

DEER PERMIT AREA 270 HUNTING INFORMATION

2025 Deer Hunting Information

Designation: One-deer limit: antlerless permit lottery (100)

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

Special Regulations: Special CWD related regulations in this area. See mndnr.gov/cwd for details

Seasons:

Archery: Sept. 13 - Dec. 31

Youth: Oct. 16-19

Early Antlerless: N/A

Statewide Firearms: Nov. 8 - 16

Late SE Firearms: N/A

Muzzleloader: Nov. 29 - Dec. 14

Late CWD: 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 2024 (Non-water)

748 Sq. Mi.

Lands Open to Public Access Hunting

Publicly 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)	16
USFS Land (National Forest)	0
Privately Owned Lands	
Forest Legacy/Forests for Future	0
Walk-In Access	2
Total for Public Hunting	25

Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 270 includes parts of Wilken, Otter Tail, and Grant counties with 82% farmed in row crops. Wooded corridors associated with the Red and Ottortail Rivers and public lands provide much of the wildlife habitat. The DPA 270 goal from 2020 goal setting was to increase this deer herd by 25% from the 2020 level. The deer population in DPA 270 had previously shown a downward trend after two consecutive moderate to harsh winters. However, the mild winters of 2023-24 and 2024-25 combined with a deer limit of Lottery (150) has been implemented to allow for deer population growth.

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Important Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Information
Mandatory CWD testing Nov. 8-9

A deer feeding and attractant ban is in effect for Wilkin County. See mndnr.gov/cwd/feedban.html for details

2024 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

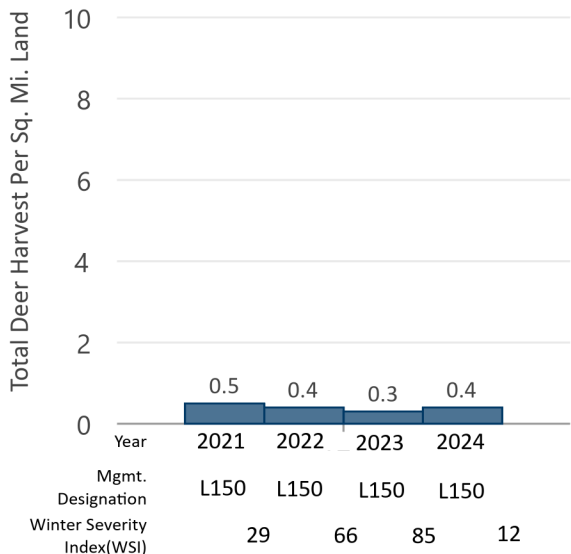
Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 1

Hunter Success: 24%

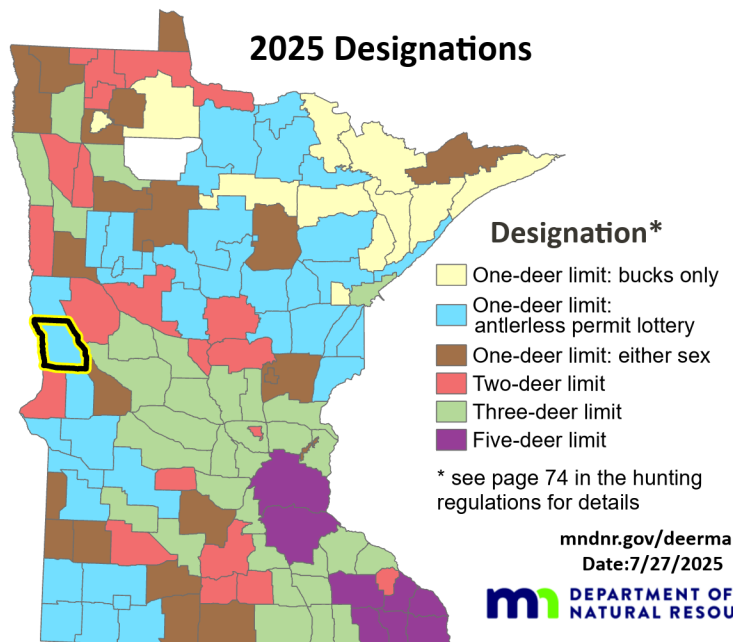
2024 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
Firearms	207	5	9	5	226
Archery	32	0	9	1	42
Muzzleloader	35	0	1	0	36
Total Harvest	274	5	19	6	304

Harvest, Designation and Winter Severity Index (WSI)



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