

# DEER PERMIT AREA 156 HUNTING INFORMATION

## 2023 Deer Hunting Information

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

**Firearm Options:** All Legal Firearms

**Special Regulations:** N/A

### Seasons:

Archery: Sept. 16 - Dec. 31

Youth: Oct. 19 - 22

Early Antlerless: N/A

Firearm A: Nov. 4 - 19

Firearm B: N/A

Muzzleloader: Nov. 25 - Dec. 10

Late CWD Hunts: 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 2022 (Non-water)

825 Sq. Mi.

## Lands Open to Public Hunting

Publically Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	10
State Forest	105
Misc. State Land	32
County Managed Land	128
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>275</b>

## 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. Both the population model and harvest rates indicate a stable to slightly declining deer population over the last 6 years. This past winter DPA 156 went through a new population goal setting exercise. The result of that exercise was a new goal to increase the population by 25%. We also had another very tough winter last year that impacted deer survival. The hunting season in 2023 will be conservative in an effort to get the population growing towards the new goal. Antlerless permits will be issued through the Lottery with 250 permits available.

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### Important Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Information

See [mndnr.gov/cwd/cwd-testing.html](http://mndnr.gov/cwd/cwd-testing.html) for CWD testing options

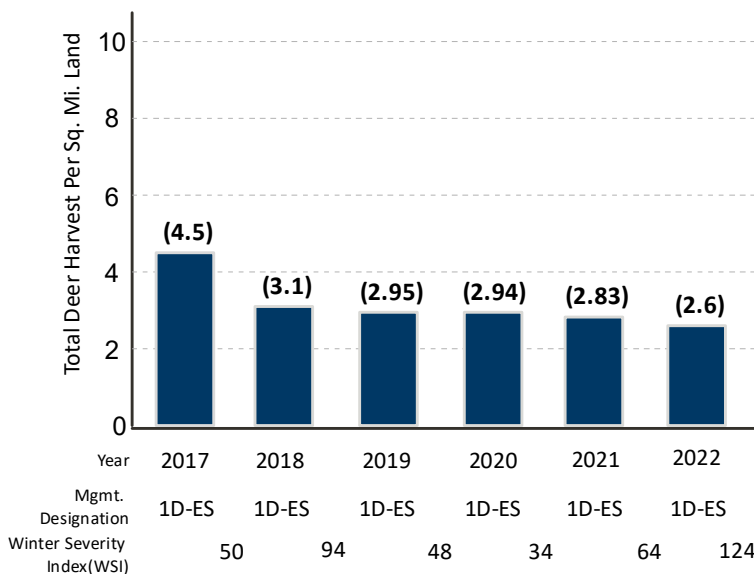
## 2022 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land:	9
Hunter Success:	24%

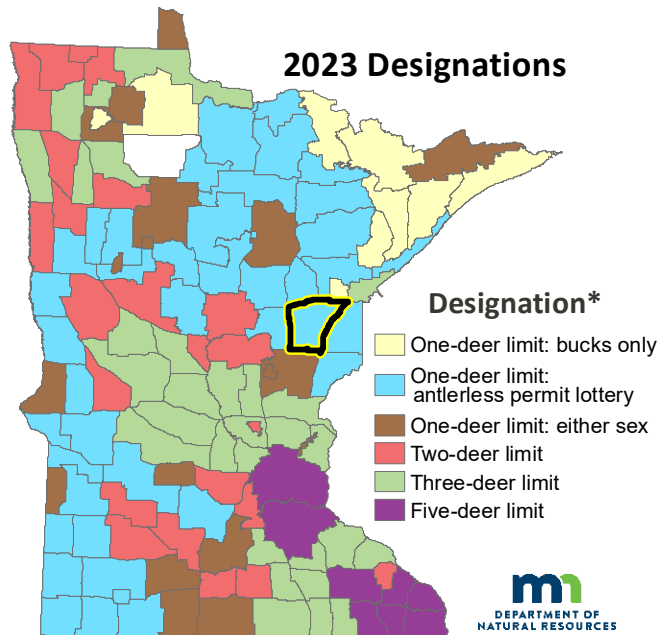
## 2022 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
<b>Firearms</b>	1065	150	663	95	1973
<b>Archery</b>	39	3	50	3	95
<b>Muzzleloader</b>	13	1	21	3	38
<b>Total Harvest</b>	1117	154	734	101	2106

## 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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