

# DEER PERMIT AREA 249 HUNTING INFORMATION

## 2023 Deer Hunting Information

**Designation:** Two-deer limit

**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            | 34 |
| Grassland and Wetlands | 25 |
| Annual Row Crops       | 6  |
| Open Water             | 31 |
| Developed              | 3  |

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

496 Sq. Mi.

## Lands Open to Public Hunting

| Publically Owned Lands           | Sq. Mi.   |
|----------------------------------|-----------|
| State Wildlife Management Area   | 4         |
| State Forest                     | 4         |
| Misc. State Land                 | 7         |
| County Managed Land              | 25        |
| USFWS Land (WPA and NWR)         | 0         |
| 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>40</b> |

## 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 two-deer bag limit again this year to help stabilize the population.

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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 Crow Wing County. See [mndnr.gov/cwd/feedban.html](http://mndnr.gov/cwd/feedban.html) for details

## 2022 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

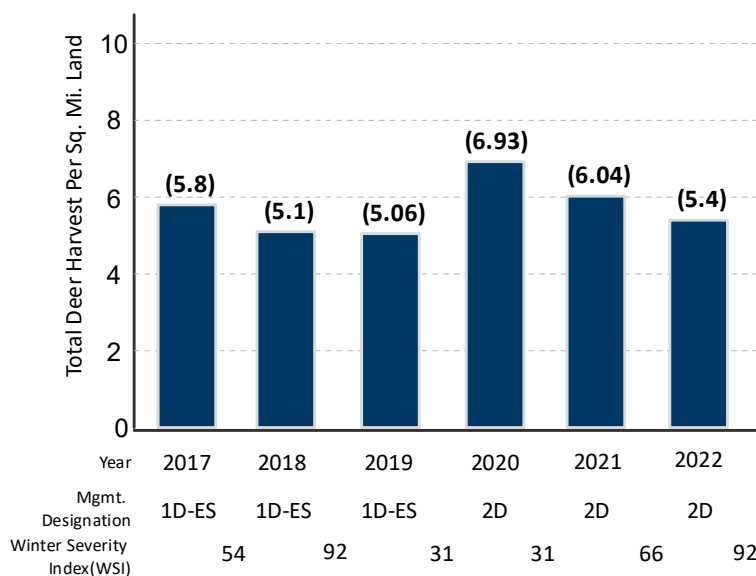
Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 12

Hunter Success: 39%

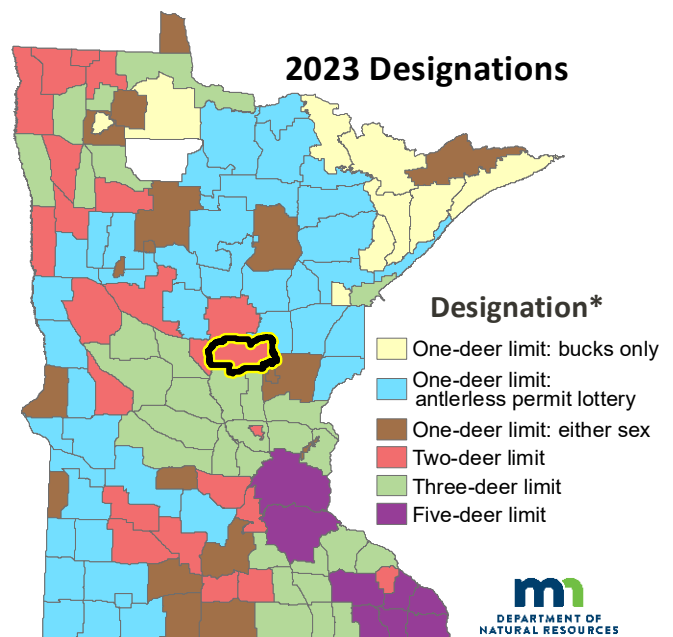
## 2022 Deer Harvest

|                      | Adult Male | Fawn Male | Adult Female | Fawn Female | Total |
|----------------------|------------|-----------|--------------|-------------|-------|
| <b>Firearms</b>      | 1183       | 243       | 741          | 167         | 2334  |
| <b>Archery</b>       | 79         | 15        | 119          | 14          | 227   |
| <b>Muzzleloader</b>  | 27         | 11        | 57           | 7           | 102   |
| <b>Total Harvest</b> | 1289       | 269       | 917          | 188         | 2663  |

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



## 2023 Designations



\* see page 70 in the hunting regulations for details

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