

# DEER PERMIT AREA 344 HUNTING INFORMATION

## 2021 Deer Hunting Information

**Designation:** Two-deer limit

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

**Special Regulations:** See page 68 - 78 of the hunting regulations book for CWD related regulations

**Seasons:**

- Archery: Sept. 18 - Dec. 31
- Youth: Oct. 21 - Oct. 24
- Early Antlerless: N/A
- Firearm A: Nov. 6 - Nov. 14
- Firearm B: Nov. 20 - Nov. 28
- Muzzleloader: Nov. 27 - Dec. 12
- Late CWD Hunts: N/A

Land Cover Types	% Tot.
Woody Cover	39
Grassland and Wetlands	26
Annual Row Crops	31
Open Water	0
Developed	4

### Total Land Area in 2020 (Non-water)

186 Sq. Mi.

### Lands Open to Public Hunting

Publically 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
<b>Privately Owned Lands</b>	
Forest Legacy/Forests for Future	0
Walk-In Access	0
<b>Total for Public Hunting</b>	<b>48</b>

## Wildlife Manager Report

DPA 344 contains Whitewater WMA, including the 2500-acre Whitewater State Game Refuge where deer and waterfowl hunting are restricted. DPA 344 is designated as a 2-deer limit, allowing hunters to harvest 2 deer, one can be an antlered buck. Hunters must choose A or B firearms season. DPA 344 is not open for early antlerless season. Harvest goal is 406-496 bucks, and 1,000 deer overall. Buck goal was met in 2020, but overall goal was not. Both goals were met in 2019 with a Managed designation. Only youth can hunt in the refuge during the Youth Hunt. There is a special firearms hunt in the Refuge during the B season. Hunters are selected by lottery and can harvest 2 antlerless deer. Bonus permits are allowed during refuge hunt.

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**Mandatory CWD testing Nov. 6-7, Nov. 20-21; Voluntary CWD testing remainder of all seasons**

**Carcass movement restrictions in effect**

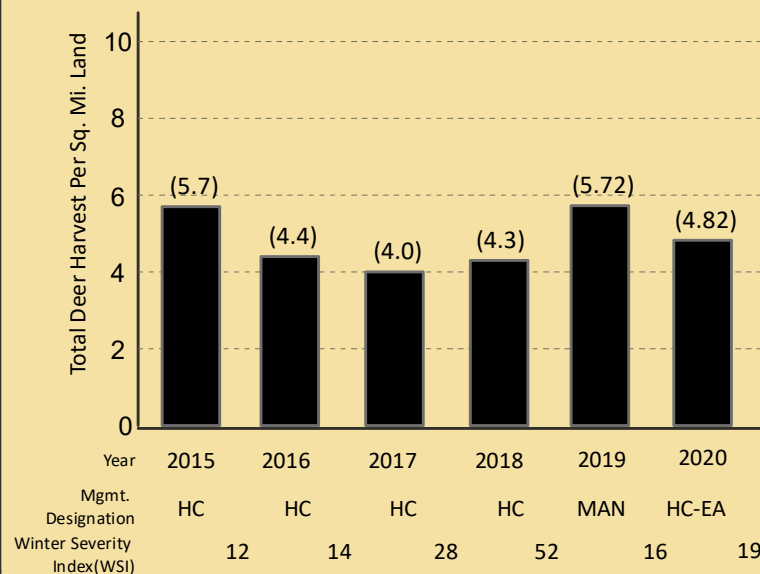
### 2020 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 13  
Hunter Success: 30%

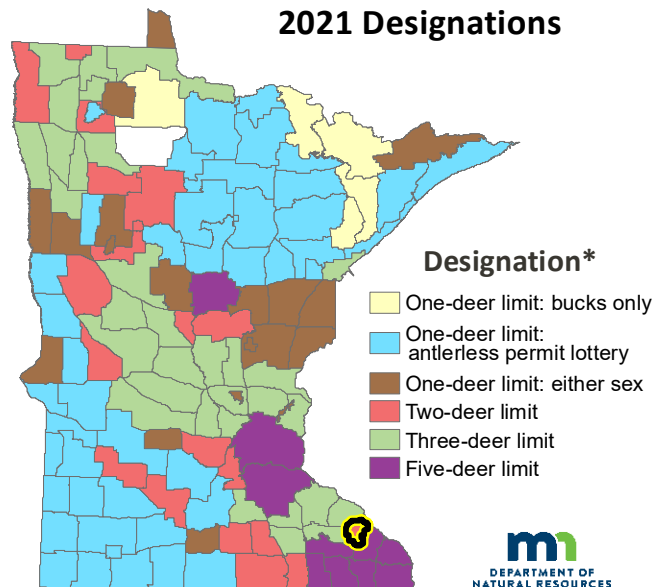
### 2020 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
<b>Firearms</b>	373	61	245	66	745
<b>Archery</b>	78	7	16	1	102
<b>Muzzleloader</b>	17	4	28	0	49
<b>Total Harvest</b>	468	72	289	67	896

### Deer Harvest, Management Designation and Winter Severity Index from 2015 - 2020/21



### 2021 Designations



\* see pages 64-67 in the hunting regulations for details