

DEER PERMIT AREA 266 HUNTING INFORMATION

2024 Deer Hunting Information

Designation: One-deer limit: antlerless permit lottery (500)

Firearm Options: See DPA Detail Map

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

Total Land Area in 2023 (Non-water)

617 Sq. Mi.

Lands Open to Public Hunting

Publically Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	17
State Forest	0
Misc. State Land	0.9
County Managed Land	0
USFWS Land (WPA and NWR)	24
USFS Land (National Forest)	0
Privately Owned Lands	
Forest Legacy/Forests for Future	0
Walk-In Access	2
Total for Public Hunting	43.9

Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 266 includes the NE corner of Clay, SE corner of Norman and portion 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. Decent public land hunting opportunities exist throughout the DPA. Severe winters in 2022/2023 have reduced the population, though this past winter was very mild and should allow the herd to grow. While antlerless harvest declined 41% in 2023, buck harvest increased 7% due to reductions in antlerless tags. This DPA will remain a Lottery designation with 500 antlerless tags available in 2024.

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

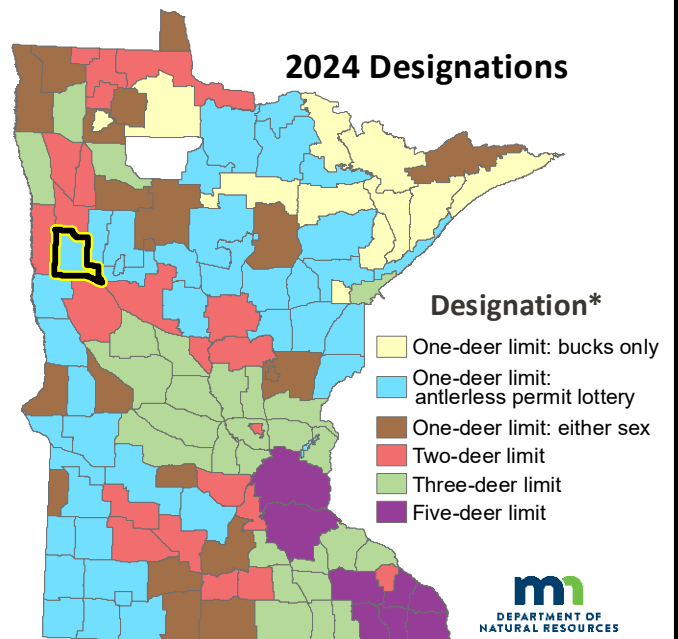
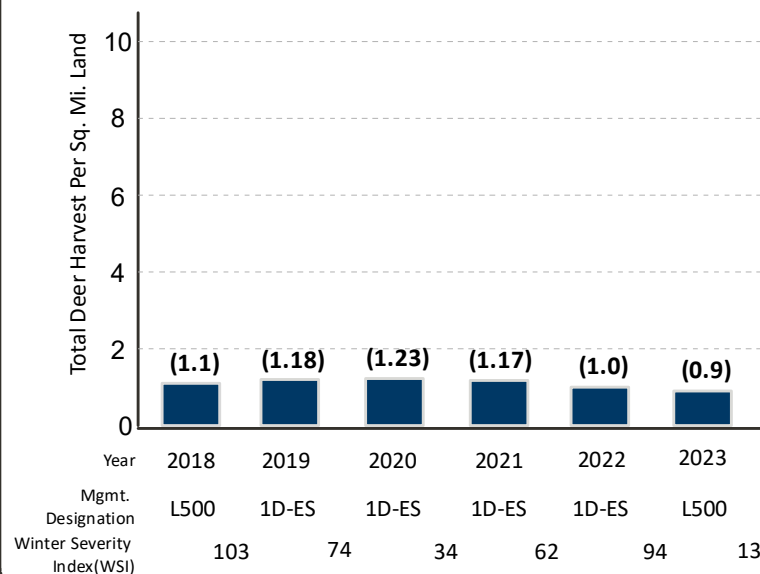
2023 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land:	3
Hunter Success:	26%

2023 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
Firearms	355	18	82	5	460
Archery	30	0	15	1	46
Muzzleloader	34	2	9	0	45
Total Harvest	419	20	106	6	551

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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