

DEER PERMIT AREA 256 HUNTING INFORMATION

2024 Deer Hunting Information

Designation: Two-deer limit

Firearm Options: All Legal Firearms

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	8
Grassland and Wetlands	23
Annual Row Crops	62
Open Water	2
Developed	5

Total Land Area in 2023 (Non-water)

654 Sq. Mi.

Lands Open to Public Hunting

Publically Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	21
State Forest	0
Misc. State Land	1
County Managed Land	0.8
USFWS Land (WPA and NWR)	22
USFS Land (National Forest)	0
Privately Owned Lands	
Forest Legacy/Forests for Future	0
Walk-In Access	0
Total for Public Hunting	44.8

Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 256 includes portions of southern Marshall, western Pennington, Red Lake, and Polk counties. Landcover is dominated by 62% agriculture row crops, followed by 23% grasslands and wetlands, and 8% brushlands and woodlands. Although the winters of 2021 and 2022 were moderately severe, this highly productive deer population has remained over the goal established in 2020. Even though the buck harvest has declined the past 3 years with a multi-deer limit, the very mild 2023 winter should result in a noticeable uptick in deer numbers this fall. A Two-deer limit will be offered for the 2024 deer seasons to allow increased hunter opportunity, especially in areas with higher deer densities.

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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 Polk County. See mndnr.gov/cwd/feedban.html for details

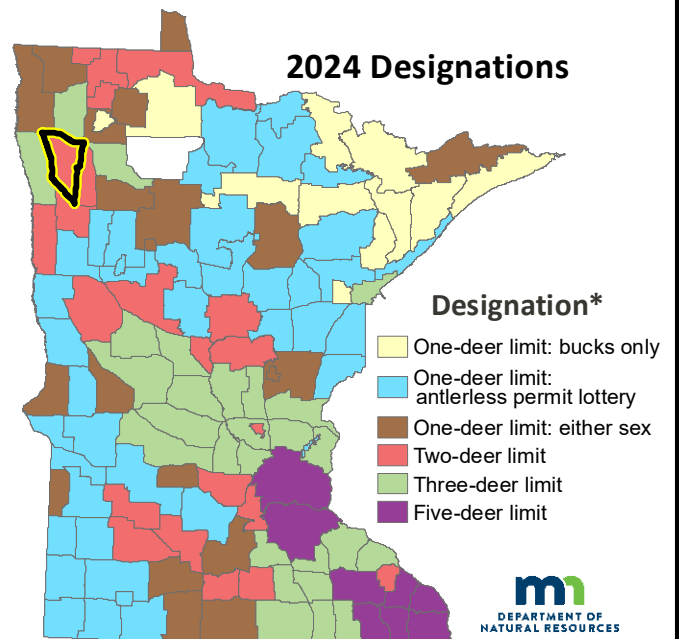
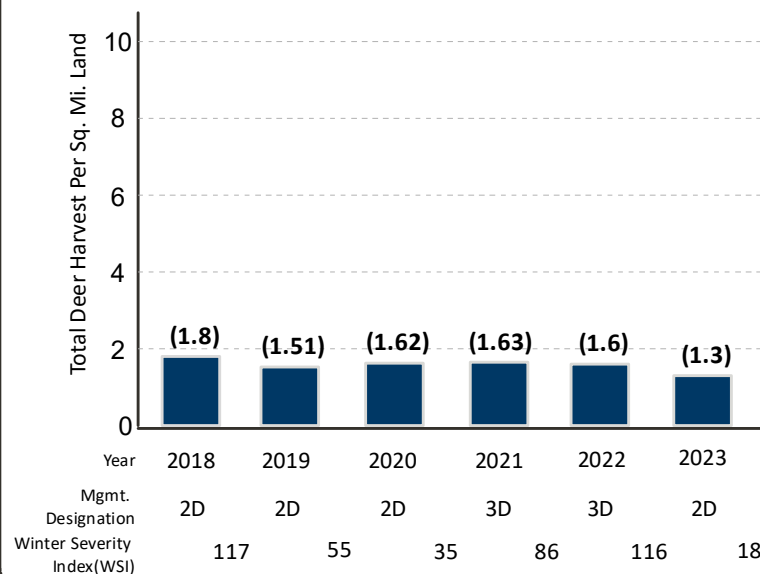
2023 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land:	3
Hunter Success:	36%

2023 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
Firearms	408	60	242	48	758
Archery	23	5	25	1	54
Muzzleloader	27	2	23	3	55
Total Harvest	458	67	290	52	867

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



* see page 70 in the hunting regulations for details

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