

DEER PERMIT AREA 282 HUNTING INFORMATION

2024 Deer Hunting Information

Designation: One-deer limit: antlerless permit lottery (25)

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	7
Annual Row Crops	86
Open Water	0
Developed	6

Total Land Area in 2023 (Non-water)

1127 Sq. Mi.

Lands Open to Public Hunting

Publically Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	4
State Forest	0
Misc. State Land	0
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	0.3
Total for Public Hunting	8.3

Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 282 includes some of the best cropland in North America. The landscape is dominated by endless fields of corn, soybeans, sugar beets, and other crops. This area lacks deer habitat other than isolated pockets here and there. The deer population is habitat limited here and it has proven difficult to attempt to grow the population even with a very low lottery for many years in a row. Still, the goal is to raise the population by 25% and the current strategy (Lottery with 25 permits) is being implemented to allow antlerless deer to survive and reproduce, thereby growing the population. Antlerless deer are needed in order to reproduce and grow this population. This is the reason for the low lottery.

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

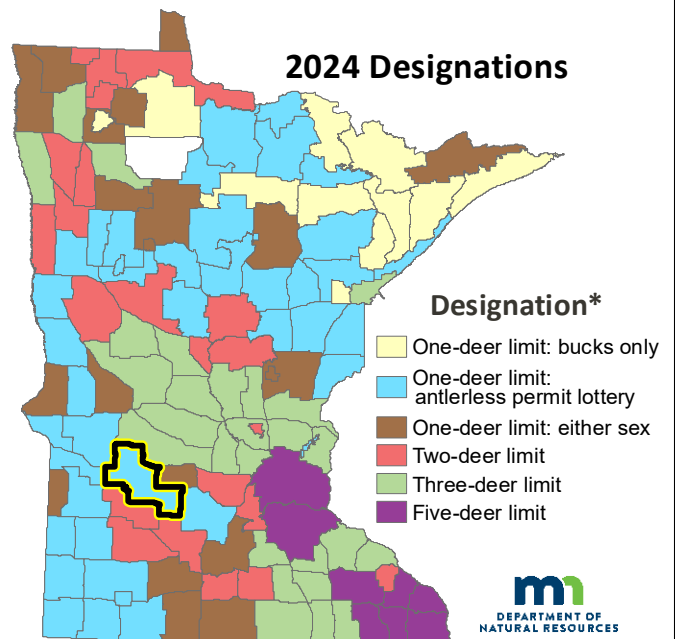
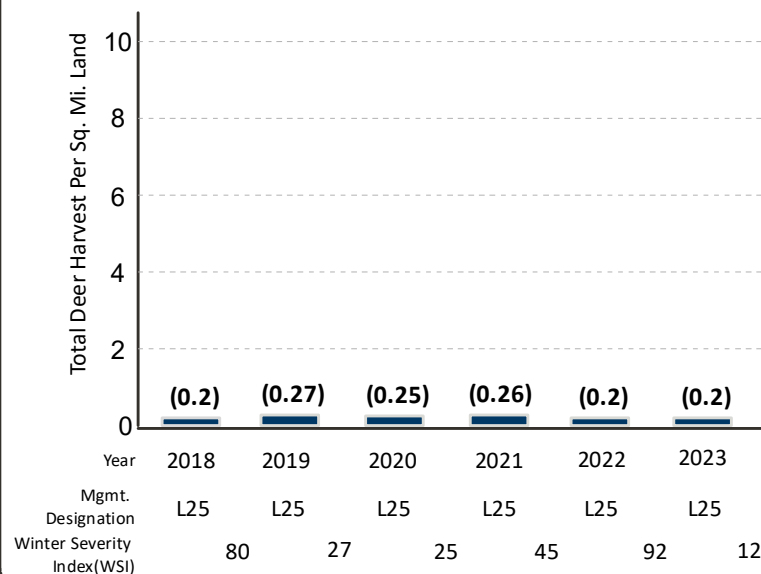
2023 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 1
 Hunter Success: 20%

2023 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
Firearms	119	4	22	2	147
Archery	24	0	14	1	39
Muzzleloader	22	1	0	0	23
Total Harvest	165	5	36	3	209

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



* see page 70 in the hunting regulations for details