

DEER PERMIT AREA 259 HUNTING INFORMATION

2024 Deer Hunting Information

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

Firearm Options: All Legal Firearms

Special Regulations: N/A

Seasons:

- Archery: Sept. 14 - Dec. 31
- Youth: Oct. 17 - 20
- Early Antlerless: N/A
- Firearm A: Nov. 9 - 17
- Firearm B: N/A
- Muzzleloader: Nov. 30 - Dec. 15
- Late CWD Hunts: 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 2023 (Non-water)

490 Sq. Mi.

Lands Open to Public 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
Total for Public Hunting	257.6

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 25%, even after four years of Lottery seasons. The 2024 management designation of Lottery with fewer antlerless permits (1,000) is meant to help the population recover.

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Important Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Information

Optional CWD testing - <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/cwd/cwd-testing.html>

A deer feeding and attractant ban is in effect for Cass and Hubbard Counties. See mndnr.gov/cwd/feedban.html for details

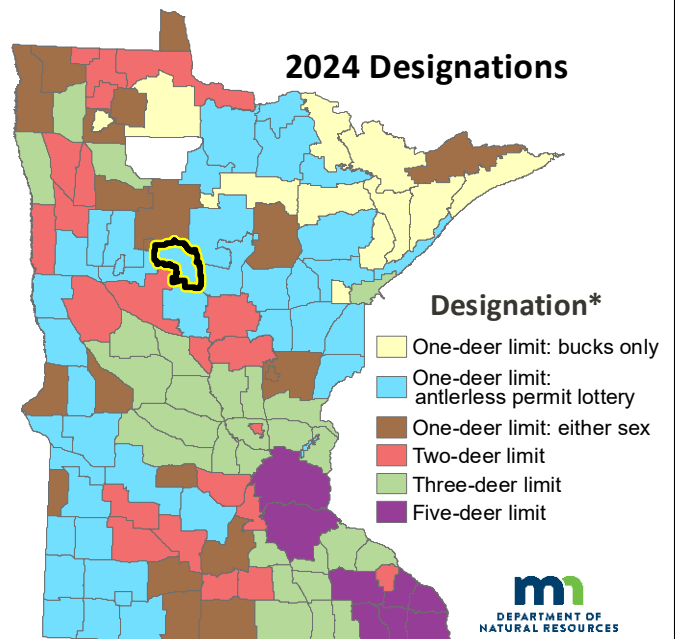
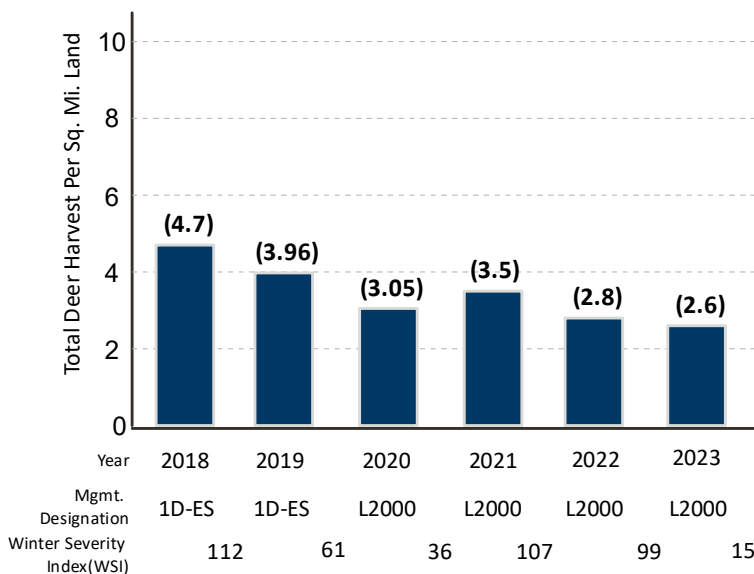
2023 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land:	12
Hunter Success:	20%

2023 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
Firearms	737	72	299	43	1151
Archery	38	2	40	1	81
Muzzleloader	17	1	16	0	34
Total Harvest	792	75	355	44	1266

Deer Harvest, Management Designation and Winter Severity Index from 2018 - 2023/24



* see page 70 in the hunting regulations for details



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