

# DEER PERMIT AREA 259 HUNTING INFORMATION

## 2025 Deer Hunting Information

**Designation:** One-deer limit: antlerless permit lottery (1000)

**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	77
Grassland and Wetlands	7
Annual Row Crops	2
Open Water	11
Developed	4

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

490 Sq. Mi.

### Lands Open to Public Access Hunting

Publicly Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	0.6
State Forest	99
Misc. State Land	13
County Managed Land	123
USFWS Land (WPA and NWR)	0
USFS Land (National Forest)	22
Privately Owned Lands	
Forest Legacy/Forests for Future	0
Walk-In Access	0
<b>Total for Public Hunting</b>	<b>257.6</b>

## Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 259 contains large blocks of public land and private land. The area contains good forested deer habitat consisting of mixed pine and aspen forest, generally small wetlands, and a number of recreational lakes with some agriculture. The availability of publicly accessible land results in this DPA having one of the highest hunter densities in the state. We believe this deer population is still below the new goal of increase by 25%, even though we saw improvement in buck harvest and hunter success under a more restrictive lottery last year. The 2025 management designation of Lottery with fewer antlerless permits again (1,000) is meant to allow additional population recovery.

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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

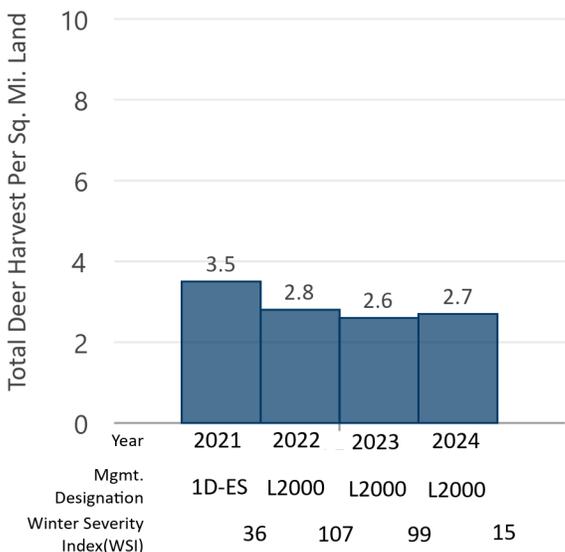
Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 12

Hunter Success: 21%

## 2024 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
<b>Firearms</b>	899	52	200	29	1180
<b>Archery</b>	51	7	49	1	108
<b>Muzzleloader</b>	25	2	14	0	41
<b>Total Harvest</b>	975	61	263	30	1329

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



## 2025 Designations

