

# DEER PERMIT AREA 254 HUNTING INFORMATION

## 2022 Deer Hunting Information

**Designation:** Two-deer limit

**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	3
Grassland and Wetlands	10
Annual Row Crops	77
Open Water	2
Developed	8

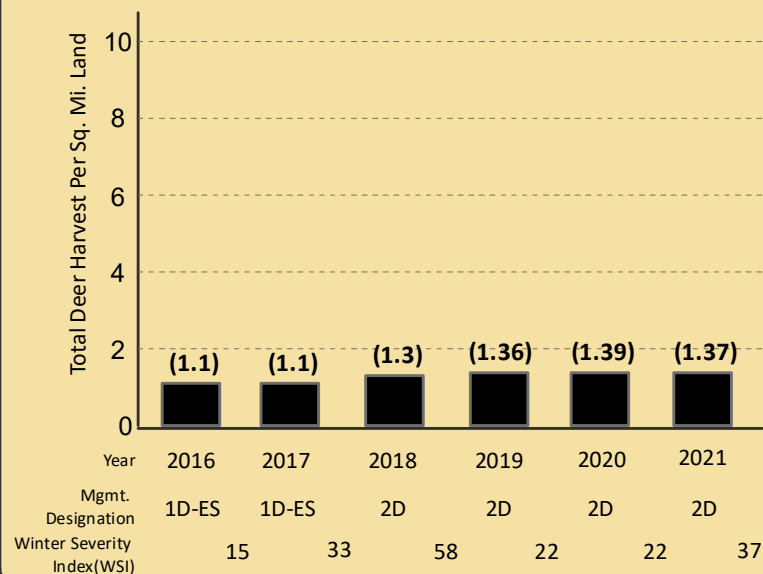
## Total Land Area in 2021 (Non-water)

924 Sq. Mi.

## Lands Open to Public Hunting

Publically Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	5
State Forest	0
Misc. State Land	0
County Managed Land	0
USFWS Land (WPA and NWR)	4
USFS Land (National Forest)	0
Privately Owned Lands	
Forest Legacy/Forests for Future	0
Walk-In Access	0
<b>Total for Public Hunting</b>	<b>9</b>

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



## Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 254 includes Freeborn and parts of adjoining Counties. The landscape is used primarily for row crop production. Deer habitat is provided by a patchwork of grasslands, marshes, brushy areas and woodlands often associated with rivers, lakes and large marshes. Winter conditions were generally mild and good numbers of deer and fawns are observed. Historically, a moderate season framework is often used due to good recruitment and high percentage of private lands where hunting access is determined by landowners. This year's Two-deer bag limit is meant to provide good hunting opportunities and maintain deer numbers near goal.

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**Important Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Information**  
Optional CWD testing available. Visit [mndnr.gov/cwd/cwd-testing.html](http://mndnr.gov/cwd/cwd-testing.html)

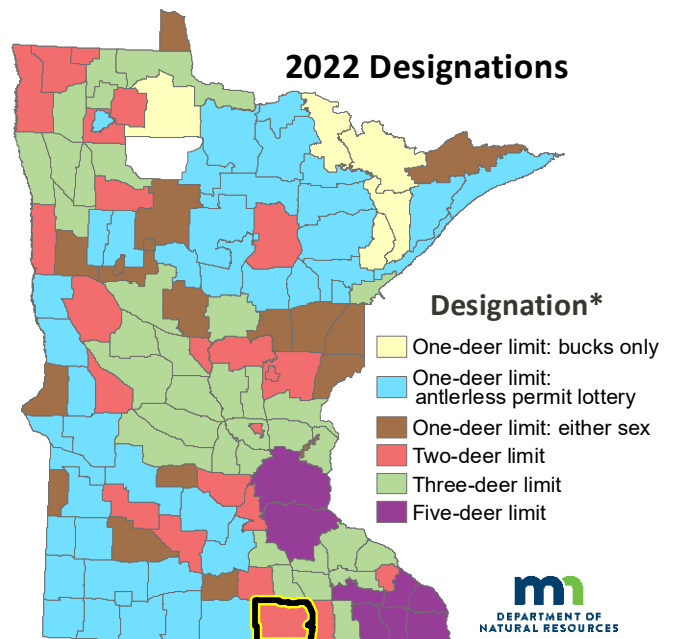
**A deer feeding and attractant ban is in effect for Freeborn, Mower and Steele Counties. See [mndnr.gov/cwd/feedban.html](http://mndnr.gov/cwd/feedban.html) for details**

## 2021 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 3  
Hunter Success: 38%

## 2021 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
Firearms	565	64	271	42	942
Archery	98	10	73	9	190
Muzzleloader	50	8	61	13	132
<b>Total Harvest</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>1264</b>



\* see page 67 in the hunting regulations for details