# DEER PERMIT AREA 229 HUNTING INFORMATION

# **2023 Deer Hunting Information**

**Designation:** Three-deer limit

Firearm Options: Shotgun using slugs,

muzzleloaders and handguns legal for big game

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	<u>% Tot.</u>		
Woody Cover	17		
Grassland and Wetlands	27		
Annual Row Crops	28		
Open Water	12		
Developed	16		

#### **Total Land Area in 2022 (Non-water)**

284 Sq. Mi.

## **Lands Open to Public Hunting**

Publically Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.	
State Wildlife Management Area	3	
State Forest	0	
Misc. State Land	0	
County Managed Land	0	
USFWS Land (WPA and NWR)	2	
USFS Land (National Forest)	0	
Privately Owned Lands		
Forest Legacy/Forests for Future	0	
Walk-In Access	0	
Total for Public Hunting	5	

### Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 229 includes much of eastern Wright County with a landscape of rolling hardwood and agricultural land interspersed with rivers and lakes. Historically, deer harvest management has alternated between conservative and more liberal management strategies. There are numerous small private land tracts that are off limits to hunting, due to landowner preferences, so a more aggressive hunting strategy for the entire permit area is often required to accomplish harvest goals. DPA 229 also borders DPA 701, the Twin Cities metropolitan area, where there is a five-deer limit. A three deer limit with early antlerless harvest designation will be in place this year to work towards a 25% herd reduction.

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Important Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Information CWD testing options

#### **2022 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics**

Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 6
Hunter Success: 31%

### **2022 Deer Harvest**

	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Total
	Male	Male	Female	Female	
Firearms	333	48	161	39	581
Archery	87	19	106	10	222
Muzzleloader	24	6	34	4	68
Total Harvest	444	73	301	53	871



