DEER PERMIT AREA 172 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

Land Cover Types	% Tot.
Woody Cover	77
Grassland and Wetlands	8
Annual Row Crops	1
Open Water	11
Developed	3

Total Land Area in 2022 (Non-water)

688 Sq. Mi.

Lands Open to Public Hunting

Publically Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	16
State Forest	26
Misc. State Land	37
County Managed Land	204
USFWS Land (WPA and NWR)	0
USFS Land (National Forest)	153
Privately Owned Lands	
Forest Legacy/Forests for Future	0
Walk-In Access	0
Total for Public Hunting	**436**

Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 172 includes northern Crow Wing and central and northeastern Cass Counties. Rolling hills and lakes dot this mostly forested DPA. Much of the land within the DPA is in public ownership, giving hunters ample places to hunt. A string of harsh winters with deep snow has likely negatively affected deer winter survival. The goal for this permit area is to increase the population by 25%. With that in mind, a more conservative lottery of 500 permits for this season should help to recover the deer population in this area.

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Important Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Information
CWD testing options

A deer feeding and attractant ban is currently in effect for Cass, Crow Wing and Itasca Counties. See mndnr.gov/cwd/feedban.html for details

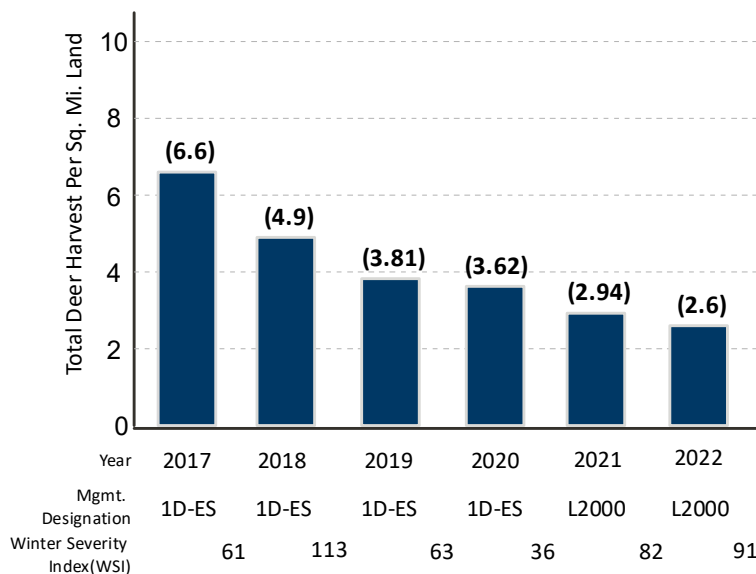## 2022 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics
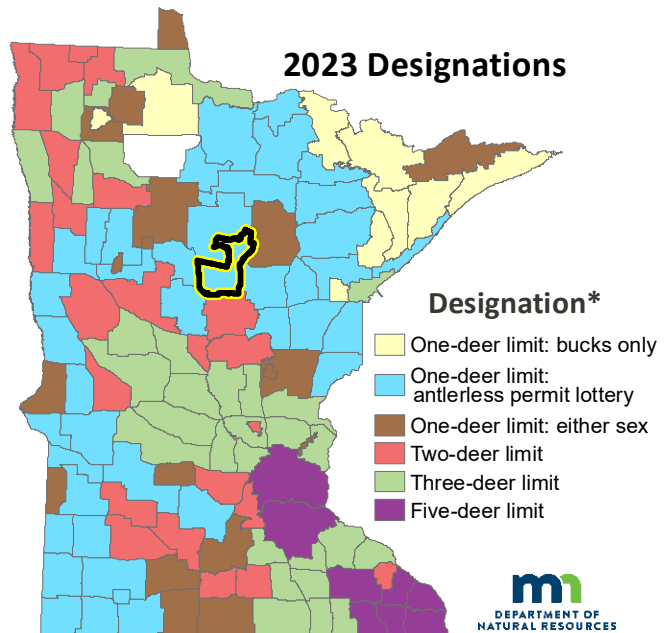
Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 12
Hunter Success: 18%

2022 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
Firearms	1026	88	430	58	1602
Archery	53	8	60	4	125
Muzzleloader	24	0	17	4	45
Total Harvest	1103	96	507	66	1772

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

Year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total Deer Harvest Per Sq. Mi. Land	(6.6)	(4.9)	(3.81)	(3.62)	(2.94)	(2.6)
Mgmt. Designation	1D-ES	1D-ES	1D-ES	1D-ES	L2000	L2000
Winter Severity Index(WSI)	61	113	63	36	82	91

2023 Designations

Designation*

- One-deer limit: bucks only
- One-deer limit: antlerless permit lottery
- One-deer limit: either sex
- Two-deer limit
- Three-deer limit
- Five-deer limit

* see page 70 in the hunting regulations for details

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