

# DEER PERMIT AREA 605 HUNTING INFORMATION

## 2025 Deer Hunting Information

**Designation:** Five-deer limit - Early Antlerless

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

**Special Regulations:** Special CWD related regulations in this area. See [mndnr.gov/cwd](http://mndnr.gov/cwd) for details

### Seasons:

Archery: Sept. 13 - Dec. 31

Youth: Oct. 16-19

Early Antlerless: Oct. 16-19

Statewide Firearms: Nov. 8 - 16

Late SE Firearms: Nov. 22 – 30

Muzzleloader: Nov. 29 - Dec. 14

Late CWD: Dec. 19-21

### Land Cover Types % Tot.

Woody Cover	14
Grassland and Wetlands	22
Annual Row Crops	42
Open Water	4
Developed	17

### Total Land Area in 2024 (Non-water)

1192 Sq. Mi.

### Lands Open to Public Access Hunting

Publicly Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	21
State Forest	1
Misc. State Land	6
County Managed Land	12
USFWS Land (WPA and NWR)	7
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>47</b>

## Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 605 is designated as a CWD Management Zone and was created in 2020 following the finding of CWD in a wild deer. Deer Permit Area 605 is a large permit area with varied, productive deer habitats containing more urban and suburban land in the north and more agricultural lands in the southern part of the DPA all interspersed with a mix of lakes, grasslands, wetlands, and forests. Rivers and streams create corridors of good habitat. Most land is privately owned with landowners governing access to lands for deer hunting. With good habitats and mild winters, deer numbers are robust. Since this DPA is designated as a CWD Management Zone, mandatory carcass movement restrictions are in place for all deer, including fawns. CWD testing is mandatory during the opening weekend of firearms season and voluntary for all other seasons and the remainder of the firearms season. Hunters in this permit area may harvest up to 5-Deer only, one of which may be a legal buck. Disease management permits may be utilized in this permit area to harvest antlerless deer. The Early Antlerless season is also in place for this DPA.

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### Important Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Information

**Mandatory CWD testing Nov. 8-9**

**Carcass movement restrictions in effect**

**A deer feeding and attractants ban is in effect for Dakota, Goodhue, Rice, Scott and Washington Counties. See [mndnr.gov/cwd/feedban.html](http://mndnr.gov/cwd/feedban.html) for details**

## 2024 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

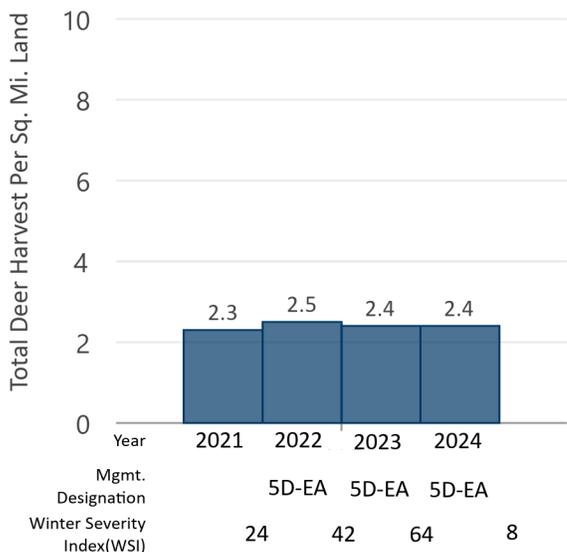
Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 4

Hunter Success: 39%

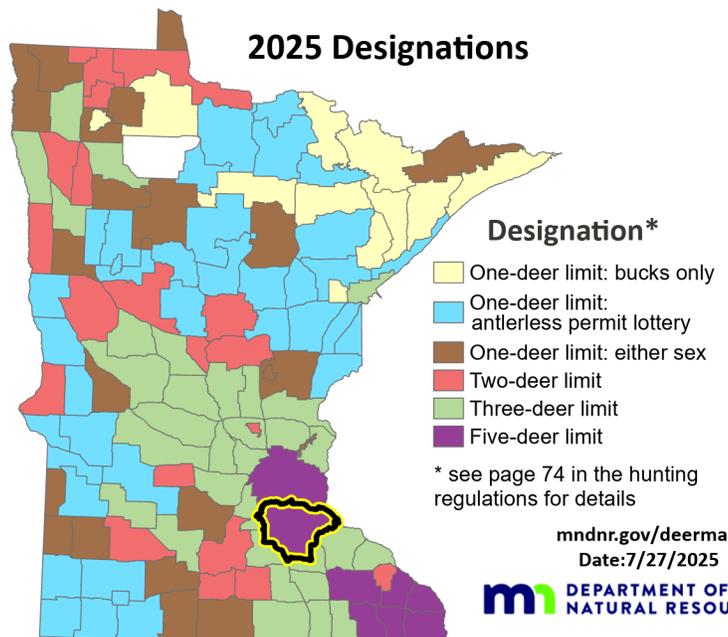
## 2024 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
<b>Firearms</b>	953	160	578	139	1830
<b>Archery</b>	404	81	382	52	919
<b>Muzzleloader</b>	17	11	46	3	77
<b>Total Harvest</b>	1374	252	1006	194	2826

## Harvest, Designation and Winter Severity Index (WSI)



## 2025 Designations



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