

# DEER PERMIT AREA 246 HUNTING INFORMATION

## 2023 Deer Hunting Information

**Designation:** One-deer limit: antlerless permit lottery (2000)

**Firearm Options:** All Legal Firearms

**Special Regulations:** N/A

**Seasons:**

- Archery: Sept. 16 - Dec. 31
- Youth: Oct. 19 - 22
- Early Antlerless: N/A
- 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	62
Grassland and Wetlands	30
Annual Row Crops	3
Open Water	2
Developed	3

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

784 Sq. Mi.

### Lands Open to Public Hunting

Publically Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	24
State Forest	63
Misc. State Land	13
County Managed Land	127
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>230</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. Last season's buck harvest decreased significantly from previous years, possibly indicating that the winter of 2021/22 was more severe in this area. This past winter also saw significant snow depths in this area. To address concerns about winter survival, this permit area will be in Lottery (2000) this season.

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**Important Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Information**  
See [mndnr.gov/cwd/cwd-testing.html](http://mndnr.gov/cwd/cwd-testing.html) for CWD testing options

**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**

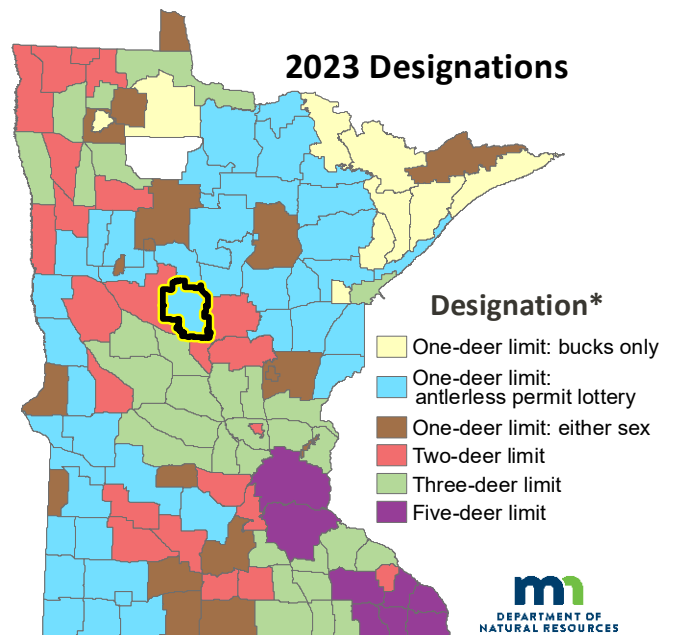
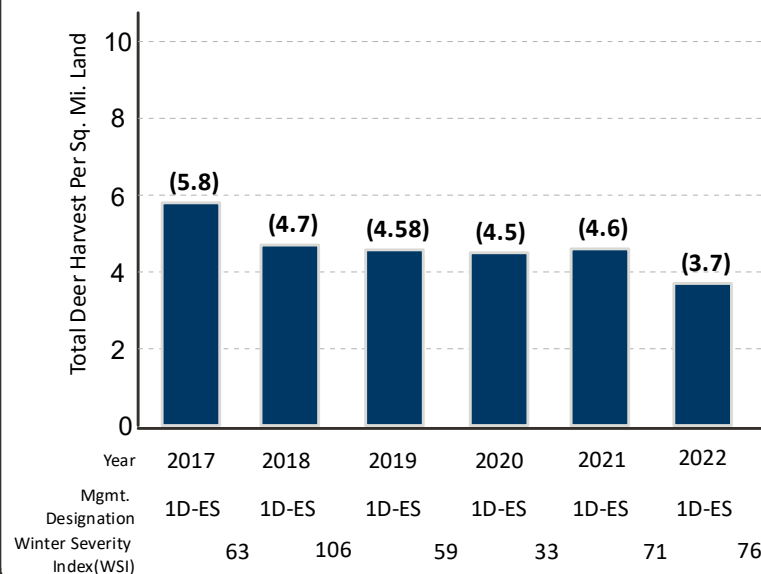
### 2022 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land:	13
Hunter Success:	26%

### 2022 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
<b>Firearms</b>	1409	229	856	156	2650
<b>Archery</b>	74	10	54	4	142
<b>Muzzleloader</b>	40	8	73	9	130
<b>Total Harvest</b>	1523	247	983	169	2922

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



\* see page 70 in the hunting regulations for details