

# DEER PERMIT AREA 342 HUNTING INFORMATION

## 2020 Deer Hunting Information

**Designation:** Intensive: 3 deer limit

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

**Special Regulations:** Antler point restrictions are temporarily cancelled. Party hunting (cross-tagging) is also allowed. See page 58 of the hunting regulations handbook.

### Seasons:

- Archery: Sept. 19 - Dec. 31
- Youth: Oct. 15 - Oct. 18
- Early Antlerless: Oct. 15 - 18
- Firearm A: Nov. 7 - Nov. 15
- Firearm B: Nov. 21 - Nov. 29
- Muzzleloader: Nov. 28 - Dec. 13

### Land Cover Types % Tot.

Woody Cover	28
Grassland and Wetlands	29
Annual Row Crops	31
Open Water	6
Developed	5

### Total Land Area in 2019 (Non-water)

350 Sq. Mi.

### Lands Open to Public Hunting

Publically Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	5
State Forest	15
Misc. State Land	1
County Managed Land	0
USFWS Land (WPA and NWR)	5
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>26</b>

## Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 342 is a rugged region of bluffs and valleys that makes up some of the state's best deer habitat. Diverse woodlands, prairie, and agriculture consisting of row crops, grazing and orchards comprise the DPA. The DPA went through the public deer population goal setting process in 2014 and deer population is currently above the established population objective. The 2020 designation of Intensive is meant to continue reducing the population within but not below established population objectives. The antler point restriction has also been removed this year and cross-tagging of bucks will be allowed. Hunters may increase their harvest opportunities, especially on public land, by voluntarily hunting the 3B firearms season when less than 30% of firearm hunters are afield. This year, DPA 342 will also be open during the Early Antlerless season in October, which allows hunters to harvest up to five antlerless deer.

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### 2019 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 9  
Hunter Success: 36%

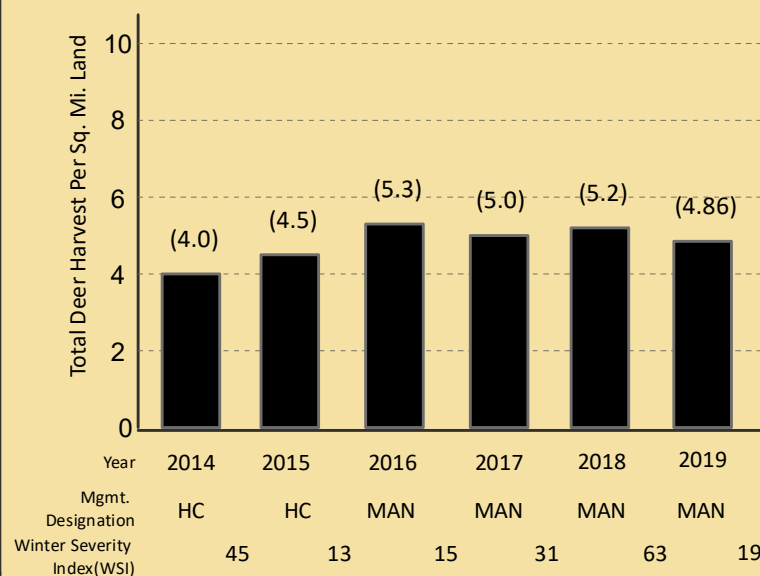
### 2019 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
<b>Firearms<sup>1</sup></b>	564	106	442	94	1206
<b>Archery</b>	147	18	122	18	305
<b>Muzzleloader</b>	46	14	55	11	126
<b>Total Harvest<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>795</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>628</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>1700</b>

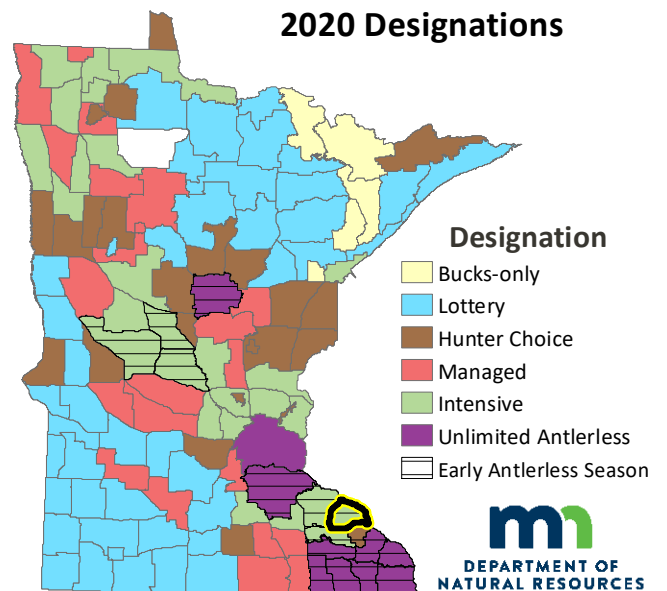
<sup>1</sup>Includes Regular A and B seasons as well as early antlerless and youth seasons if it applies.

<sup>2</sup>Includes all seasons above plus any special hunts.

### Deer Harvest, Management Designation and Winter Severity Index from 2014 - 2019/20



### 2020 Designations



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