

# DEER PERMIT AREA 288 HUNTING INFORMATION

## 2024 Deer Hunting Information

**Designation:** One-deer limit: antlerless permit lottery (500)

**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	2
Grassland and Wetlands	16
Annual Row Crops	75
Open Water	1
Developed	6

### Total Land Area in 2023 (Non-water)

625 Sq. Mi.

### Lands Open to Public Hunting

Publically Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	15
State Forest	0
Misc. State Land	3
County Managed Land	1
USFWS Land (WPA and NWR)	3
USFS Land (National Forest)	0
<b>Privately Owned Lands</b>	
Forest Legacy/Forests for Future	0
Walk-In Access	2
<b>Total for Public Hunting</b>	<b>24</b>

## Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 288 includes almost all of Lyon County. This permit area is mostly agricultural cropland and privately owned. Deer habitat areas include farm program acres such as CRP and CREP, state WMAs and federal WPA lands. Three major river systems (Redwood, Cottonwood and Yellow Medicine) are interspersed throughout the permit area along with a few shallow lakes. Deer populations in DPA 288 are within the goal range, but buck harvest has declined. Winter weather should not have impacted the population and spring recruitment should be good. Therefore, maintaining the number of antlerless permits at Lottery 500 should help keep the population stabilized within goal and offer about 70% of antlerless applicants a permit.

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

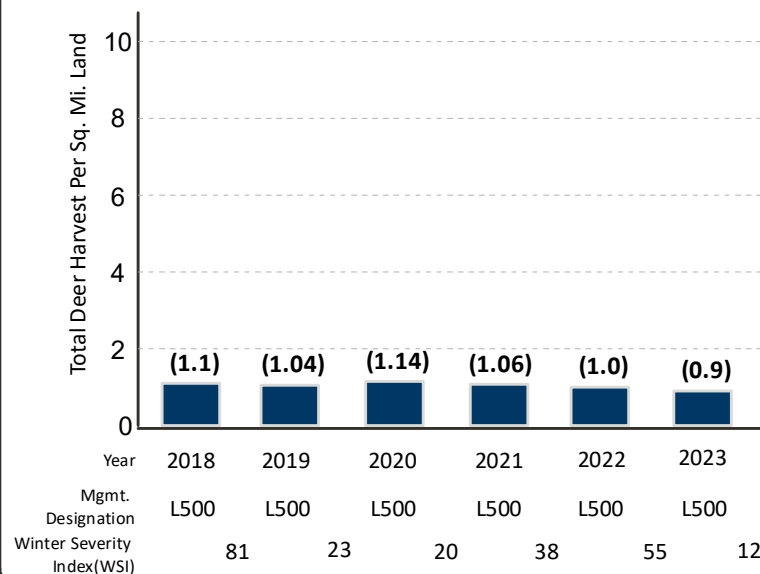
### 2023 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 3  
Hunter Success: 24%

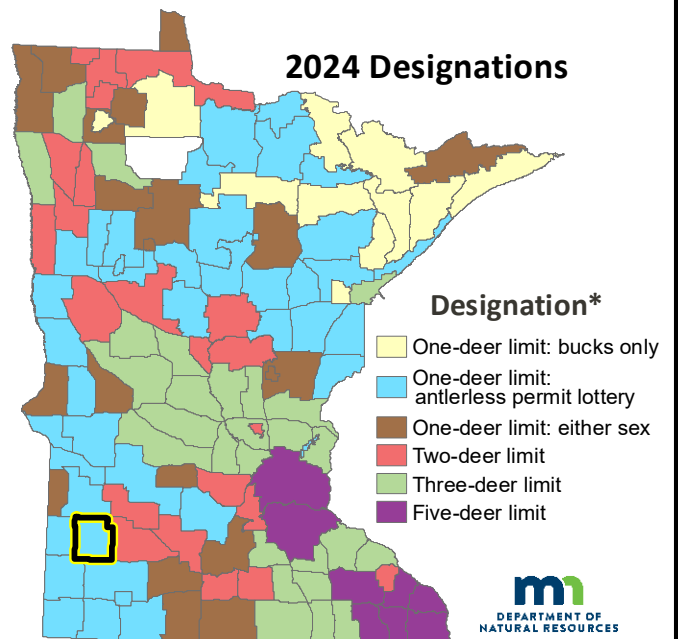
### 2023 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
<b>Firearms</b>	277	18	119	16	430
<b>Archery</b>	45	4	35	2	86
<b>Muzzleloader</b>	22	0	18	0	40
<b>Total Harvest</b>	344	22	172	18	556

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



### 2024 Designations



\* see page 70 in the hunting regulations for details