

# DEER PERMIT AREA 159 HUNTING INFORMATION

## 2025 Deer Hunting Information

**Designation:** One-deer limit: antlerless permit lottery (750)

**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	68
Grassland and Wetlands	21
Annual Row Crops	6
Open Water	2
Developed	4

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

571 Sq. Mi.

### Lands Open to Public Access Hunting

Publicly Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	3
State Forest	67
Misc. State Land	65
County Managed Land	26
USFWS Land (WPA and NWR)	0
USFS Land (National Forest)	0
Privately Owned Lands	
Forest Legacy/Forests for Future	0
Walk-In Access	0.6
<b>Total for Public Hunting</b>	<b>161.6</b>

## Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 159 lies entirely in Pine County. 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 750 permits available.

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**Important Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Information**  
Optional CWD testing

## 2024 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

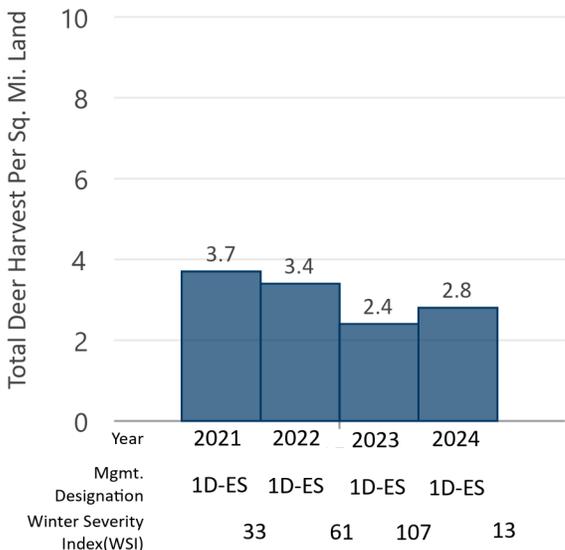
Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 10

Hunter Success: 24%

## 2024 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
<b>Firearms</b>	1190	50	183	23	1446
<b>Archery</b>	99	6	45	3	153
<b>Muzzleloader</b>	6	0	4	0	10
<b>Total Harvest</b>	1295	56	232	26	1609

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



## 2025 Designations

