

# DEER PERMIT AREA 229 HUNTING INFORMATION

## 2025 Deer Hunting Information

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

**Firearm Options:** Shotgun using slugs, muzzleloaders and handguns legal for big game

**Special Regulations:** Special CWD related regulations in this area. See [mndnr.gov/cwd](http://mndnr.gov/cwd) for details

**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	17
Grassland and Wetlands	27
Annual Row Crops	28
Open Water	12
Developed	16

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

284 Sq. Mi.

### Lands Open to Public Access Hunting

Publicly Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	3
State Forest	0
Misc. State Land	2
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
<b>Total for Public Hunting</b>	<b>7</b>

## 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 601, the Twin Cities metropolitan area, where there is a 5-Deer limit. A 3-Deer limit with an 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**  
Mandatory CWD testing Nov. 8-9

A deer feeding and attractant ban is in effect for Wright County. See [mndnr.gov/cwd/feedban.html](http://mndnr.gov/cwd/feedban.html) for details

## 2024 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

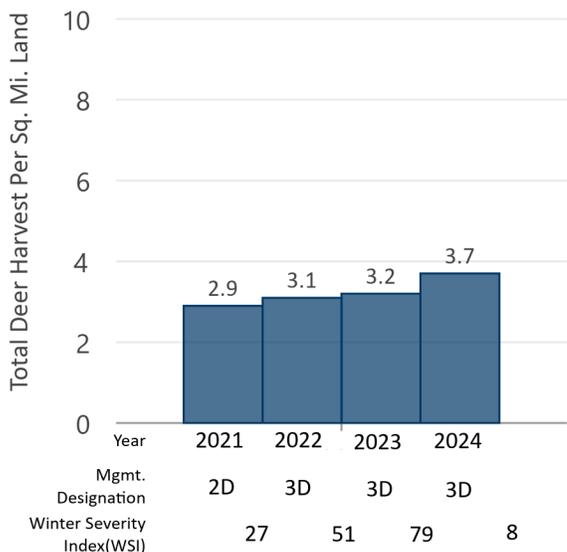
Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 6

Hunter Success: 39%

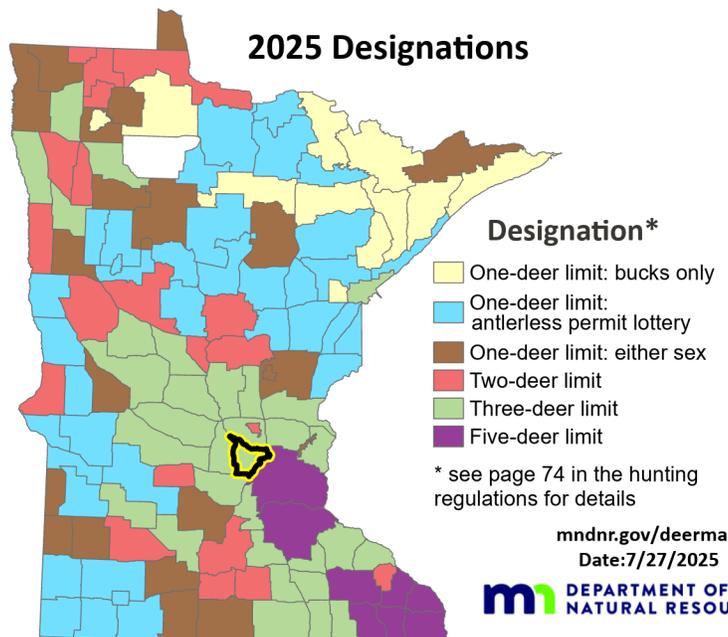
## 2024 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
<b>Firearms</b>	355	42	193	39	629
<b>Archery</b>	141	26	155	27	349
<b>Muzzleloader</b>	25	6	30	7	68
<b>Total Harvest</b>	521	74	378	73	1046

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



## 2025 Designations



[mndnr.gov/deermap](http://mndnr.gov/deermap)  
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