

DEER PERMIT AREA 285 HUNTING INFORMATION

2025 Deer Hunting Information

Designation: Three-deer limit

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

Special Regulations: Special CWD related regulations in this area. See mndnr.gov/cwd for details

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	9
Grassland and Wetlands	20
Annual Row Crops	58
Open Water	7
Developed	6

Total Land Area in 2024 (Non-water)

549 Sq. Mi.

Lands Open to Public Access Hunting

Publically Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	4
State Forest	0
Misc. State Land	0.5
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	0.1
Total for Public Hunting	6.6

Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 285 includes much of northern McLeod and southern Meeker counties with smaller portions of western Carver and southern Wright counties. The landscape is a mix of agriculture, wooded residential, shoreland, and wetland areas that provides excellent deer habitat. Hunter harvest data indicates this DPA is now above the goal established in 2022, despite a liberal 2-deer limit in place for several years. To slow the rate of increase we will offer a 3-Deer limit for 2025.

DNR Wildlife Contact(s): Stein Innvaer, 507-386-3922

Important Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Information
Mandatory CWD testing Nov. 8-9

A deer feeding and attractant ban is in effect for Carver and Wright Counties. See mndnr.gov/cwd/feedban.html for details

2024 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

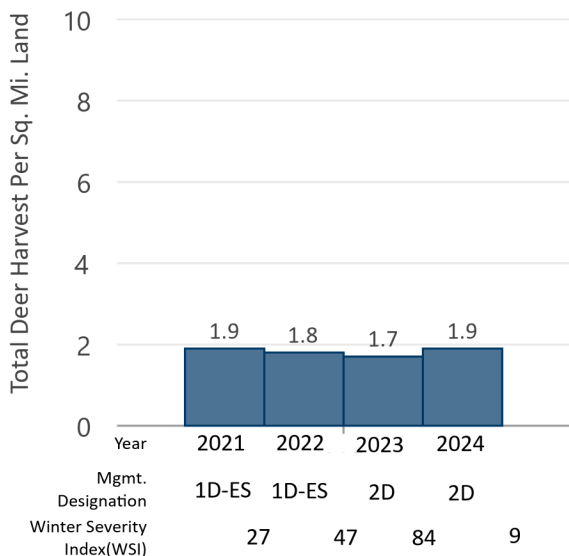
Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 4

Hunter Success: 33%

2024 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
Firearms	470	34	210	19	733
Archery	130	9	90	8	237
Muzzleloader	25	4	27	1	57
Total Harvest	625	47	327	28	1027

Harvest, Designation and Winter Severity Index (WSI)



2025 Designations

