

DEER PERMIT AREA 280 HUNTING INFORMATION

2025 Deer Hunting Information

Designation: One-deer limit: antlerless permit lottery (150)

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

Special Regulations: N/A

Seasons:

Archery: Sept. 13 - Dec. 31

Youth: Oct. 16-19

Early Antlerless: N/A

Statewide Firearms: Nov. 8 - 16

Late SE Firearms: N/A

Muzzleloader: Nov. 29 - Dec. 14

Late CWD: N/A

Land Cover Types % Tot.

Woody Cover	1
Grassland and Wetlands	10
Annual Row Crops	83
Open Water	1
Developed	5

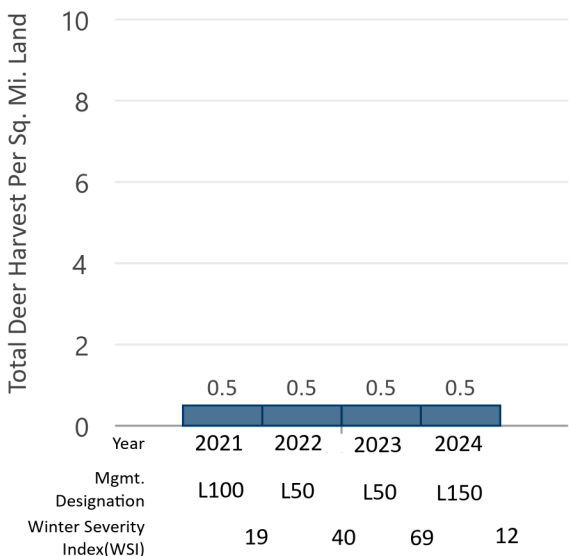
Total Land Area in 2024 (Non-water)

675 Sq. Mi.

Lands Open to Public Access Hunting

Publicly Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	11
State Forest	0
Misc. State Land	0.3
County Managed Land	0
USFWS Land (WPA and NWR)	2
USFS Land (National Forest)	0
Privately Owned Lands	
Forest Legacy/Forests for Future	0
Walk-In Access	3
Total for Public Hunting	16.3

Harvest, Designation and Winter Severity Index (WSI)



Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 280 includes much of southeast Lac qui Parle and eastern Yellow Medicine Counties. Agriculture dominates the landscape, with only limited pockets of good deer habitat such as the Lac qui Parle River, Tenmile Creek and Antelope Valley. Public land hunting is limited, as 98% of the land is private. Not surprisingly, due to the sparse habitat, deer numbers are relatively low in this permit area, as is hunting pressure. This DPA is relatively challenging to model due to its inherently low deer harvest. However, using the best information we have, such as an increase in buck harvest but a stable antlerless harvest, deer numbers still appear to be within goal. We had a second consecutive mild winter and do have some areas with crop damage. As such, we will do another year with a Lottery on 150 antlerless tags, and continue to monitor harvest trends.

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Important Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Information
Optional CWD testing

2024 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

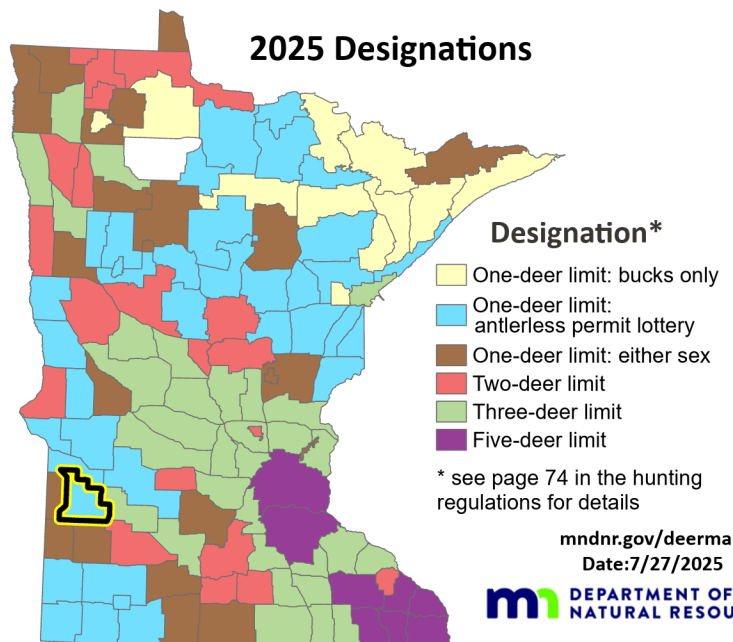
Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 2

Hunter Success: 27%

2024 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
Firearms	232	8	54	8	302
Archery	27	0	7	1	35
Muzzleloader	12	1	7	2	22
Total Harvest	271	9	68	11	359

2025 Designations



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