

DEER PERMIT AREA 222 HUNTING INFORMATION

2024 Deer Hunting Information

Designation: Three-deer limit

Firearm Options: All Legal Firearms

Special Regulations: N/A

Seasons:

- Archery: Sept. 14 - Dec. 31
- Youth: Oct. 17 - 20
- Early Antlerless: Oct. 17 - 20
- Firearm A: Nov. 9 - 17
- Firearm B: N/A
- Muzzleloader: Nov. 30 - Dec. 15
- 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 2023 (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	0.8
County Managed Land	0
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	14.8

Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 222 is a productive permit area, containing little public land. The area covers eastern Benton, eastern Morrison and western Mille Lacs 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 an 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

Optional CWD testing - <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/cwd/cwd-testing.html>

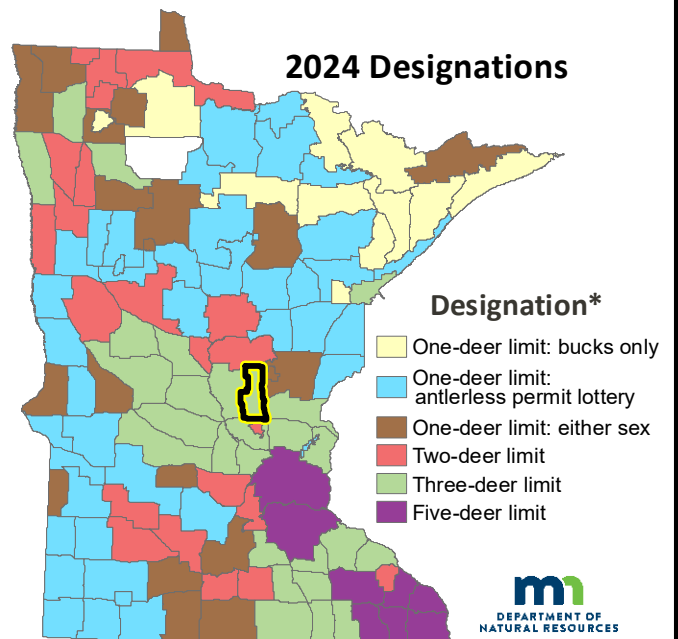
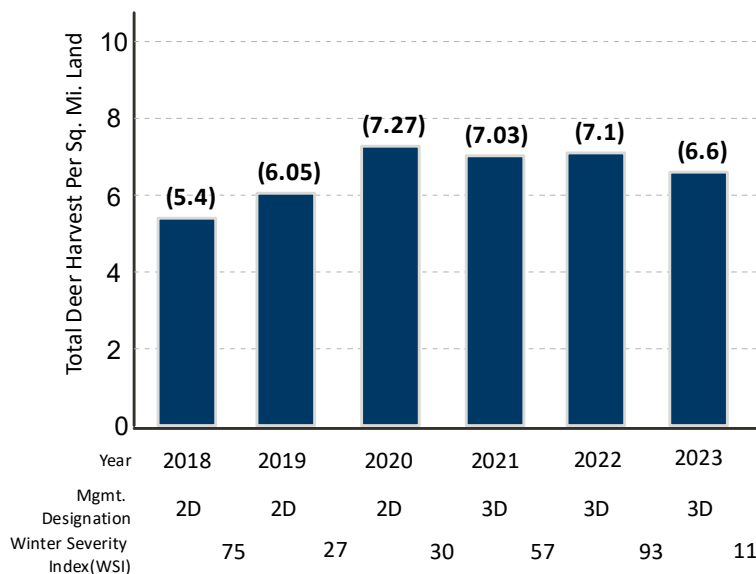
2023 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land:	14
Hunter Success:	42%

2023 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
Firearms	1142	288	738	187	2355
Archery	87	16	142	19	264
Muzzleloader	33	13	61	8	115
Total Harvest	1262	317	941	214	2734

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



* see page 70 in the hunting regulations for details