

# DEER PERMIT AREA 157 HUNTING INFORMATION

## 2025 Deer Hunting Information

**Designation:** One-deer limit: either sex

**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	53
Grassland and Wetlands	35
Annual Row Crops	6
Open Water	2
Developed	5

### Total Land Area in 2024 (Non-water)

888 Sq. Mi.

### Lands Open to Public Access Hunting

Publicly Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	11
State Forest	40
Misc. State Land	10
County Managed Land	38
USFWS Land (WPA and NWR)	0
USFS Land (National Forest)	0
Privately Owned Lands	
Forest Legacy/Forests for Future	0
Walk-In Access	0.3
<b>Total for Public Hunting</b>	<b>99.3</b>

## Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 157 lies in Aitkin, Kanabec, Mille Lacs and Pine County. It contains a mixture of large, wooded tracts of public land in the north and agriculture to the south. Consecutive mild winters have stabilized the deer herd. Deer numbers in DPA 157 are at the goal established during the 2023 public goal setting process. The management designation of Either-Sex is expected to maintain deer population goals while providing hunters with harvest opportunities.

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### 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](http://mndnr.gov/cwd/feedban.html) for details

## 2024 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

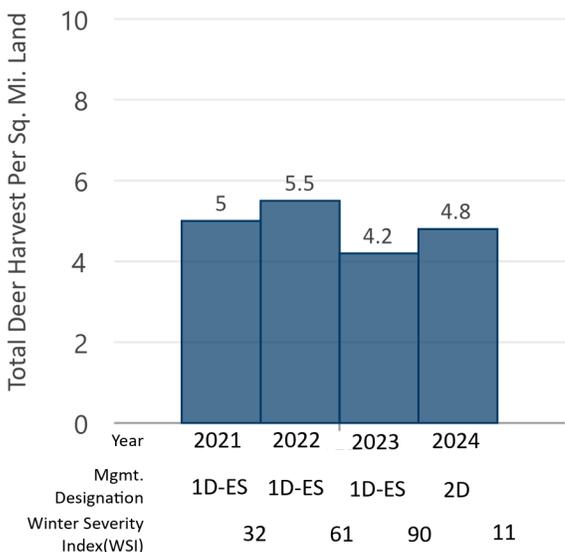
Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 14

Hunter Success: 33%

## 2024 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
<b>Firearms</b>	2475	268	968	175	3886
<b>Archery</b>	177	16	96	7	296
<b>Muzzleloader</b>	26	10	31	6	73
<b>Total Harvest</b>	2678	294	1095	188	4255

## Harvest, Designation and Winter Severity Index (WSI)



## 2025 Designations

