

DEER PERMIT AREA 343 HUNTING INFORMATION

2020 Deer Hunting Information

Voluntary CWD Testing - All Seasons

Carcass Movement Restrictions in Effect

Designation: Intensive: 3 deer limit

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

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

Publically 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
Privately Owned Lands	
Forest Legacy/Forests for Future	0
Walk-In Access	0
Total for Public Hunting	1

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%

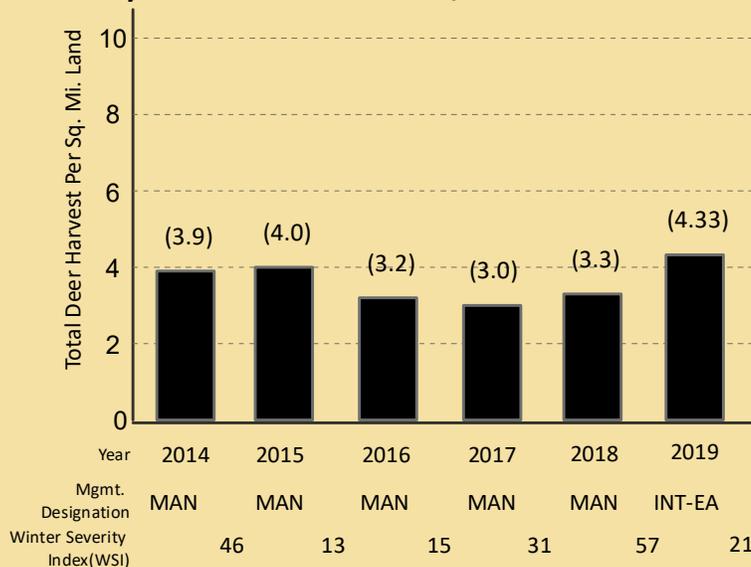
2019 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
Firearms¹	418	62	239	58	777
Archery	218	25	190	24	457
Muzzleloader	27	6	46	11	90
Total Harvest²	688	98	498	101	1385

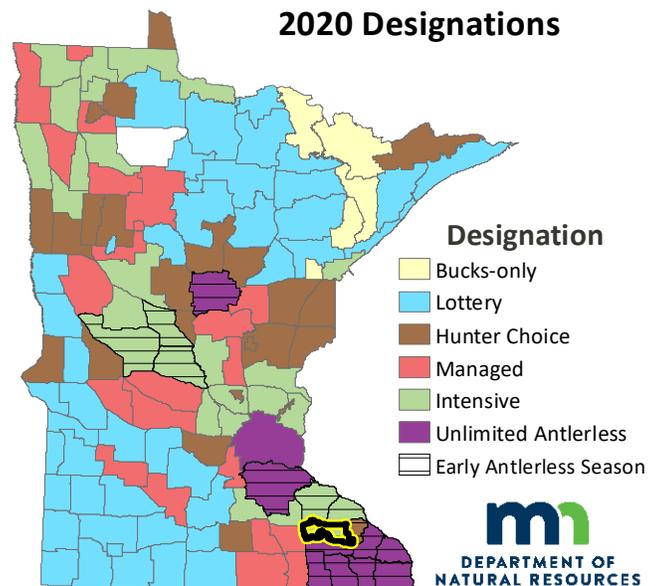
¹Includes Regular A and B seasons as well as early antlerless and youth seasons if it applies.

²Includes 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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