# **DEER PERMIT AREA 249 HUNTING INFORMATION**

#### 2025 Deer Hunting Information

Designation: Two-deer limit 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	<u>% Tot.</u>	
Woody Cover	34	
Grassland and Wetlands	25	
Annual Row Crops	6	
Open Water	31	
Developed	3	

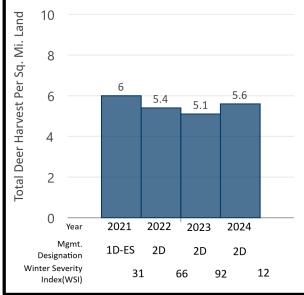
# Total Land Area in 2024 (Non-water)

496 Sq. Mi.

#### Lands Open to Public Access Hunting

Publically Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	4
State Forest	5
Misc. State Land	11
County Managed Land	23
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	43

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



### Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 249 contains southern Crow Wing, northern Morrison, and northwestern Mille Lacs Counties. The rolling topography in this permit area contains a mix of uses including agriculture, wetlands, and various forest types. The goal for this DPA is to stabilize the population. Hunters and landowners continue to report a large number of deer in this area. This DPA will be under a 2-Deer bag limit again this year to help stabilize the population.

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Important Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Information Optional CWD testing

A deer feeding and attractant ban is in effect for Crow Wing County. See mndnr.gov/cwd/feedban.html for details

### 2024 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 12 Hunter Success: 43%

#### 2024 Deer Harvest

	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Total
	Male	Male	Female	Female	
Firearms	1359	219	635	163	2376
Archery	131	21	122	12	286
Muzzleloader	26	11	64	9	110
Total Harvest	1516	251	821	184	2772

