

# DEER PERMIT AREA 274 HUNTING INFORMATION

## 2024 Deer Hunting Information

**Designation:** One-deer limit: antlerless permit lottery (250)

**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	17
Annual Row Crops	68
Open Water	9
Developed	5

### Total Land Area in 2023 (Non-water)

354 Sq. Mi.

### Lands Open to Public Hunting

Publically Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	5
State Forest	0
Misc. State Land	0
County Managed Land	0
USFWS Land (WPA and NWR)	11
USFS Land (National Forest)	0
Privately Owned Lands	
Forest Legacy/Forests for Future	0
Walk-In Access	0.1
<b>Total for Public Hunting</b>	<b>16.1</b>

## Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 274 encompasses much of Big Stone County, with a small portion extending into Traverse County near Brown's Valley. The best habitat and deer numbers are in a band of hardwood ravines and prairie knobs along the shores of Big Stone Lake. While there is some public hunting opportunity here, most of the land is private. The rest of DPA 274 is dominated by ag land with shallow lakes and grasslands, where deer numbers are lower. Deer numbers are at the low end or slightly below goal, where there are pockets of deer causing crop issues, numbers for the rest of the DPA have been below hunter expectations. We hope the mild winter of 2023-24 will help, but to stay within goal, we decreased the designation to Lottery(250).

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**Important Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Information**

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

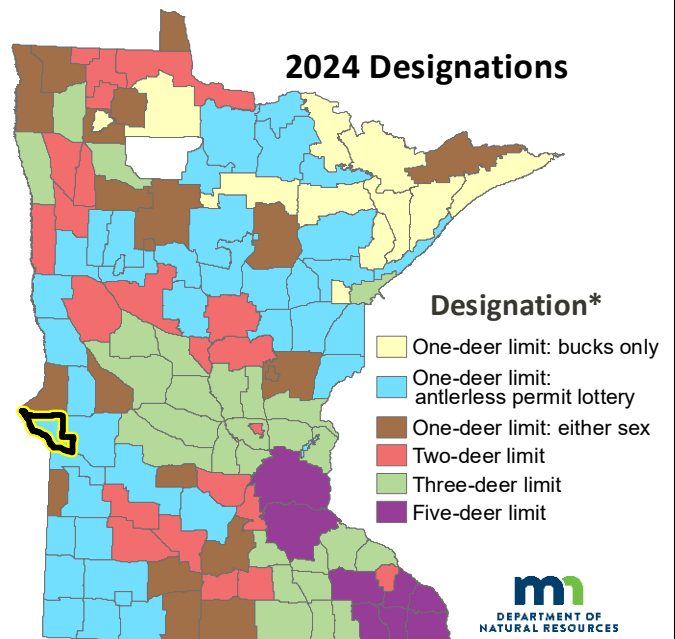
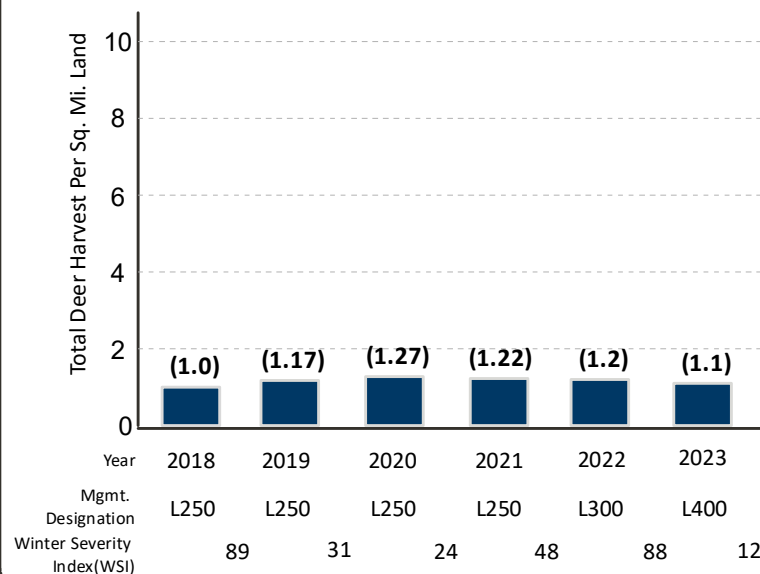
### 2023 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 3  
 Hunter Success: 30%

### 2023 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
<b>Firearms</b>	216	18	71	11	316
<b>Archery</b>	30	2	17	5	54
<b>Muzzleloader</b>	19	1	12	0	32
<b>Total Harvest</b>	265	21	100	16	402

### 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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