

# DEER PERMIT AREA 157 HUNTING INFORMATION

## 2024 Deer Hunting Information

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

**Firearm Options:** All Legal Firearms

**Special Regulations:** N/A

**Seasons:**

Archery: Sept. 14 - Dec. 31

Youth: Oct. 17 - 20

Early Antlerless: N/A

Firearm A: Nov. 9 - 24

Firearm B: N/A

Muzzleloader: Nov. 30 - Dec. 15

Late CWD Hunts: 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 2023 (Non-water)

888 Sq. Mi.

## Lands Open to Public Hunting

Publically 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. Deer numbers in DPA 157 are near 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 - <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/cwd/cwd-testing.html>

A deer feeding and attractant ban is in effect for Aitkin County. See [mndnr.gov/cwd/feedban.html](https://mndnr.gov/cwd/feedban.html) for details

## 2023 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

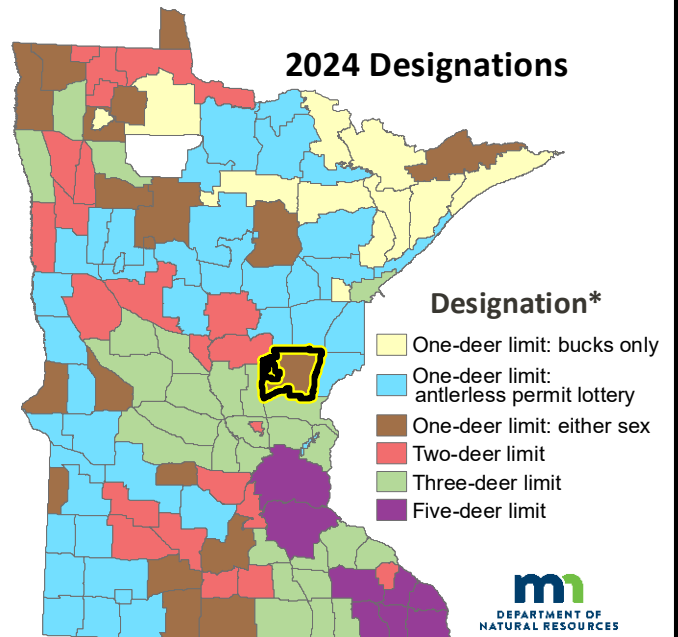
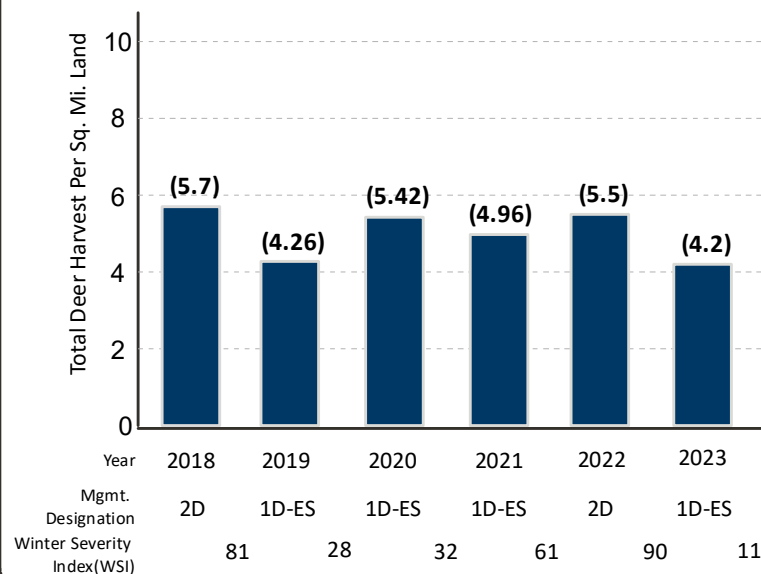
Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 13

Hunter Success: 29%

## 2023 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
<b>Firearms</b>	2151	229	926	127	3433
<b>Archery</b>	137	9	70	6	222
<b>Muzzleloader</b>	21	2	32	6	61
<b>Total Harvest</b>	2309	240	1028	139	3716

## Deer Harvest, Management Designation and Winter Severity Index from 2018 - 2023/24



\* see page 70 in the hunting regulations for details



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