

# DEER PERMIT AREA 266 HUNTING INFORMATION

## 2022 Deer Hunting Information

**Designation:** One-deer limit: either sex

**Firearm Options:** See DPA Detail Map

**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	6
Grassland and Wetlands	21
Annual Row Crops	66
Open Water	2
Developed	5

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

617 Sq. Mi.

## Lands Open to Public Hunting

Publically Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	15
State Forest	0
Misc. State Land	1
County Managed Land	2
USFWS Land (WPA and NWR)	26
USFS Land (National Forest)	0
Privately Owned Lands	
Forest Legacy/Forests for Future	0
Walk-In Access	2.5
<b>Total for Public Hunting</b>	<b>47</b>

### Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 266 includes the NE corner of Clay, SE corner of Norman and a sliver of NW Becker Counties. The land base is largely agricultural, but a good habitat mix of grasslands, wetlands and woodlots are present along the Agassiz Beach Ridge and adjacent to Hamden Slough NWR. A fair amount of public land hunting opportunities exist throughout the DPA. Three years of an Either Sex bag limit seems to be stabilizing the population. A hard winter last year lead to some overwinter fawn mortality; yearling buck numbers will likely be less than past years. The current population is slightly above goal levels established in 2019. The management designation of Either Sex in 2022 should continue to maximize harvest opportunity.

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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 Norman County. See [mndnr.gov/cwd/feedban.html](http://mndnr.gov/cwd/feedban.html) for details**

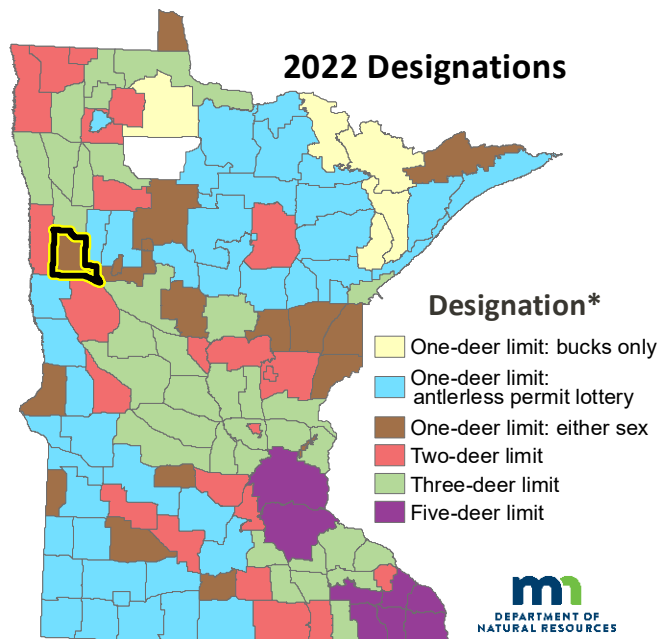
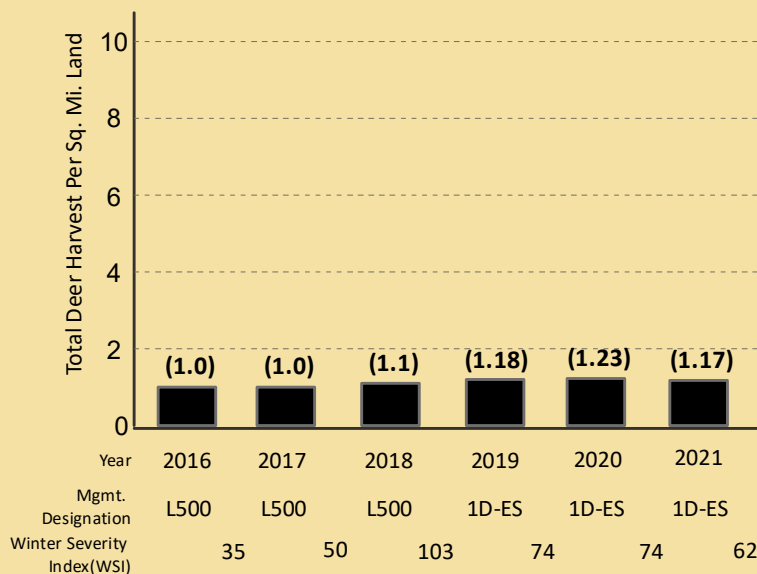
## 2021 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 3  
Hunter Success: 32%

## 2021 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
<b>Firearms</b>	399	25	151	21	596
<b>Archery</b>	24	2	11	5	42
<b>Muzzleloader</b>	46	4	27	4	81
<b>Total Harvest</b>	469	31	189	30	719

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



\* see page 67 in the hunting regulations for details