

DEER PERMIT AREA 278 HUNTING INFORMATION

2022 Deer Hunting Information

Designation: One-deer limit: antlerless permit lottery (600)

Firearm Options: Shotgun using slugs, muzzleloaders and handguns legal for big game

Special Regulations: N/A

Seasons:

- Archery: Sept. 17 - Dec. 31
- Youth: Oct. 20 - Oct. 23
- Early Antlerless: N/A
- Firearm A: Nov. 5 - Nov. 13
- Firearm B: N/A
- Muzzleloader: Nov. 26 - Dec. 11
- Late CWD Hunts: N/A

Land Cover Types	% Tot.
Woody Cover	3
Grassland and Wetlands	30
Annual Row Crops	55
Open Water	7
Developed	5

Total Land Area in 2021 (Non-water)

402 Sq. Mi.

Lands Open to Public Hunting

Publically Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	40
State Forest	0
Misc. State Land	0
County Managed Land	0
USFWS Land (WPA and NWR)	21
USFS Land (National Forest)	0
Privately Owned Lands	
Forest Legacy/Forests for Future	0
Walk-In Access	0.3
Total for Public Hunting	61

Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area 278 runs along the Minnesota River from Ortonville southeast to Montevideo, containing parts of Big Stone, Chippewa, Lac qui Parle and Swift Counties. Big Stone National Wildlife Refuge and Lac qui Parle WMA highlight this DPA; nearly 20% of the DPA is public land with excellent deer habitat. Agriculture is the dominant land use outside of the public lands, but still include some decent habitat interspersed throughout. Deer numbers here have increased in recent years. The newly established goal is to increase the herd 25% above the 2020 estimate. Because the herd has been mostly stable or slightly increasing, this DPA will be Lottery 600 again in 2022 to stay at goal.

DNR Wildlife Contact(s): Curt Vacek, 320-734-4451 ext. 228

Important Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Information
Optional CWD testing available. Visit mndnr.gov/cwd/cwd-testing.html

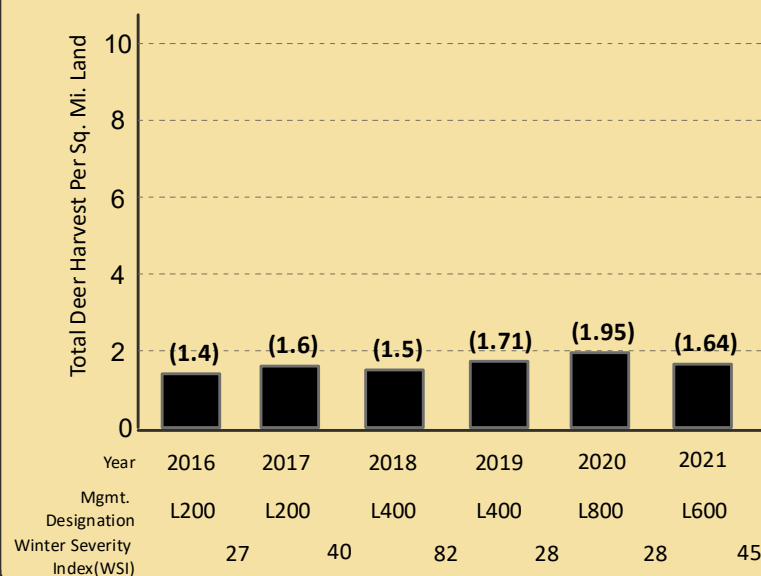
2021 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 5
Hunter Success: 28%

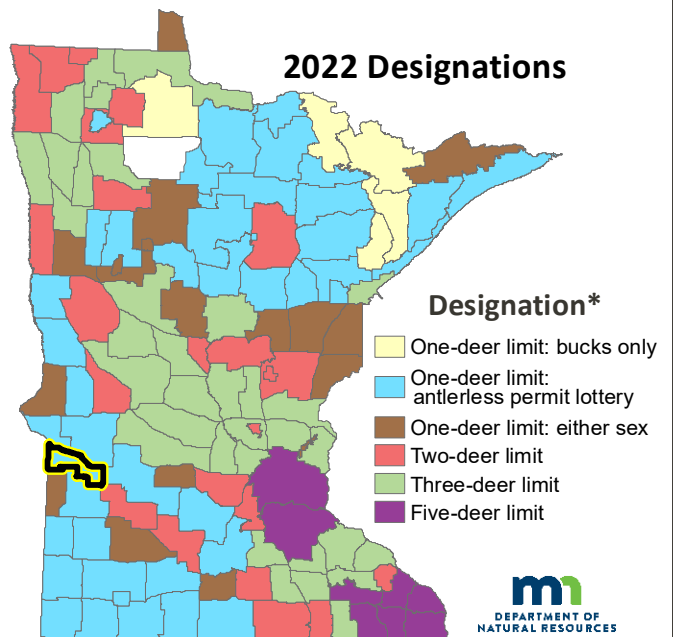
2021 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
Firearms	385	14	98	14	511
Archery	45	5	22	2	74
Muzzleloader	47	3	24	1	75
Total Harvest	477	22	144	17	660

Deer Harvest, Management Designation and Winter Severity Index from 2016 - 2021/22



2022 Designations



* see page 67 in the hunting regulations for details