

DEER PERMIT AREA 297 HUNTING INFORMATION

2022 Deer Hunting Information

Designation: One-deer limit: antlerless permit lottery (100)

Firearm Options: All Legal Firearms

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	8
Grassland and Wetlands	20
Annual Row Crops	66
Open Water	3
Developed	4

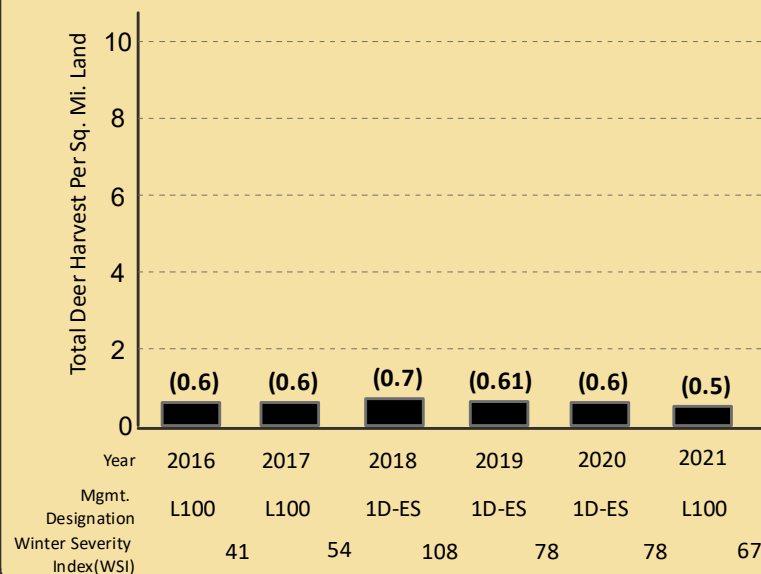
Total Land Area in 2021 (Non-water)

438 Sq. Mi.

Lands Open to Public Hunting

Publically Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	20
State Forest	0
Misc. State Land	2
County Managed Land	0
USFWS Land (WPA and NWR)	18
USFS Land (National Forest)	0
Privately Owned Lands	
Forest Legacy/Forests for Future	0
Walk-In Access	0.9
Total for Public Hunting	41

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



Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 297 includes western Mahanomen and a sliver of NW Becker County. The entire DPA is located within the boundary of the White Earth Indian Reservation. The majority of this DPA is agricultural, but a good base of grasslands, wetlands and woodlands are present. The DPA has ample public land hunting opportunities. Currently the deer population is 40% below goal levels. Restrictive antlerless harvest the last few years was allowing the deer herd to grow, but a hard winter last year lead to some overwinter fawn mortality which likely slowed that progress. Yearling buck numbers will likely be less than past years. An Antlerless Permit Lottery with 100 permits will be used in 2022 to help the population increase.

DNR Wildlife Contact(s): Rob Baden, 218-846-8476

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

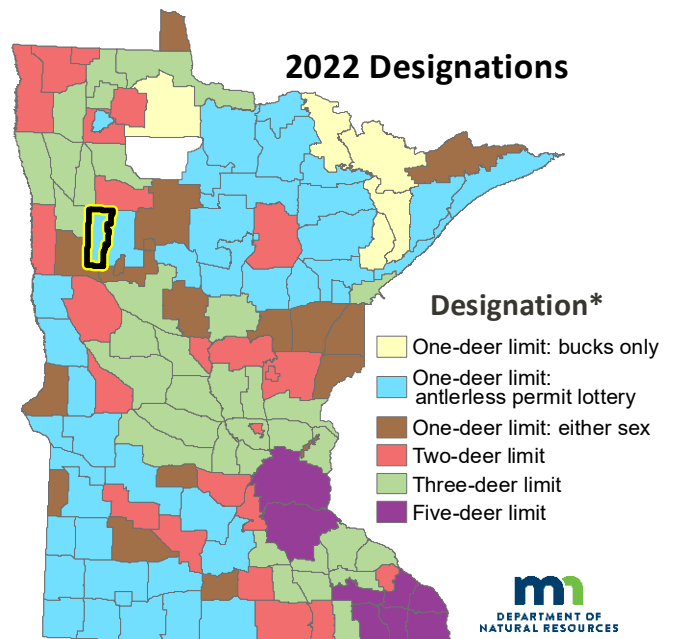
A deer feeding and attractant ban is in effect for Mahanomen County. See mndnr.gov/cwd/feedban.html for details

2021 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 2
Hunter Success: 22%

2021 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
Firearms	177	4	22	2	205
Archery	2	0	2	1	5
Muzzleloader	10	0	1	0	11
Total Harvest	189	4	25	3	221



* see page 67 in the hunting regulations for details