

DEER PERMIT AREA 222 HUNTING INFORMATION

2023 Deer Hunting Information

Designation: Three-deer limit

Firearm Options: All Legal Firearms

Special Regulations: N/A

Seasons:

Archery: Sept. 16 - Dec. 31

Youth: Oct. 19 - 22

Early Antlerless: Oct. 19 - 22

Firearm A: Nov. 4 - 12

Firearm B: N/A

Muzzleloader: Nov. 25 - Dec. 10

Late CWD Hunts: N/A

Land Cover Types % Tot.

Woody Cover	38
Grassland and Wetlands	37
Annual Row Crops	21
Open Water	0
Developed	4

Total Land Area in 2022 (Non-water)

413 Sq. Mi.

Lands Open to Public Hunting

Publically Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	8
State Forest	6
Misc. State Land	1
County Managed Land	1
USFWS Land (WPA and NWR)	0
USFS Land (National Forest)	0
Privately Owned Lands	
Forest Legacy/Forests for Future	0
Walk-In Access	0
Total for Public Hunting	16

Wildlife Manager Report

Deer permit area (DPA) 222 is a productive permit area, containing little public land. The area covers eastern Benton, western Mille Lacs and SE Morrison County. The deer herd is above goal, growing, with increasing complaints about too many deer in the permit area. This year's designation of a three-deer limit plus early antlerless season is meant to provide opportunity to manage deer locally where needed, and move the deer population towards goal.

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Important Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Information

See mndnr.gov/cwd/cwd-testing.html for CWD testing options

2022 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

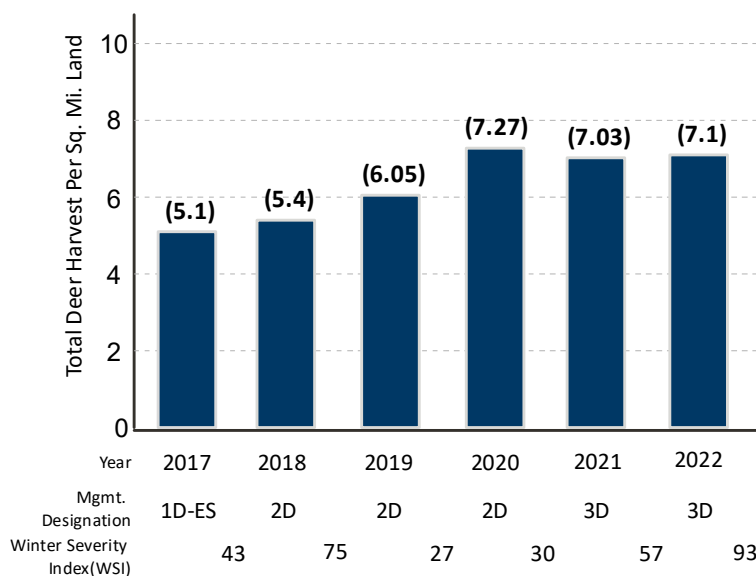
Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 14

Hunter Success: 38%

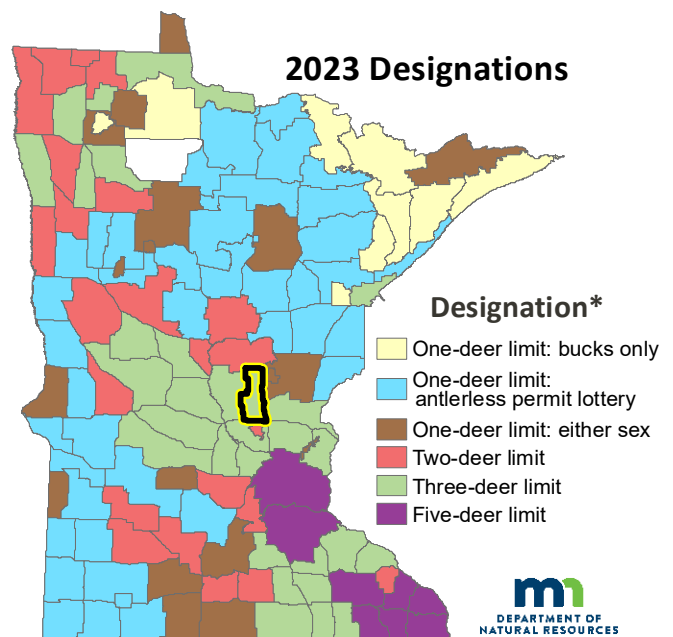
2022 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
Firearms	1132	253	846	197	2428
Archery	126	32	198	26	382
Muzzleloader	39	24	71	7	141
Total Harvest	1297	309	1115	230	2951

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



2023 Designations



* see page 70 in the hunting regulations for details

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