

DEER PERMIT AREA 159 HUNTING INFORMATION

2023 Deer Hunting Information

Designation: One-deer limit: antlerless permit lottery (500)

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

Total Land Area in 2022 (Non-water)

571 Sq. Mi.

Lands Open to Public Hunting

Publically Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	3
State Forest	68
Misc. State Land	5
County Managed Land	36
USFWS Land (WPA and NWR)	0
USFS Land (National Forest)	0
Privately Owned Lands	
Forest Legacy/Forests for Future	0
Walk-In Access	0.4
Total for Public Hunting	112

Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 159 lies in SE Pine County. 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 159 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 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 500 permits available.

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Important Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Information

See mndnr.gov/cwd/cwd-testing.html for CWD testing options

2022 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

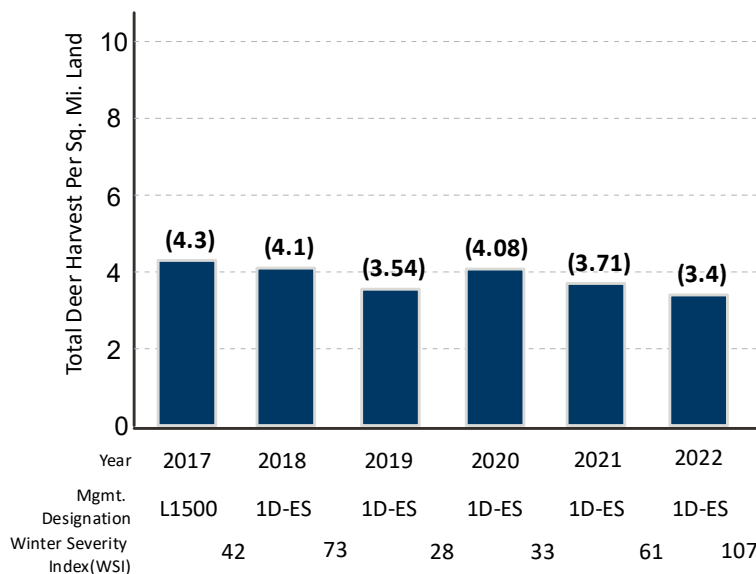
Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 11

Hunter Success: 27%

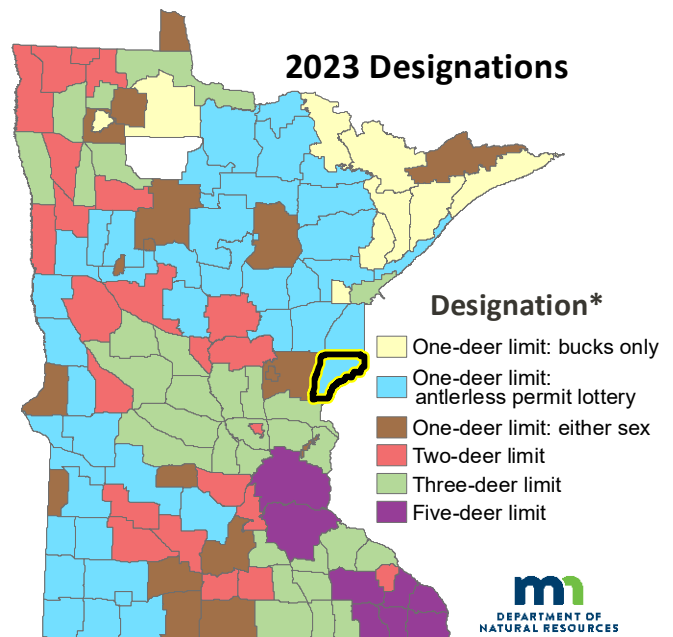
2022 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
Firearms	1002	129	560	94	1785
Archery	63	7	54	6	130
Muzzleloader	13	0	9	1	23
Total Harvest	1078	136	623	101	1938

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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