

DEER PERMIT AREA 299 HUNTING INFORMATION

2025 Deer Hunting Information

Designation: Two-deer limit

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	8
Grassland and Wetlands	8
Annual Row Crops	73
Open Water	2
Developed	9

Total Land Area in 2024 (Non-water)

386 Sq. Mi.

Lands Open to Public Access Hunting

Publicly Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	2
State Forest	0
Misc. State Land	0.3
County Managed Land	0
USFWS Land (WPA and NWR)	4
USFS Land (National Forest)	0
Privately Owned Lands	
Forest Legacy/Forests for Future	0
Walk-In Access	0.7
Total for Public Hunting	7

Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 299 includes almost all of Blue Earth county, a portion of eastern Watonwan county, and the southeast corner of Brown county. Several wooded river corridors provide excellent deer habitat, as do the lake and wetland shorelines and conservation lands scattered throughout the intensively farmed uplands. Harvest trends suggest this DPA is at the established population goal and the population is stable. The recent switch from Either-Sex to a 2-Deer limit appears to have had the desired effect of slowing population growth, and this bag limit will continue for 2025.

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

Important Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Information
Optional CWD testing

2024 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

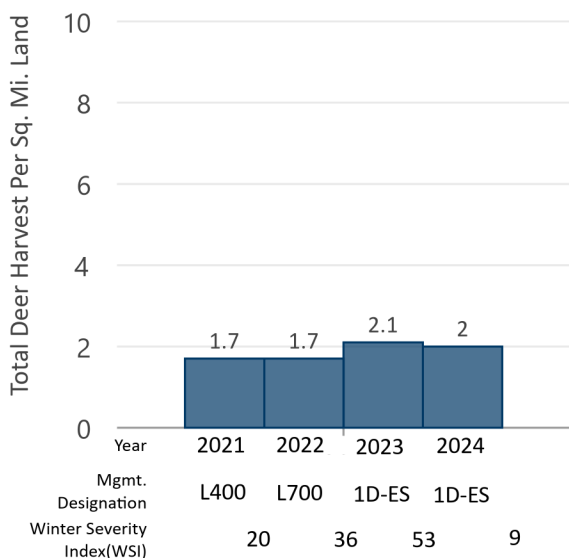
Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 4

Hunter Success: 35%

2024 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
Firearms	329	28	172	25	554
Archery	84	7	74	3	168
Muzzleloader	27	2	33	1	63
Total Harvest	440	37	279	29	785

Harvest, Designation and Winter Severity Index (WSI)



2025 Designations

