

DEER PERMIT AREA 156 HUNTING INFORMATION

2025 Deer Hunting Information

Designation: One-deer limit: antlerless permit lottery (250)

Firearm Options: All Legal Firearms

Special Regulations: N/A

Seasons:

Archery: Sept. 13 - Dec. 31

Youth: Oct. 16-19

Early Antlerless: N/A

Statewide Firearms: Nov. 8 - 23

Late SE Firearms: N/A

Muzzleloader: Nov. 29 - Dec. 14

Late CWD: N/A

Land Cover Types % Tot.

Woody Cover	75
Grassland and Wetlands	19
Annual Row Crops	1
Open Water	1
Developed	3

Total Land Area in 2024 (Non-water)

825 Sq. Mi.

Lands Open to Public Access Hunting

Publicly Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	9
State Forest	103
Misc. State Land	32
County Managed Land	125
USFWS Land (WPA and NWR)	0
USFS Land (National Forest)	0
Privately Owned Lands	
Forest Legacy/Forests for Future	0
Walk-In Access	0
Total for Public Hunting	269

Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 156 lies in portions of Carlton, Pine, and Aitkin Counties. It is a productive unit for NE MN with a fair amount of farmland. Buck harvest success rates last fall indicate that the population is near goal. However, we wanted to make sure that is a trend and not just a 1-year blip, before making the season more liberal. This unit has been under goal for a number of years, so we want to make sure we don't take a step back by making it too liberal too soon. Hopefully the mild winter will result in a good fawn crop this year to keep this population growing. The hunting season in 2025 will be conservative again to make sure it grows towards the goal. Antlerless permits will be issued through the Lottery with 250 permits available.

DNR Wildlife Contact(s): Chris Balzer, 218-878-5665

Important Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Information Optional CWD testing

A deer feeding and attractant ban is in effect for Aitkin County. See mndnr.gov/cwd/feedban.html for details

2024 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

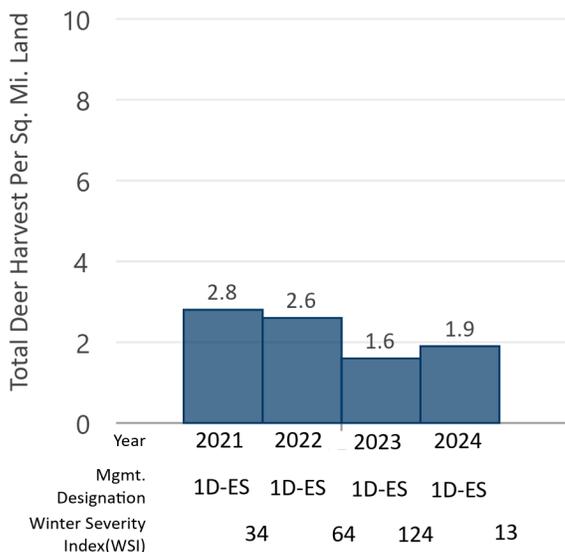
Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 9

Hunter Success: 20%

2024 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
Firearms	1256	26	156	23	1461
Archery	58	7	49	4	118
Muzzleloader	13	0	2	0	15
Total Harvest	1327	33	207	27	1594

Harvest, Designation and Winter Severity Index (WSI)



2025 Designations

