

DEER PERMIT AREA 277 HUNTING INFORMATION

2024 Deer Hunting Information

Designation: Three-deer limit

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	11
Grassland and Wetlands	31
Annual Row Crops	43
Open Water	10
Developed	5

Total Land Area in 2023 (Non-water)

1058 Sq. Mi.

Lands Open to Public Hunting

Publically Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	17
State Forest	0
Misc. State Land	8
County Managed Land	0
USFWS Land (WPA and NWR)	34
USFS Land (National Forest)	0
Privately Owned Lands	
Forest Legacy/Forests for Future	0
Walk-In Access	1
Total for Public Hunting	60

Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 277 runs along the Alexandria Glacial Moraine and includes a diverse habitat mosaic of rolling glacial hills, interspersed with numerous wetlands, lakes, rivers, land in farm bill programs (CRP) and easements, as well as agricultural land and other natural lands. The Glacial Lakes Prairie Core Area is in the heart of the DPA. Conservative hunt strategy from 2010-2015 allowed the population to expand rapidly. In 2020, public goal setting process was undertaken. The new goal is to reduce the population by 25%. The severe winter of 2022/2023 appears to have reduced the population, but the population still exceeds goal. The current hunt strategy of Three-deer limit reflects the effort to bring the population down to goal.

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

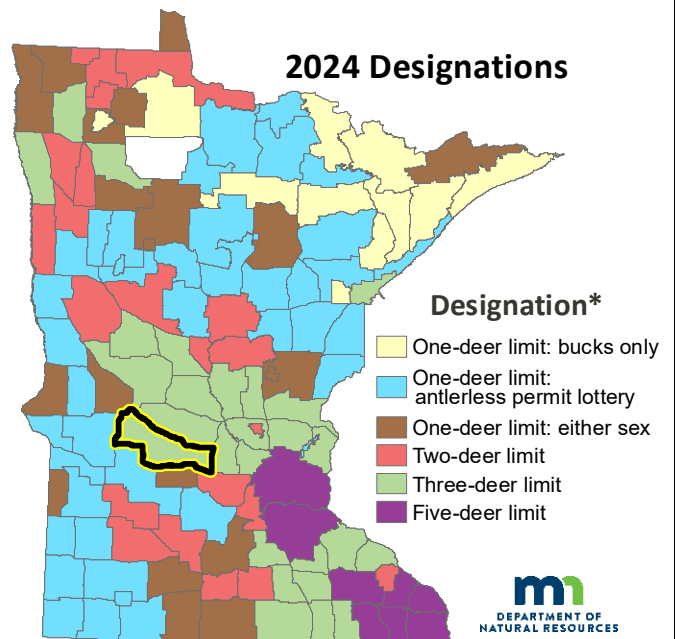
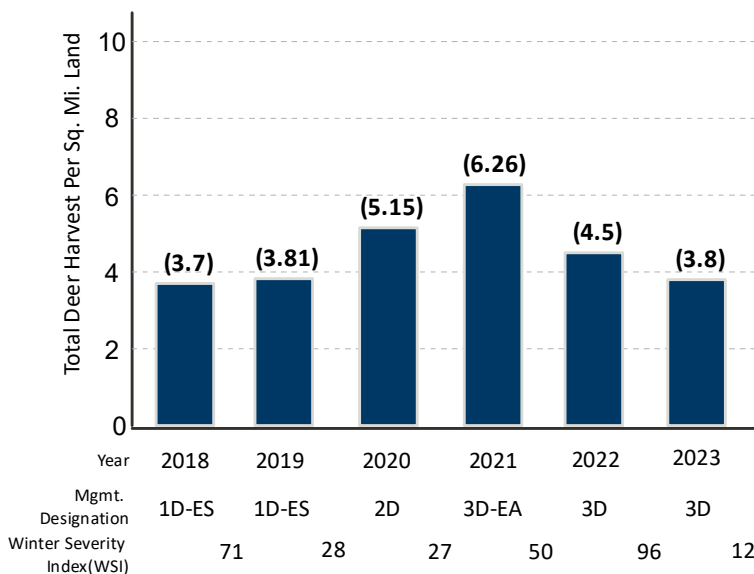
2023 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 8
 Hunter Success: 35%

2023 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
Firearms	1507	260	979	202	2948
Archery	250	33	376	23	682
Muzzleloader	148	23	192	20	383
Total Harvest	1905	316	1547	245	4013

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



* see page 70 in the hunting regulations for details