

DEER PERMIT AREA 270 HUNTING INFORMATION

2022 Deer Hunting Information

Designation: One-deer limit: antlerless permit lottery (150)

Firearm Options: Shotgun using slugs, muzzleloaders and handguns legal for big game

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	2
Grassland and Wetlands	9
Annual Row Crops	82
Open Water	2
Developed	5

Total Land Area in 2021 (Non-water)

748 Sq. Mi.

Lands Open to Public Hunting

Publically Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	7
State Forest	0
Misc. State Land	0
County Managed Land	0
USFWS Land (WPA and NWR)	17
USFS Land (National Forest)	0
Privately Owned Lands	
Forest Legacy/Forests for Future	0
Walk-In Access	2
Total for Public Hunting	26

Wildlife Manager Report

DPA 270 includes parts of Wilkin, Otter Tail, and Grant Counties, with 82% being farmed in row crops, and few instances of depredation. Wooded corridors associated with the Red and Ottertail Rivers and public lands provide much of the wildlife habitat. The goal for this DPA (from 2020 goal setting) was to increase this deer herd by about 25% from the 2020 level. The population has increased slightly under conservative harvest strategies since the mid-2000s, and a conservative strategy will continue to provide hunter opportunity and prevent population decreases. Therefore, we are implementing Lottery (150) in 2022 to reflect that sentiment, and to provide a modest number of antlerless tags to help address some localized deer damage.

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Important Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Information
Optional CWD testing available. Visit mndnr.gov/cwd/cwd-testing.html

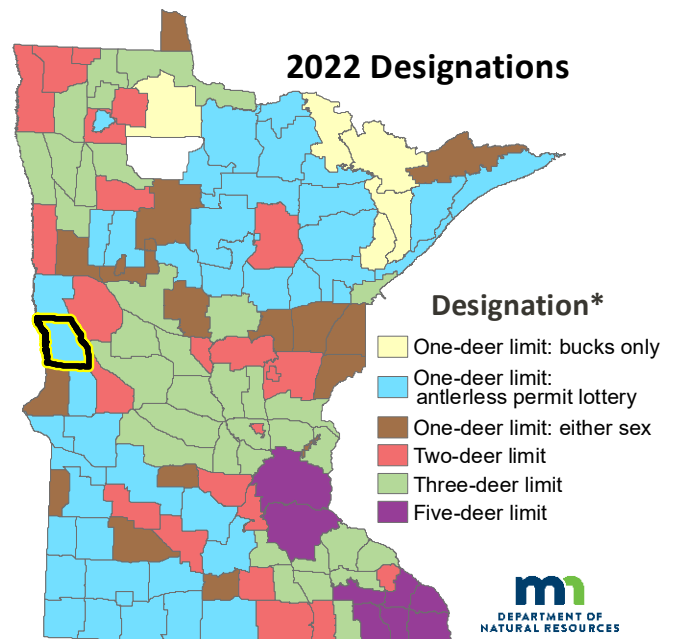
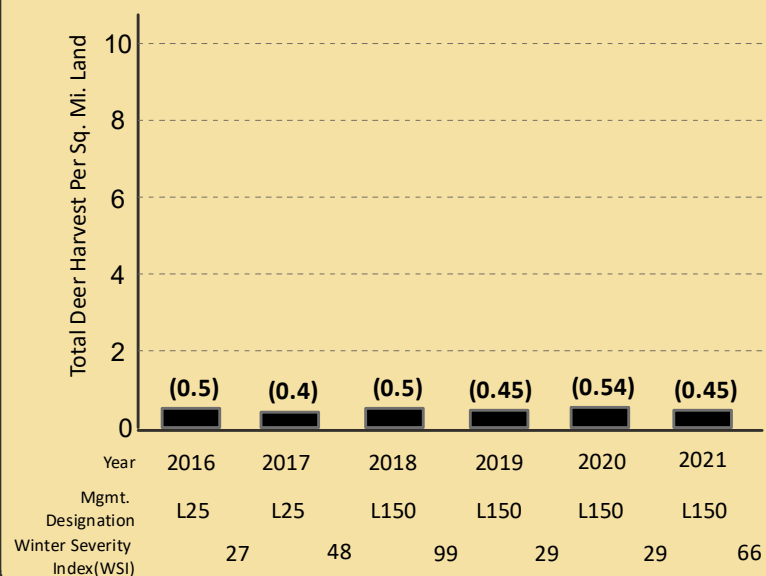
2021 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 1
Hunter Success: 26%

2021 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
Firearms	218	4	34	6	262
Archery	25	2	10	0	37
Muzzleloader	32	2	6	0	40
Total Harvest	275	8	50	6	339

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



* see page 67 in the hunting regulations for details