

DEER PERMIT AREA 273 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	8
Grassland and Wetlands	21
Annual Row Crops	55
Open Water	11
Developed	5

Total Land Area in 2023 (Non-water)

571 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)	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 below goal, and a one deer Either-sex limit has been implemented in 2024 to increase the deer population in DPA 273.

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Important Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Information

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

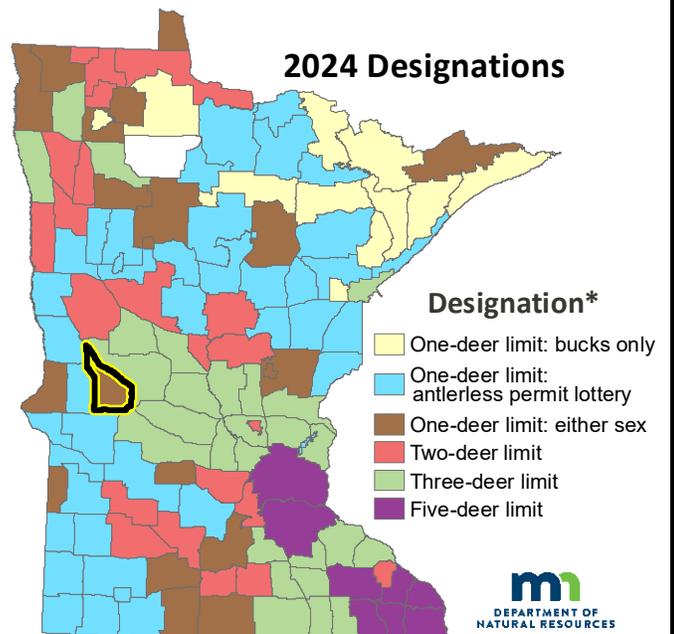
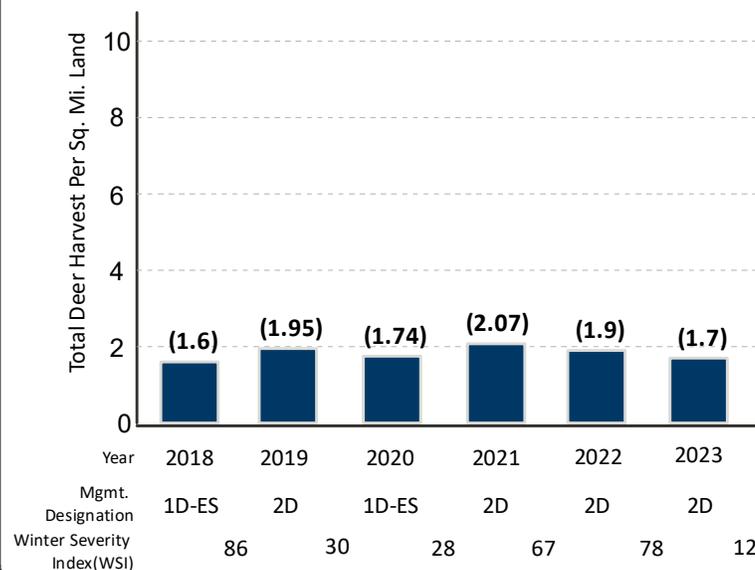
2023 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land:	5
Hunter Success:	27%

2023 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
Firearms	410	52	232	54	748
Archery	58	7	80	11	156
Muzzleloader	28	2	29	5	64
Total Harvest	496	61	341	70	968

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



* see page 70 in the hunting regulations for details