

DEER PERMIT AREA 294 HUNTING INFORMATION

2025 Deer Hunting Information

Designation: One-deer limit: antlerless permit lottery (400)

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	1
Grassland and Wetlands	24
Annual Row Crops	70
Open Water	1
Developed	6

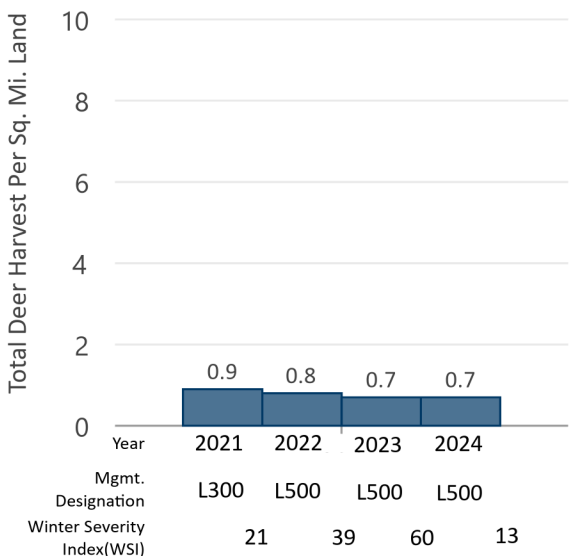
Total Land Area in 2024 (Non-water)

686 Sq. Mi.

Lands Open to Public Access Hunting

Publicly Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	10
State Forest	0
Misc. State Land	2
County Managed Land	0
USFWS Land (WPA and NWR)	0.5
USFS Land (National Forest)	0
Privately Owned Lands	
Forest Legacy/Forests for Future	0
Walk-In Access	3
Total for Public Hunting	15.5

Harvest, Designation and Winter Severity Index (WSI)



Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 294 is dominated by row crop agriculture at 70% of the permit area. Nearly 25% of the permit area is grassland, wetland, or woody cover. The harvest strategy for DPA 294 has been to stabilize the deer population by allocating 500 antlerless permits between 2020 and 2023. The 2024 harvest data point to a need to stay the course with the antlerless permit allocation. We recommend allocating 400 antlerless permits in a Lottery again this year after which we will re-evaluate and adjust if necessary for the 2026 season.

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Important Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Information
Optional CWD testing

2024 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 2

Hunter Success: 32%

2024 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
Firearms	264	24	92	7	387
Archery	27	0	12	2	41
Muzzleloader	21	0	11	2	34
Total Harvest	312	24	115	11	462

2025 Designations

