

DEER PERMIT AREA 291 HUNTING INFORMATION

2022 Deer Hunting Information

Designation: One-deer limit: antlerless permit lottery (1000)

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

Special Regulations: N/A

Seasons:

- Archery: Sept. 17 - Dec. 31
- Youth: Oct. 20 - Oct. 23
- Early Antlerless: N/A
- Firearm A: Nov. 5 - Nov. 13
- Firearm B: N/A
- Muzzleloader: Nov. 26 - Dec. 11
- Late CWD Hunts: N/A

Land Cover Types	% Tot.
Woody Cover	11
Grassland and Wetlands	12
Annual Row Crops	65
Open Water	5
Developed	8

Total Land Area in 2021 (Non-water)

800 Sq. Mi.

Lands Open to Public Hunting

Publically Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	8
State Forest	0
Misc. State Land	0
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	10

Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 291 contains large areas of excellent deer habitat within Nicollet, western LeSueur, eastern Sibley, and a small part of northern Blue Earth counties. The Minnesota River Valley and its tributaries, along with the Swan Lake complex, and a small portion of the Big Woods ecotype in the northeast section provide many wintering areas and excellent summer range. The population is at the goal established in 2020. Harvest statistics also indicate we are maintaining the deer population on a fairly even level, and therefore we will continue to offer Lottery 1,000 antlerless tags and monitor harvest trends closely to assure the deer population matches landowner and hunter's expectations.

DNR Wildlife Contact(s): Stein Innvaer, 507-225-3572

Important Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Information
Optional CWD testing available. Visit mndnr.gov/cwd/cwd-testing.html

2021 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 4
Hunter Success: 28%

2021 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
Firearms	657	53	228	17	955
Archery	138	8	76	8	230
Muzzleloader	49	3	18	4	74
Total Harvest	844	64	322	29	1259

Deer Harvest, Management Designation and Winter Severity Index from 2016 - 2021/22

