

DEER PERMIT AREA 272 HUNTING INFORMATION

2024 Deer Hunting Information

Designation: One-deer limit: antlerless permit lottery (25)

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	13
Annual Row Crops	77
Open Water	4
Developed	5

Total Land Area in 2023 (Non-water)

531 Sq. Mi.

Lands Open to Public Hunting

Publically Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	3
State Forest	0
Misc. State Land	0
County Managed Land	0
USFWS Land (WPA and NWR)	13
USFS Land (National Forest)	0
Privately Owned Lands	
Forest Legacy/Forests for Future	0
Walk-In Access	0.8
Total for Public Hunting	16.8

Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 272's population goal established in 2020 was to increase deer density by 25% from the 2019 density. This DPA covers parts of Stevens and Grant counties with a land base consisting of 77% row crops and limited good quality deer habitat. Although our harvest-based model suggests that the growth rate of this herd is increasing, that interpretation, may be suspect based on model performance due to low harvest. Landowner tolerance for deer is overall good with few deer complaints. The very mild winter of 2023/2024 combined with a deer limit of Lottery (25) has been implemented in this farmland dominated DPA to allow for more deer population growth.

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Important Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Information
 Optional CWD testing - <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/cwd/cwd-testing.html>

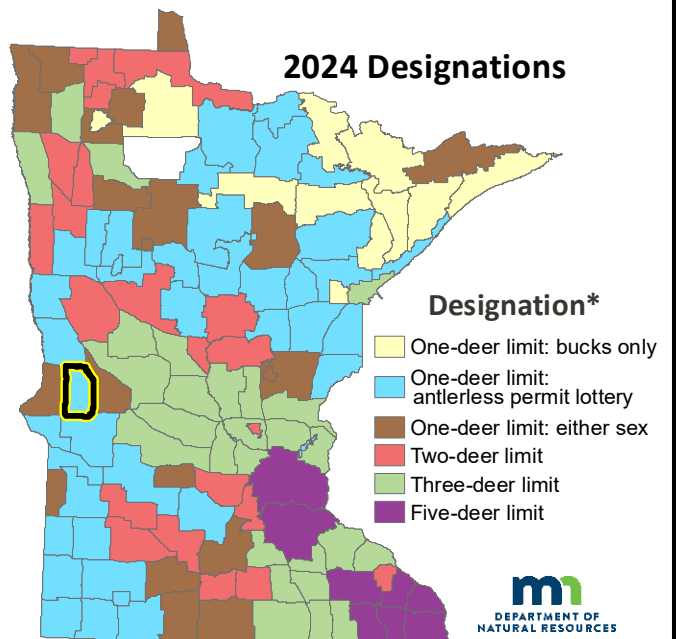
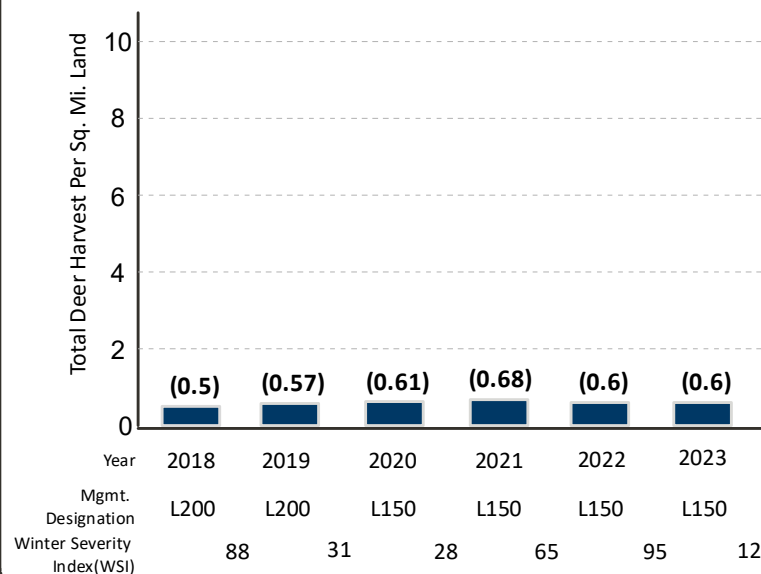
2023 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 2
 Hunter Success: 26%

2023 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
Firearms	227	2	46	7	282
Archery	18	2	4	0	24
Muzzleloader	22	0	4	0	26
Total Harvest	267	4	54	7	332

Deer Harvest, Management Designation and Winter Severity Index from 2018 - 2023/24



* see page 70 in the hunting regulations for details