

# DEER PERMIT AREA 344 HUNTING INFORMATION

## 2018 Deer Hunting Information

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

**Designation:** Hunter Choice: 1 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	39
Grassland and Wetlands	27
Annual Row Crops	30
Open Water	0
Developed	4

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

190 Sq. Mi.

## Lands Open to Public Hunting

Publicly Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	43
State Forest	5
Misc. State Land	0
County Managed Land	0
USFWS Land (WPA and NWR)	0
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>48</b>

## Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 344 includes Whitewater State Wildlife Management Area, Trout Valley State Forest Unit, and adjacent lands in western Winona County, and portions of Olmsted and Wabasha counties. The area is part of the driftless zone in southeast Minnesota, characterized by forested bluffs interspersed with farmland. As part of the 300 series of deer permit areas, there is an A and B firearms seasons, and the DPA is open to a youth deer season October 18-21. The deer herd is currently within goal. The Hunter Choice designation will allow the herd to remain stable or build gradually.

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## 2017 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 13.5

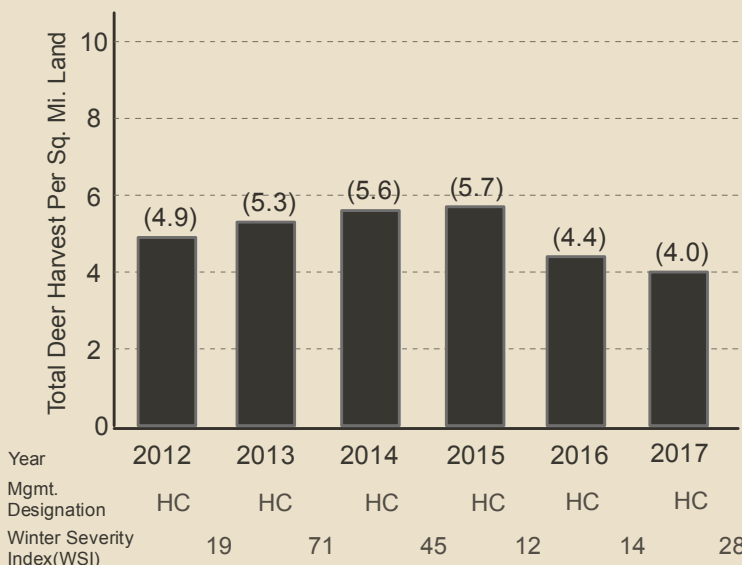
Hunter Success: 23 %

## 2017 Deer Harvest

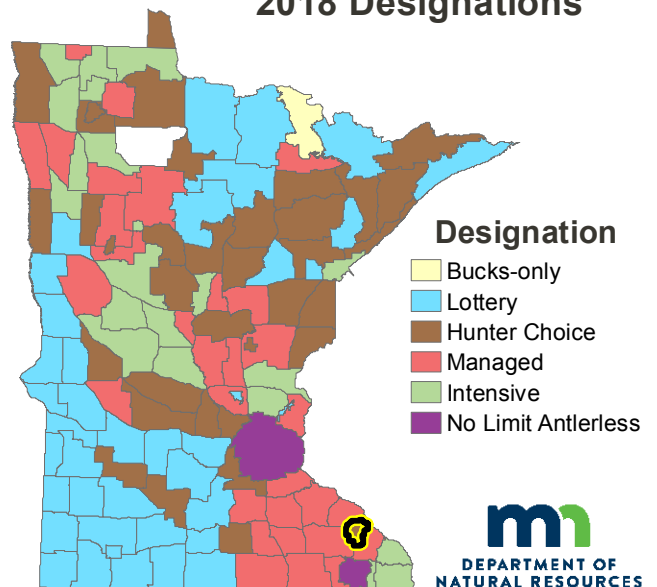
	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
<b>Firearms</b>					
A Season	212	24	125	38	399
B Season	45	17	75	20	157
<b>Archery</b>					
Entire Season	51	8	13	7	79
<b>Muzzleloader</b>					
Entire Season	10	5	22	0	37
<b>Firearms Special Season</b>					
Early Antlerless	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Youth Firearms	16	6	11	1	34
<b>Total Harvest *</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>751</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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