

DEER PERMIT AREA 169 HUNTING INFORMATION

2024 Deer Hunting Information

Designation: One-deer limit: bucks only

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 | 86 |
| Grassland and Wetlands | 5 |
| Annual Row Crops | 0 |
| Open Water | 6 |
| Developed | 2 |

Total Land Area in 2023 (Non-water)

940 Sq. Mi.

Lands Open to Public Hunting

| Publically Owned Lands | Sq. Mi. |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| State Wildlife Management Area | 9 |
| State Forest | 212 |
| Misc. State Land | 39 |
| County Managed Land | 169 |
| USFWS Land (WPA and NWR) | 0 |
| USFS Land (National Forest) | 236 |
| Privately Owned Lands | |
| Forest Legacy/Forests for Future | 52 |
| Walk-In Access | 0 |
| Total for Public Hunting | 717 |

Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 169 had a boundary change in 2021 to better match areas of current deer numbers. The permit area goal is to increase the deer population by 50%. Progress to increase deer numbers has been challenging because of a string of past severe winters and predator pressures. Areas of extensive public land presently have very few deer despite interspersed pockets of private land where deer numbers are higher. Deer numbers are still not increasing even with past reductions of antlerless permits, therefore a more conservative harvest strategy of Bucks-only is needed.

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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 Beltrami and Itasca Counties. See mndnr.gov/cwd/feedban.html for details

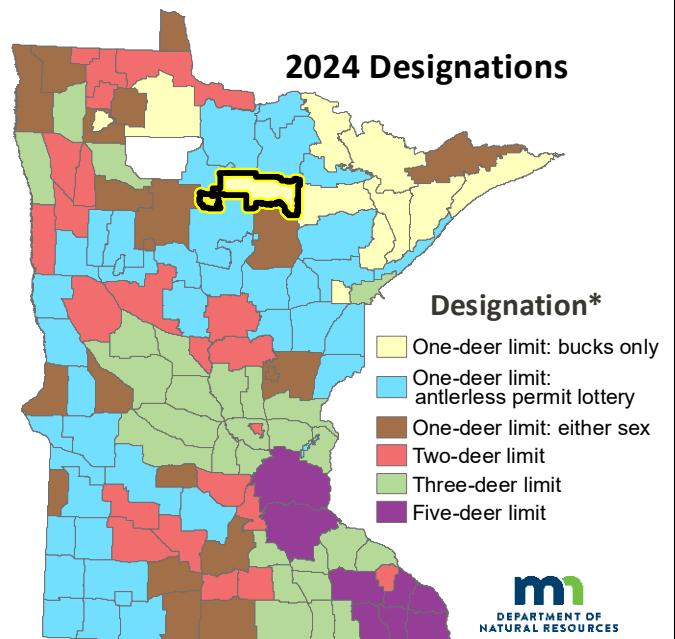
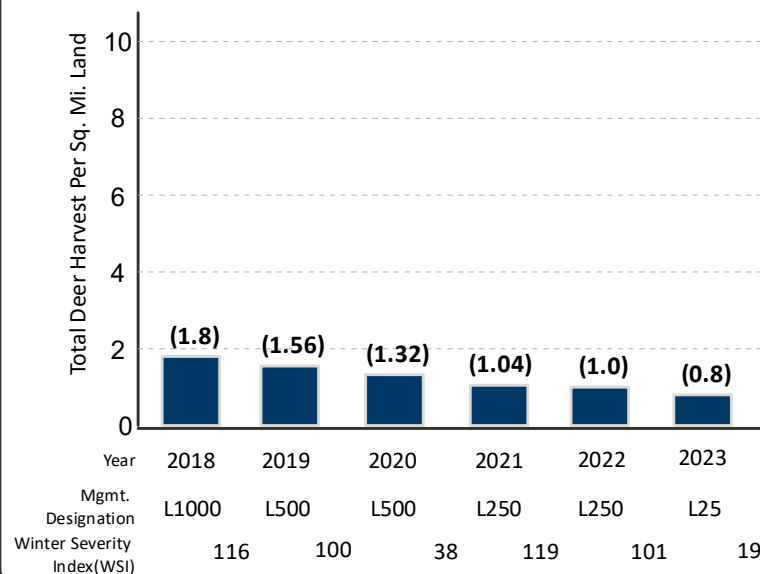
2023 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 5
Hunter Success: 14%

2023 Deer Harvest

| | Adult Male | Fawn Male | Adult Female | Fawn Female | Total |
|----------------------|------------|-----------|--------------|-------------|------------|
| Firearms | 624 | 15 | 70 | 15 | 724 |
| Archery | 23 | 3 | 24 | 0 | 50 |
| Muzzleloader | 6 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 8 |
| Total Harvest | 653 | 18 | 96 | 15 | 782 |

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



* see page 70 in the hunting regulations for details