

# DEER PERMIT AREA 257 HUNTING INFORMATION

## 2022 Deer Hunting Information

**Designation:** Three-deer limit

**Firearm Options:** All Legal Firearms

**Special Regulations:** Special CWD related regulations in this area. See [mndnr.gov/cwd](http://mndnr.gov/cwd) for details

**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	12
Grassland and Wetlands	24
Annual Row Crops	53
Open Water	4
Developed	6

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

412 Sq. Mi.

### Lands Open to Public Hunting

Publically Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	10
State Forest	0
Misc. State Land	0
County Managed Land	0
USFWS Land (WPA and NWR)	25
USFS Land (National Forest)	0
<b>Privately Owned Lands</b>	
Forest Legacy/Forests for Future	0
Walk-In Access	0
<b>Total for Public Hunting</b>	<b>35</b>

### Wildlife Manager Report

DPA 257 contains portions of central Pennington, Red Lake, and Polk counties. There is good deer habitat on public and private land, although there has been significant loss of CRP since 2012. The 2020 public input goal aims to stabilize density at the 2019 population level. Buck harvest has been stable for the past three years, indicating a fairly stable population even with a Three-deer limit the past four years. This DPA did experience higher winter severity this past year (some fawn mortality), but not enough to warrant reducing hunting opportunity. For these reasons, DPA 257 will maintain the Three-deer limit this year to stay at goal.

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**Important Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Information**  
**Voluntary CWD testing all seasons**

**A deer feeding and attractant ban is in effect for Pennington, Polk and Red Lake 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: 5  
 Hunter Success: 48%

### 2021 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
<b>Firearms</b>	496	57	285	49	887
<b>Archery</b>	27	4	35	2	68
<b>Muzzleloader</b>	21	3	33	3	60
<b>Total Harvest</b>	544	64	353	54	1015

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

