

DEER PERMIT AREA 285 HUNTING INFORMATION

2024 Deer Hunting Information

Designation: Two-deer limit

Firearm Options: Shotgun using slugs, muzzleloaders and handguns legal for big game

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	9
Grassland and Wetlands	20
Annual Row Crops	58
Open Water	7
Developed	6

Total Land Area in 2023 (Non-water)

549 Sq. Mi.

Lands Open to Public Hunting

Publically Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	4
State Forest	0
Misc. State Land	0.5
County Managed Land	0
USFWS Land (WPA and NWR)	2
USFS Land (National Forest)	0
Privately Owned Lands	
Forest Legacy/Forests for Future	0
Walk-In Access	0.1
Total for Public Hunting	6.6

Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 285 includes much of northern McLeod and southern Meeker counties with smaller portions of western Carver and southern Wright counties. This DPA contains excellent deer habitat provided by wooded shorelines and marshlands mixed with agricultural areas. Population data indicate that the deer herd growth rate has stabilized and is presently at the goal established in 2023. The 2 deer per season bag limit will continue to maintain this population status.

DNR Wildlife Contact(s): Stein Innvaer, 507-386-3922

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 Carver County. See mndnr.gov/cwd/feedban.html for details

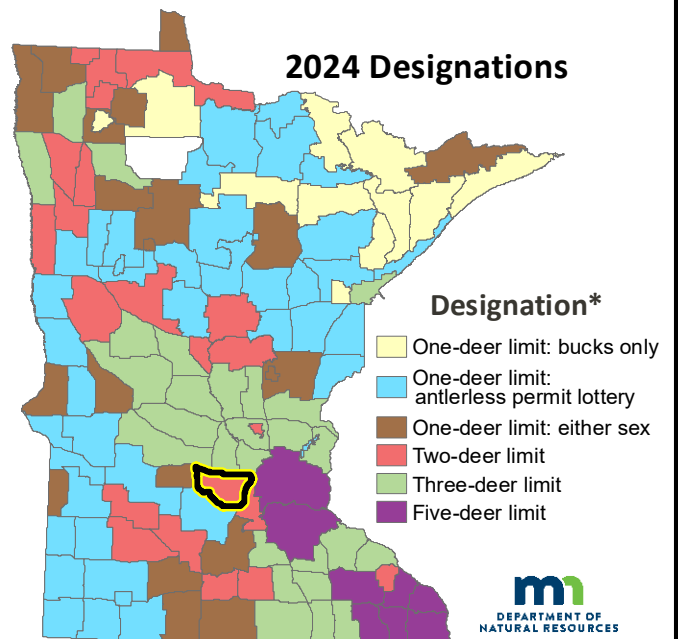
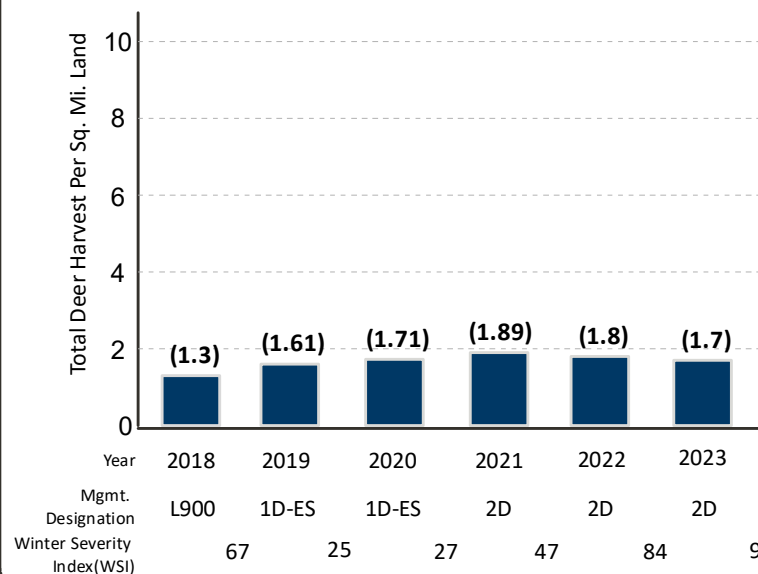
2023 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land:	4
Hunter Success:	30%

2023 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
Firearms	387	46	198	26	657
Archery	113	9	87	6	215
Muzzleloader	31	3	23	1	58
Total Harvest	531	58	308	33	930

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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