

DEER PERMIT AREA 279 HUNTING INFORMATION

2022 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. 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	1
Grassland and Wetlands	30
Annual Row Crops	62
Open Water	1
Developed	5

Total Land Area in 2021 (Non-water)

344 Sq. Mi.

Lands Open to Public Hunting

Publically Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	10
State Forest	0
Misc. State Land	1
County Managed Land	0
USFWS Land (WPA and NWR)	4
USFS Land (National Forest)	0
Privately Owned Lands	
Forest Legacy/Forests for Future	0
Walk-In Access	2.3
Total for Public Hunting	17

Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area 279 includes much of southwest LqP and western Yellow Medicine Counties. Agriculture dominates the landscape, with many small rivers, streams and tributaries snaking throughout this DPA. Associated with these waterways is a fair amount of grass, shrub and wood lands. This mix of habitat and ag land provides for fair deer numbers, but also the risk of substantial crop depredation, particularly in summer. The herd has been growing slowly in recent years. The newly established goal is to stabilize at the 2020 estimate, which was at the upper limit of the 2007 goal. Based on the projected increase in the models, this DPA will be Either sex this year.

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

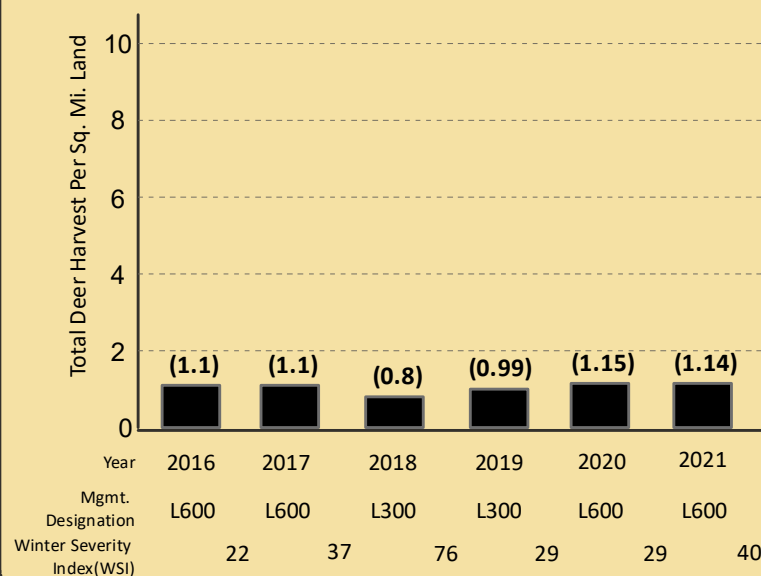
2021 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 4
Hunter Success: 27%

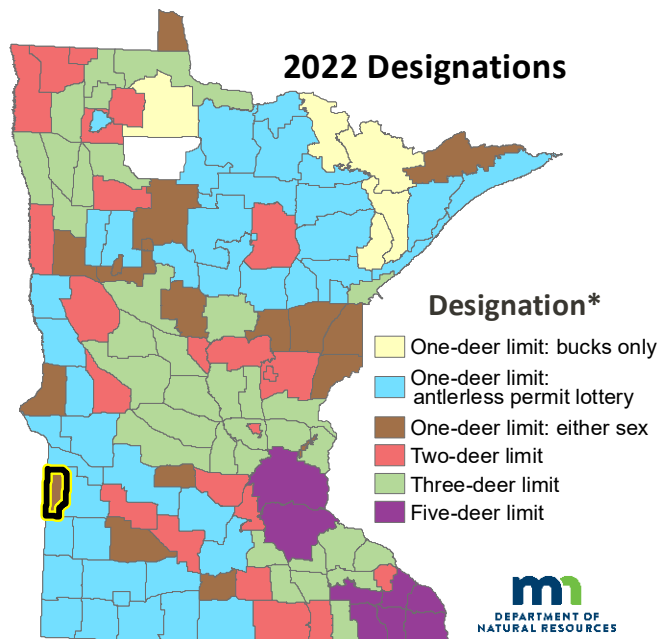
2021 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
Firearms	208	14	81	12	315
Archery	18	1	5	3	27
Muzzleloader	33	1	13	4	51
Total Harvest	259	16	99	19	393

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



2022 Designations



* see page 67 in the hunting regulations for details



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