

# DEER PERMIT AREA 255 HUNTING INFORMATION

## 2024 Deer Hunting Information

**Designation:** Three-deer limit

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

**Special Regulations:** N/A

**Seasons:**

- Archery: Sept. 14 - Dec. 31
- Youth: Oct. 17 - 20
- Early Antlerless: N/A
- Firearm A: Nov. 9 - 17
- Firearm B: N/A
- Muzzleloader: Nov. 30 - Dec. 15
- Late CWD Hunts: N/A

## Land Cover Types % Tot.

Woody Cover	4
Grassland and Wetlands	9
Annual Row Crops	77
Open Water	0
Developed	10

## Total Land Area in 2023 (Non-water)

392 Sq. Mi.

## Lands Open to Public Hunting

Publically Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	2
State Forest	0
Misc. State Land	0.1
County Managed Land	0
USFWS Land (WPA and NWR)	0
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>2.1</b>

## Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 255 includes western Mower County and the southern edge of Dodge County. The landscape is used primarily for row crop production with urban areas associated with Austin and small towns. A high percentage of the land base is private where hunting access is determined by landowners. Deer habitat is provided by a patchwork of grasslands, marshes, brushy areas, and woodlands mostly associated with rivers and streams. Winter conditions were mild. Deer numbers are robust and good numbers of deer and fawns are observed. This year's Three-deer bag limit is meant to provide good hunting opportunities and help stabilize deer numbers near goal.

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### Important Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Information

Optional CWD testing - <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/cwd/cwd-testing.html>

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

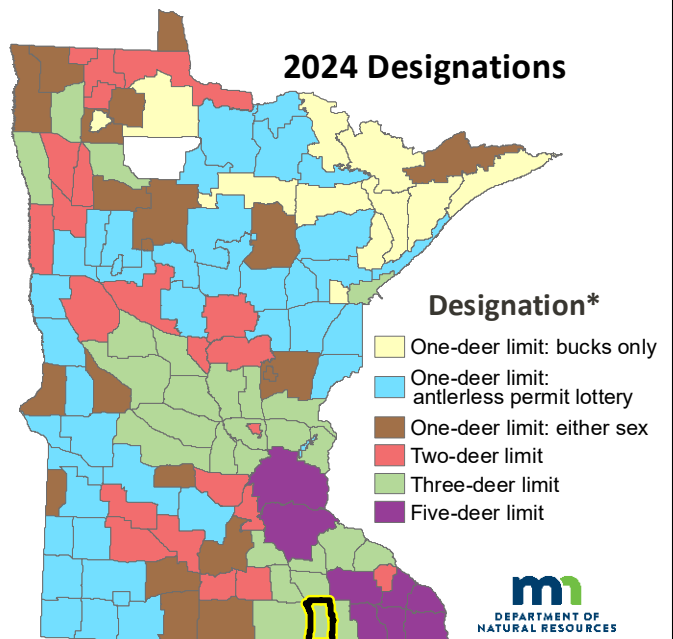
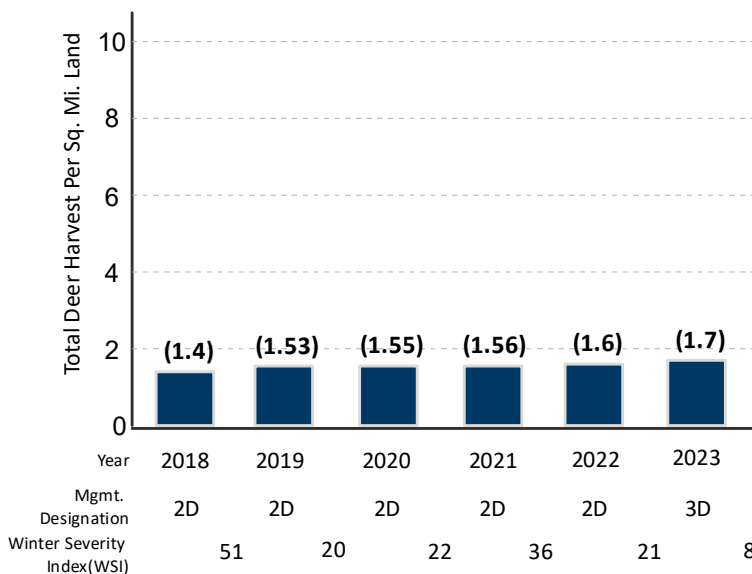
## 2023 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 3  
Hunter Success: 43%

## 2023 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
<b>Firearms</b>	274	33	129	31	467
<b>Archery</b>	73	9	72	12	166
<b>Muzzleloader</b>	10	3	29	2	44
<b>Total Harvest</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>677</b>

## Deer Harvest, Management Designation and Winter Severity Index from 2018 - 2023/24



\* see page 70 in the hunting regulations for details