

DEER PERMIT AREA 273 HUNTING INFORMATION

2025 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. 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	8
Grassland and Wetlands	21
Annual Row Crops	55
Open Water	11
Developed	5

Total Land Area in 2024 (Non-water)

571 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)	22
USFS Land (National Forest)	0
Privately Owned Lands	
Forest Legacy/Forests for Future	0
Walk-In Access	0.3
Total for Public Hunting	29.3

Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 273 includes parts of Pope, Douglas, Stevens, Grant, and Otter Tail counties. The 2020 goal was to increase the deer density in this DPA by 25%. This DPA is about 55% farmland, and the remainder in wetlands/grasslands/lakes, so adequate high-quality deer habitat is not a limiting factor. This deer population is currently at or nearing goal, and a one deer Either-Sex limit has been implemented in 2025 to maintain or slightly increase the deer population in DPA 273.

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Important Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Information
Optional CWD testing

2024 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

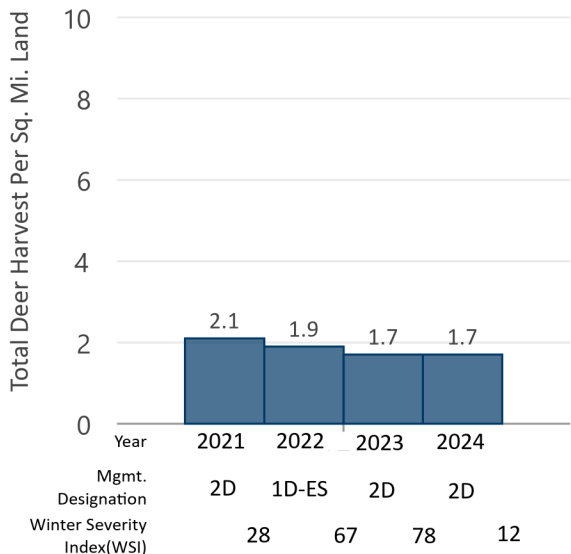
Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 5

Hunter Success: 29%

2024 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
Firearms	603	33	136	21	793
Archery	81	4	25	5	115
Muzzleloader	37	3	27	3	70
Total Harvest	721	40	188	29	978

Harvest, Designation and Winter Severity Index (WSI)



2025 Designations

