DEER PERMIT AREA 169 HUNTING INFORMATION

2023 Deer Hunting Information

Designation: One-deer limit: antlerless permit lottery (25)
Firearm Options: All Legal Firearms
Special Regulations: CWD regulations apply for the portion of the DPA west of STH 6. See mndnr.gov/cwd for details.
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	86
Grassland and Wetlands	5
Annual Row Crops	0
Open Water	6
Developed	2

Total Land Area in 2022 (Non-water)

940 Sq. Mi.

Lands Open to Public Hunting

Publically Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	10
State Forest	204
Misc. State Land	36
County Managed Land	169
USFWS Land (WPA and NWR)	0
USFS Land (National Forest)	244
Privately Owned Lands	
Forest Legacy/Forests for Future	52
Walk-In Access	0
Total for Public Hunting	715

Wildlife Manager Report

Deer permit area 169 had a boundary change in 2021 to better match areas of current deer numbers. The deer population goal is to increase the deer population by 50%. Progress to increase deer numbers has been challenging because of continuing severe winters and predator pressures. Antlerless permits were reduced to 25 because of last year's severe winter and to make progress towards the population goal. However, youth and archery hunters still have opportunities to harvest an antlerless deer in areas where deer number may be higher, especially on private lands.

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Important Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Information
Portion west of STH 6 - Mandatory CWD testing Nov. 4-5

A deer feeding and attractant ban is in effect for Beltrami and Itasca Counties. See mndnr.gov/cwd/feedban.html for details

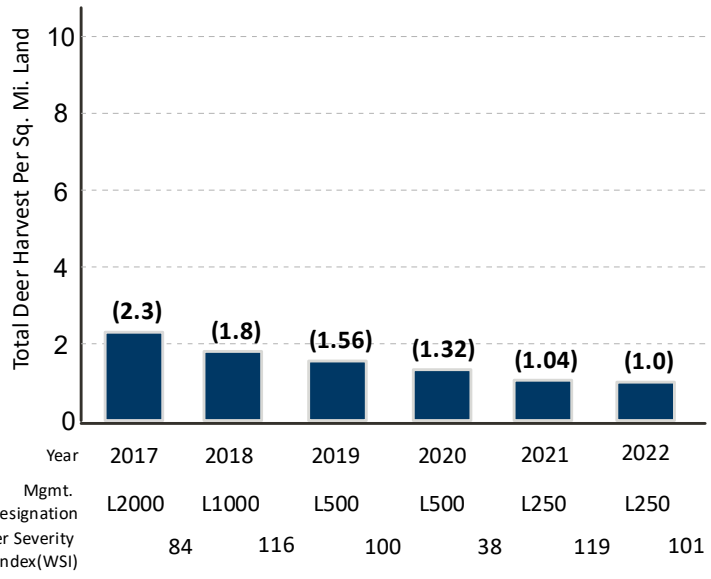
2022 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 6
Hunter Success: 15%

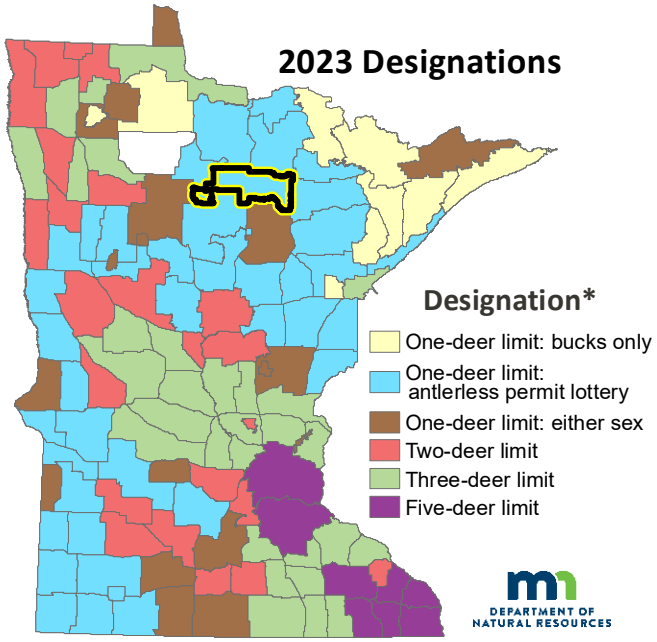
2022 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
Firearms	673	22	149	15	859
Archery	17	2	27	0	46
Muzzleloader	12	0	2	0	14
Total Harvest	702	24	178	15	919

Deer Harvest, Management Designation and Winter Severity Index from 2017 - 2022/23



2023 Designations



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* see page 70 in the hunting regulations for details

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