

# DEER PERMIT AREA 221 HUNTING INFORMATION

## 2025 Deer Hunting Information

**Designation:** Three-deer limit - Early Antlerless

**Firearm Options:** All Legal Firearms

**Special Regulations:** N/A

### Seasons:

Archery: Sept. 13 - Dec. 31

Youth: Oct. 16-19

Early Antlerless: Oct. 16-19

Statewide Firearms: Nov. 8 - 16

Late SE Firearms: N/A

Muzzleloader: Nov. 29 - Dec. 14

Late CWD: N/A

### Land Cover Types % Tot.

Woody Cover	19
Grassland and Wetlands	37
Annual Row Crops	36
Open Water	1
Developed	6

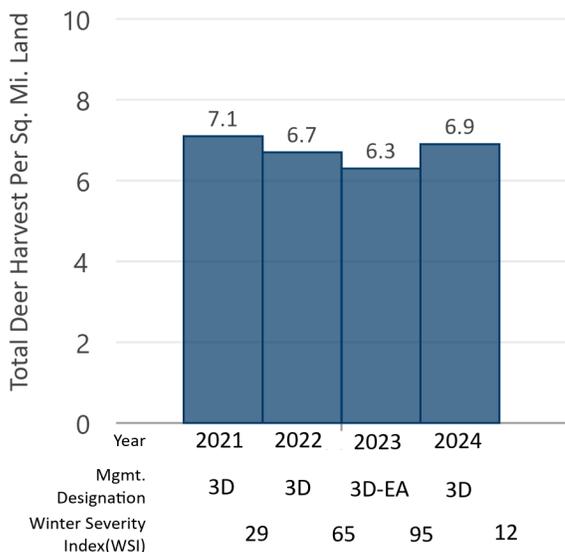
### Total Land Area in 2024 (Non-water)

642 Sq. Mi.

### Lands Open to Public Access Hunting

Publicly Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	6
State Forest	0
Misc. State Land	0.5
County Managed Land	0
USFWS Land (WPA and NWR)	3
USFS Land (National Forest)	0
Privately Owned Lands	
Forest Legacy/Forests for Future	0
Walk-In Access	0
<b>Total for Public Hunting</b>	<b>9.5</b>

### Harvest, Designation and Winter Severity Index (WSI)



## Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 221 is a productive permit area, containing little public land, and rarely experiences severe winters. The area covers most of Morrison County east of the Mississippi River, as well as the western two-thirds of Benton County. Regional population assessment and buck harvest trends suggests the herd remains above goal and has been increasing the past few years. This year's designation of a 3-Deer limit plus an Early Antlerless season is meant to continue providing opportunity to manage deer locally where needed and to prevent the deer population from increasing far above goal given the extremely mild conditions this past winter. With back-to-back mild winters and a highly productive deer herd - the population is more than likely over goal. Thus, I agree with Wildlife Research and secondary area manager that a liberal season is warranted - 3-deer bag limit along with Early Antlerless season.

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**Important Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Information**  
Optional CWD testing

### 2024 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 11  
Hunter Success: 56%

### 2024 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
<b>Firearms</b>	1906	374	1076	282	3638
<b>Archery</b>	214	43	298	37	592
<b>Muzzleloader</b>	51	21	114	22	208
<b>Total Harvest</b>	2171	438	1488	341	4438

