

# DEER PERMIT AREA 159 HUNTING INFORMATION

## 2024 Deer Hunting Information

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

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

### Total Land Area in 2023 (Non-water)

571 Sq. Mi.

### Lands Open to Public Hunting

Publically 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 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 slightly declining deer population over the last 5 years. This population is under goal. We have had a string of tougher winters that have impacted deer survival and fawn production. However, this past winter was very mild. Hopefully the mild winter will result in a good fawn crop this year to help get this population growing again. The hunting season in 2024 will be conservative to help get the population growing towards the goal. Antlerless permits will be issued through the Lottery with 500 permits available.

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**Important Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Information**  
 Optional CWD testing - <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/cwd/cwd-testing.html>

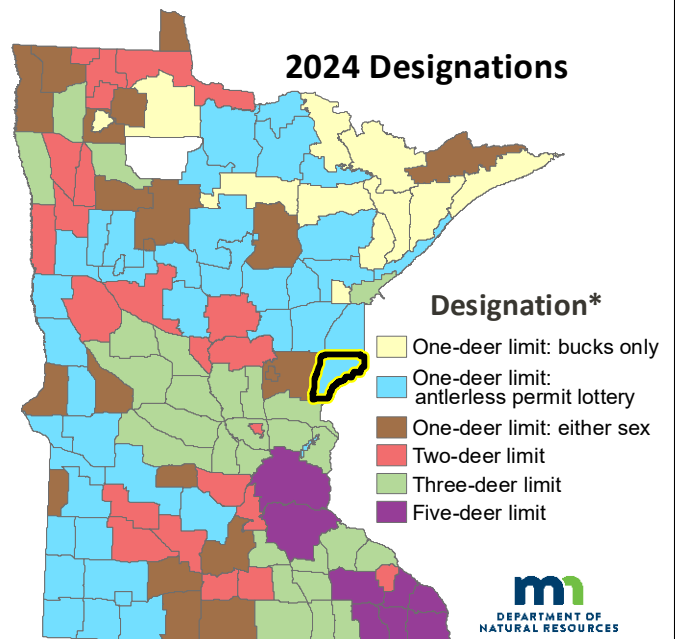
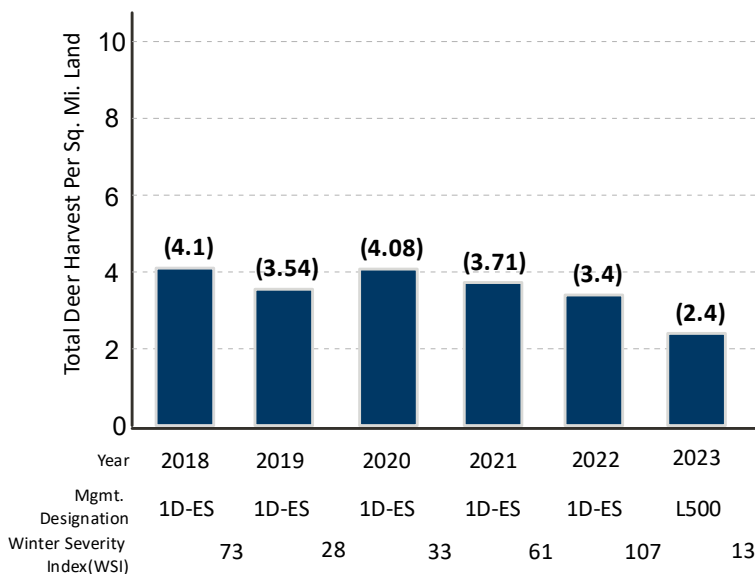
### 2023 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land:	11
Hunter Success:	21%

### 2023 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
<b>Firearms</b>	1004	42	177	20	1243
<b>Archery</b>	58	3	30	1	92
<b>Muzzleloader</b>	7	1	1	0	9
<b>Total Harvest</b>	1069	46	208	21	1344

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



\* see page 70 in the hunting regulations for details