

DEER PERMIT AREA 271 HUNTING INFORMATION

2024 Deer Hunting Information

Designation: One-deer limit: either sex

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

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	1
Grassland and Wetlands	8
Annual Row Crops	83
Open Water	3
Developed	5

Total Land Area in 2023 (Non-water)

632 Sq. Mi.

Lands Open to Public Hunting

Publically Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	2
State Forest	0
Misc. State Land	0.1
County Managed Land	0
USFWS Land (WPA and NWR)	7
USFS Land (National Forest)	0
Privately Owned Lands	
Forest Legacy/Forests for Future	0
Walk-In Access	0.8
Total for Public Hunting	9.9

Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 271 includes all of Traverse County with small portions of northern Big Stone and southern Wilkin counties. This DPA is heavily farmed (~83%) with limited amount of quality habitat found along the western edge and a few riparian areas. DPA 271 deer population is still modeled above the population goal established in 2020, which was set to decrease the deer herd by 25% from 2020 levels. Risk is very low of this deer herd getting out of control and most landowners are tolerant of deer in this DPA. DPA 271 deer population has shown a downward trend after two consecutive moderately severe winters. The very mild winter of 2023/2024 combined with an Either-sex deer limit in 2024 will mitigate previous deer winter losses.

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Important Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Information

Optional CWD testing - <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/cwd/cwd-testing.html>

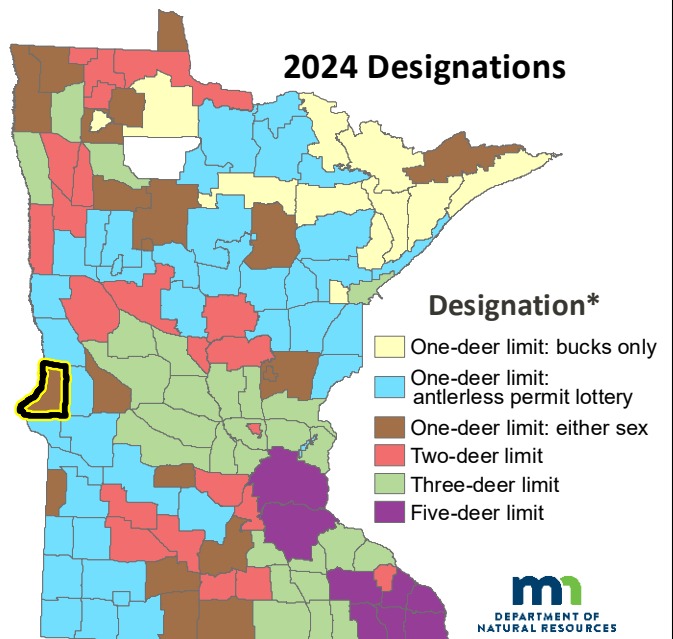
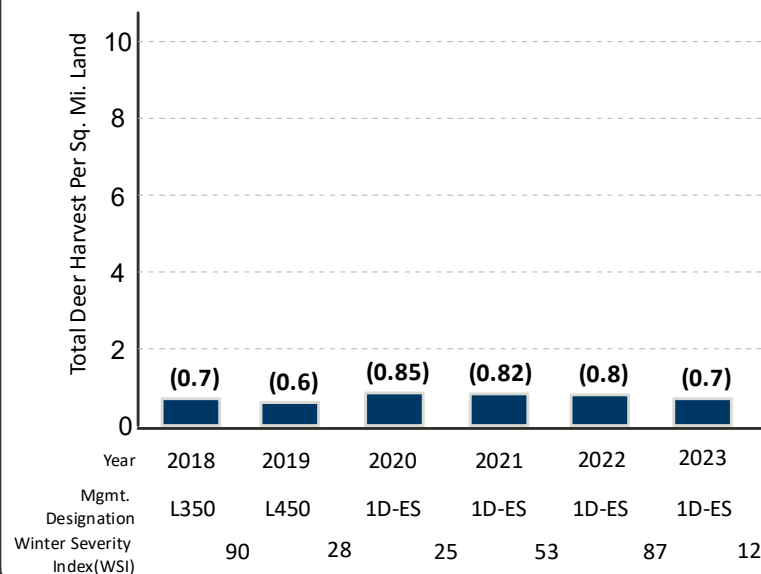
2023 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 2
Hunter Success: 28%

2023 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
Firearms	222	9	69	10	310
Archery	40	2	12	1	55
Muzzleloader	31	0	17	1	49
Total Harvest	293	11	98	12	414

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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