

# DEER PERMIT AREA 255 HUNTING INFORMATION

## 2025 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. 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	9
Annual Row Crops	77
Open Water	0
Developed	10

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

392 Sq. Mi.

### Lands Open to Public Access Hunting

Publicly 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 adult deer and fawns are observed. This year's 3-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

**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**

## 2024 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

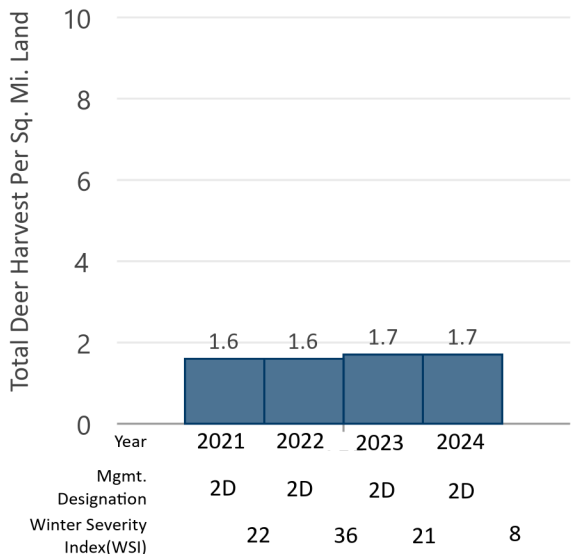
Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 3

Hunter Success: 42%

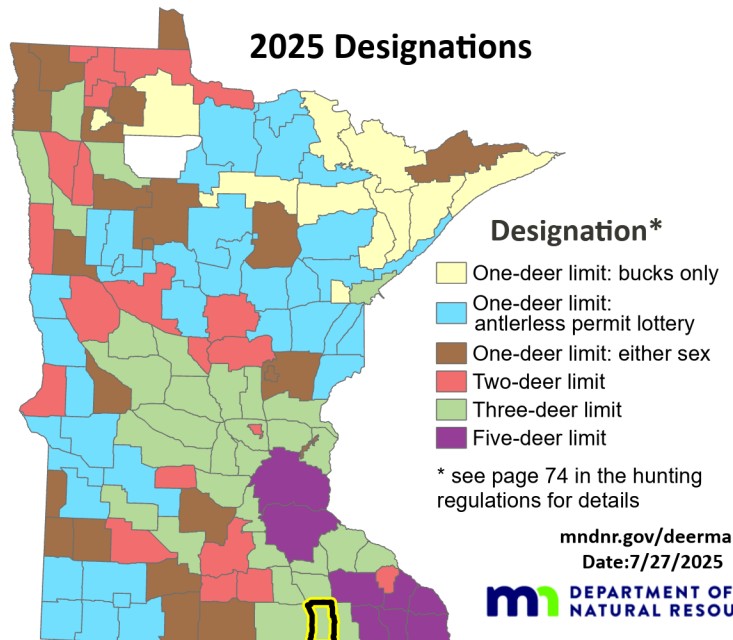
## 2024 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
<b>Firearms</b>	268	32	132	22	454
<b>Archery</b>	73	10	78	13	174
<b>Muzzleloader</b>	12	4	28	5	49
<b>Total Harvest</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>677</b>

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



## 2025 Designations



[mndnr.gov/deermap](http://mndnr.gov/deermap)

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