

# DEER PERMIT AREA 246 HUNTING INFORMATION

## 2025 Deer Hunting Information

**Designation:** One-deer limit: antlerless permit lottery (1500)

**Firearm Options:** All Legal Firearms

**Special Regulations:** N/A

### Seasons:

Archery: Sept. 13 - Dec. 31

Youth: Oct. 16-19

Early Antlerless: N/A

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	62
Grassland and Wetlands	30
Annual Row Crops	3
Open Water	2
Developed	3

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

784 Sq. Mi.

### Lands Open to Public Access Hunting

Publicly Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	24
State Forest	63
Misc. State Land	14
County Managed Land	119
USFWS Land (WPA and NWR)	0
USFS Land (National Forest)	0
Privately Owned Lands	
Forest Legacy/Forests for Future	3
Walk-In Access	0.2
<b>Total for Public Hunting</b>	<b>223.2</b>

## Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 246 contains large blocks of public forestland and a significant amount of private land. The habitat is red and jack pine, mixed deciduous and aspen forests, pasture, agricultural fields, and wetlands. Large numbers of hunters utilize this permit area for deer hunting. The population goal for this area was updated in 2022, with a goal to stabilize the population. The deep snow during the winters of 2021-22 and 2022-23 had a negative impact on this deer herd. While this past winter was relatively mild and likely led to increased deer survival; to speed up this herd's recovery this permit area will be in Lottery (1500) this season.

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

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

### 2024 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

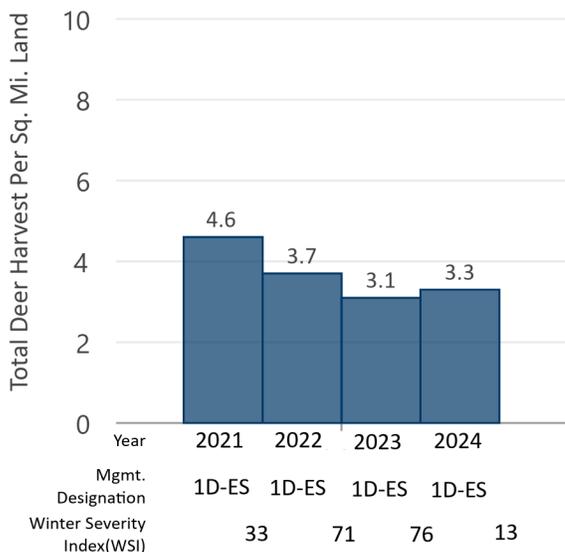
Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 12

Hunter Success: 25%

### 2024 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
<b>Firearms</b>	1885	93	336	60	2374
<b>Archery</b>	123	12	58	8	201
<b>Muzzleloader</b>	36	0	12	1	49
<b>Total Harvest</b>	<b>2044</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>406</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>2624</b>

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



### 2025 Designations

