

DEER PERMIT AREA 283 HUNTING INFORMATION

2025 Deer Hunting Information

Designation: Two-deer limit

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	7
Grassland and Wetlands	14
Annual Row Crops	67
Open Water	8
Developed	5

Total Land Area in 2024 (Non-water)

337 Sq. Mi.

Lands Open to Public Access Hunting

Publicly Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	3
State Forest	0
Misc. State Land	0.2
County Managed Land	0
USFWS Land (WPA and NWR)	9
USFS Land (National Forest)	0
Privately Owned Lands	
Forest Legacy/Forests for Future	0
Walk-In Access	0.7
Total for Public Hunting	12.9

Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 283 has an abundance of shallow lakes, rolling topography, cropland, gravel pits, and a decent amount of mesic hardwood habitat. This area is essentially the headwaters of the South Fork Crow River. A number of new public land tracts have been added over the past decade, which adds to the already solid base of public land available. The DPA has high deer herd growth potential due to the available habitat and typically mild winters. In particular, the last 2 winters have been very mild. Buck harvest is far exceeding the target range, indicating a high deer population. Given the high buck harvest and high growth potential, coupled with mild winters and good habitat, it is time to increase the harvest to bring the deer population down slightly. The public goal was to stabilize the population at levels seen in 2019. All indications are that we have seen the population grow; therefore, we need to increase harvest to stabilize or bring the population down slightly with a 2-Deer limit designation.

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Important Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Information
Optional CWD testing

2024 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

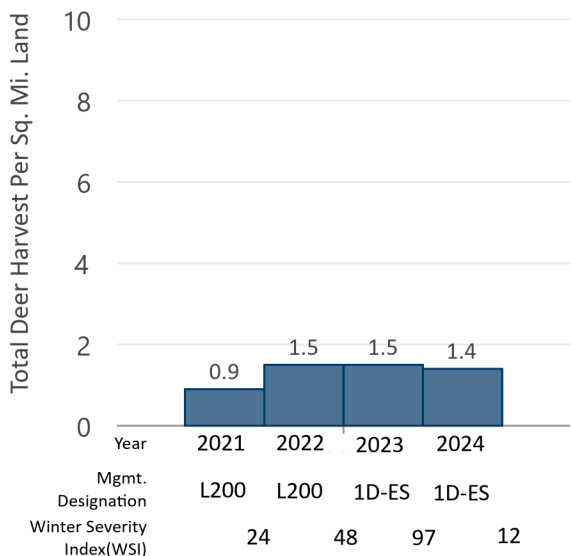
Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 4

Hunter Success: 29%

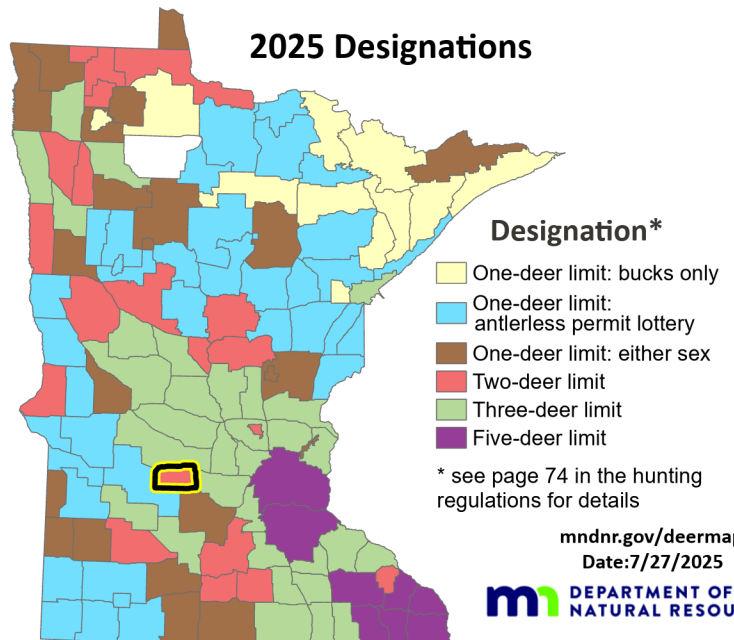
2024 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
Firearms	272	6	70	6	354
Archery	61	2	13	0	76
Muzzleloader	12	1	16	3	32
Total Harvest	345	9	99	9	462

Harvest, Designation and Winter Severity Index (WSI)



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