

# DEER PERMIT AREA 342 HUNTING INFORMATION

## 2023 Deer Hunting Information

**Designation:** Three-deer limit

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

**Special Regulations:** Special CWD related regulations in this area. See [mndnr.gov/cwd](http://mndnr.gov/cwd) for details

### Seasons:

Archery: Sept. 16 - Dec. 31

Youth: Oct. 19 - 22

Early Antlerless: Oct. 19 - 22

Firearm A: Nov. 4 - 12

Firearm B: Nov. 18 - 26

Muzzleloader: Nov. 25 - Dec. 10

Late CWD Hunts: Dec. 15 - 17

### Land Cover Types % Tot.

Woody Cover	28
Grassland and Wetlands	29
Annual Row Crops	31
Open Water	6
Developed	5

### Total Land Area in 2022 (Non-water)

350 Sq. Mi.

### Lands Open to Public Hunting

Publically Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	5
State Forest	15
Misc. State Land	1
County Managed Land	0
USFWS Land (WPA and NWR)	5
USFS Land (National Forest)	0
Privately Owned Lands	
Forest Legacy/Forests for Future	0
Walk-In Access	0
<b>Total for Public Hunting</b>	<b>26</b>

## Wildlife Manager Report

Deer permit area (DPA) 342 is a rugged region of bluffs and valleys in the driftless area, a region which contains some of the states best deer habitat. DPA 342 has several large tracts of public land available for hunting including McCarthy Lake State Wildlife Management Area, along with the Zumbro Bottoms, Snake Creek, and Krueger Management units of the R.J. Dorner State Forest. DPA 342 is designated as a three-deer limit with an early antlerless season, which should continue to help stabilize the deer population. Mandatory CWD testing for all deer harvested Dec. 15-17 after a wild deer was tested positive for CWD during the 2023 firearm season

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### Important Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Information

**Mandatory CWD testing Nov. 4-5 and Dec. 15-17**

**A deer feeding and attractant ban is in effect for Olmsted and Wabasha Counties. See [mndnr.gov/cwd/feedban.html](http://mndnr.gov/cwd/feedban.html) for details**

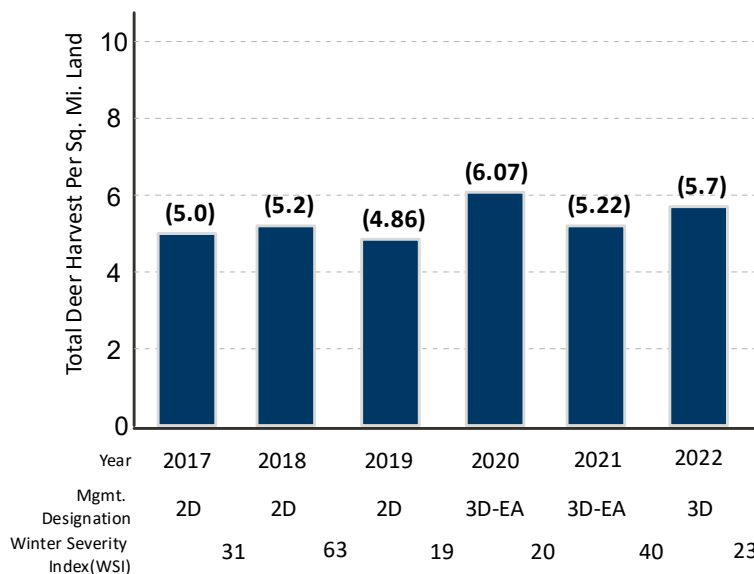
## 2022 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 9  
Hunter Success: 41%

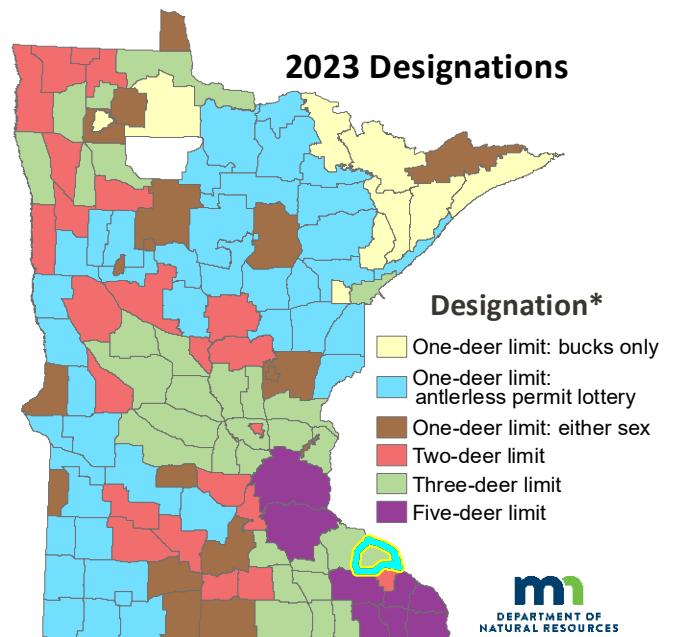
## 2022 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
<b>Firearms</b>	712	139	503	143	1497
<b>Archery</b>	135	40	163	26	364
<b>Muzzleloader</b>	43	7	79	11	140
<b>Total Harvest</b>	890	186	745	180	2001

## Deer Harvest, Management Designation and Winter Severity Index from 2017 - 2022/23



## 2023 Designations



\* see page 70 in the hunting regulations for details

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