

# DEER PERMIT AREA 342 HUNTING INFORMATION

## 2018 Deer Hunting Information

### Mandatory CWD Testing - Nov. 3-4, 17-18

**Designation:** Managed: 2 deer limit

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

**Special Regulations:** Antler Point Restrictions and No Buck Cross-tagging. See pages 63 - 68 of the MN Hunting Regulations Handbook for special CWD related regulations.

### Seasons:

- Archery: Sept. 15 - Dec. 31
- Youth: Oct. 18 - Oct. 21
- Early Antlerless: N/A
- Firearm A: Nov. 3 - Nov. 11
- Firearm B: Nov. 17 - Nov. 25
- Muzzleloader: Nov. 24 - Dec. 9

## Land Cover Types % Tot.

Woody Cover	29
Grassland and Wetlands	29
Annual Row Crops	30
Open Water	6
Developed	5

## Total Land Area in 2017 (Non-water)

349 Sq. Mi.

## Lands Open to Public Hunting

Publicly 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)	3
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>24</b>

## Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 342 is a rugged region of bluffs and valleys that makes up the state's best deer habitat. Diverse woodlands, prairie, and agriculture consisting of row crops, grazing and orchards comprise the DPA. The DPA went through the public deer population goal setting process in 2014 and deer population is currently above the established population objective. The 2018 designation of Managed is meant to slowly reduce the population within but not below established population objectives. Hunters may increase their harvest opportunities, especially on public land, by voluntarily hunting the 3B firearms season when less than 30% of firearm hunters are afield. Deer population in SE Minnesota are better than ever. Opportunities are excellent. Please plan for MANDATORY CWD tissue sample requirements during BOTH firearms opening weekends. See the 2018 hunting regulations for extraction station locations.

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## 2017 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 10.5

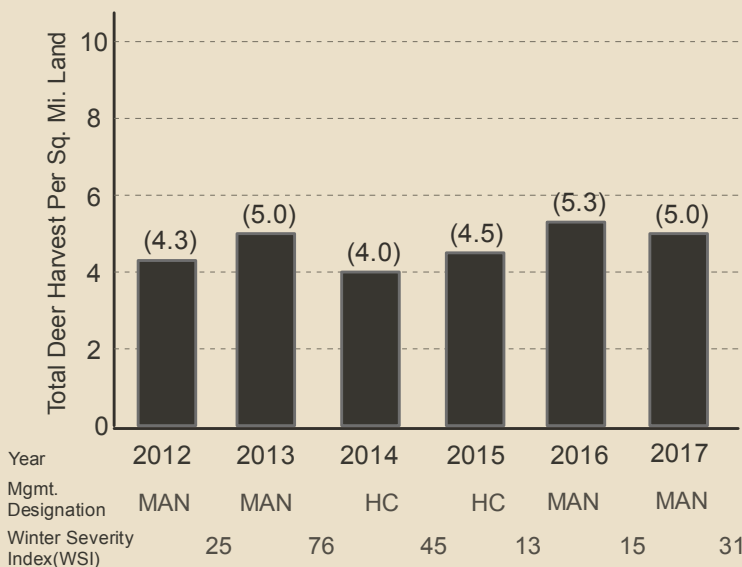
Hunter Success: 36 %

## 2017 Deer Harvest

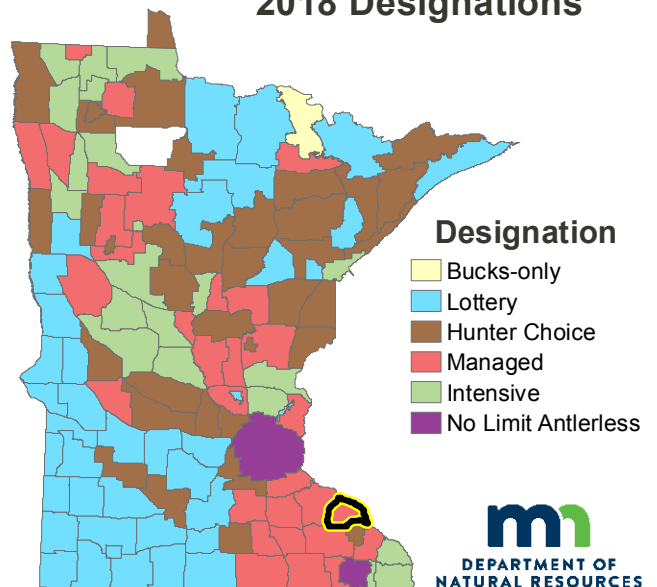
	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
<b>Firearms</b>					
A Season	452	60	288	58	858
B Season	129	60	183	48	420
<b>Archery</b>					
Entire Season	111	23	116	20	270
<b>Muzzleloader</b>					
Entire Season	30	15	75	11	131
<b>Firearms Special Season</b>					
Early Antlerless	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Youth Firearms	26	7	15	2	50
<b>Total Harvest *</b>	<b>748</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>685</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>1747</b>

\* Includes all seasons above plus any special hunts.

## Deer Harvest, Management Designation and Winter Severity Index from 2012 - 2017/18



## 2018 Designations



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