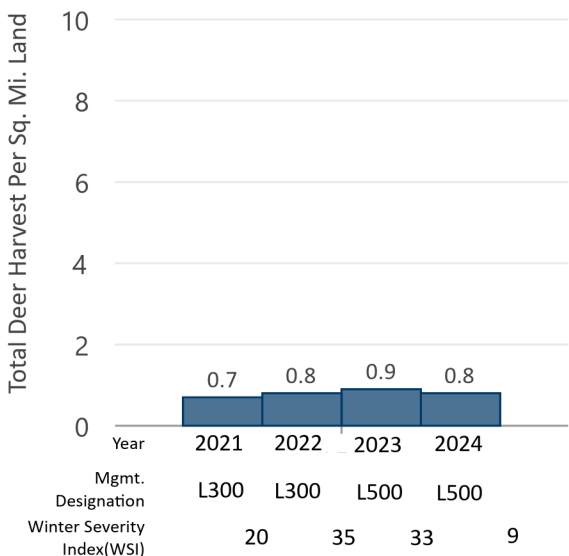
Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 2

Hunter Success: 31%

## 2024 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
<b>Firearms</b>	416	18	128	19	581
<b>Archery</b>	87	4	34	2	127
<b>Muzzleloader</b>	41	2	28	6	77
<b>Total Harvest</b>	544	24	190	27	785

## Harvest, Designation and Winter Severity Index (WSI)



## 2025 Designations

