

# DEER PERMIT AREA 343 HUNTING INFORMATION

## 2020 Deer Hunting Information

Voluntary CWD testing - Sept. 19 - Dec. 25, Dec. 28-31;

Mandatory CWD testing - Dec. 25-26, Jan. 2-3

Carcass Movement Restrictions in Effect

**Designation:** Intensive: 3 deer limit; CWD Special Hunts Only - Unlimited Either-Sex

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

**Special Regulations:** See page 70 of the Hunting Regulations for special CWD regulations.

### 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

CWD Special Hunts: Dec. 26-27, Jan. 2-3

Land Cover Types	% Tot.
Woody Cover	14
Grassland and Wetlands	27
Annual Row Crops	52
Open Water	0
Developed	7

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

320 Sq. Mi.

### Lands Open to Public Hunting

Publicly Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	1
State Forest	0
Misc. State Land	0
County Managed Land	0
USFWS Land (WPA and NWR)	0
USFS Land (National Forest)	0
<b>Privately Owned Lands</b>	
Forest Legacy/Forests for Future	0
Walk-In Access	0
<b>Total for Public Hunting</b>	<b>1</b>

## Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 343/643 is located along the west edge of the Paleozoic Plateau, a region of bluffs and valleys that makes up state's best deer habitat. DPA 343 went through a public deer population goal setting process in 2014. Population modeling and an aerial survey performed in the winter of 2015 to 2016 and current modeling and harvest trends indicate that the population is well above the established population goal. It is anticipated that the 2020 designation of Intensive will help reduce deer populations. This DPA will also be open during the Early Antlerless season in October, which allows hunters to harvest up to five antlerless deer. For the 2020 season the portion of DPA 343 located south of highway 14 has been redesignated as DPA 643 (Disease Management DPA) and the portion north of highway 14 is within the CWD Control Zone. This DPA is within the CWD Control Zone where mandatory carcass movement restrictions are in place for all deer, including fawns. DNR-provided dumpsters will be available for hunters to dispose of carcass waste properly. CWD testing is voluntary during the entire archery, firearms and muzzleloader seasons by providing the head of harvested deer at designated self-service sampling stations. Antler point restrictions (APR) are removed and cross-tagging of bucks is allowed.

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### 2019 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land:	7
Hunter Success:	35%

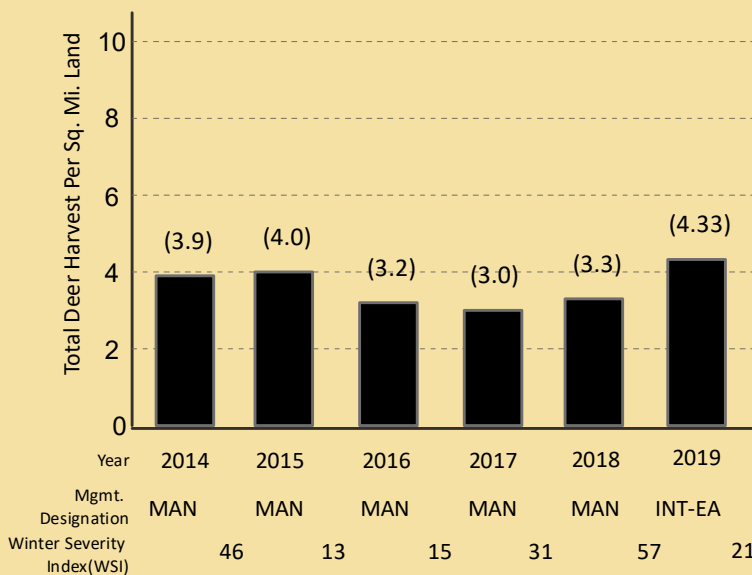
### 2019 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
<b>Firearms<sup>1</sup></b>	418	62	239	58	777
<b>Archery</b>	218	25	190	24	457
<b>Muzzleloader</b>	27	6	46	11	90
<b>Total Harvest<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>688</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>1385</b>

<sup>1</sup>Just includes Regular A and B season totals.

<sup>2</sup>Includes all seasons above plus early antlerless, youth firearm and any special hunts if applicable.

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



### 2020 Designations

