

DEER PERMIT AREA 643 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: Unlimited Antlerless, 1 Legal Buck per Season;

CWD Special Hunts Only - Unlimited Either-Sex

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

Special Regulations: See page 69 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	40
Open Water	0
Developed	17

Total Land Area in 2019 (Non-water)

351 Sq. Mi.

Lands Open to Public Hunting

Publicly Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	2
State Forest	1
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	3

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. 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. DPA 643 will be designated as Unlimited Antlerless for the 2020 season and will also be open during the Early Antlerless Season in October. Since this DPA is designated as a CWD Management Zone, 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. There is no restriction on the number of disease management permits purchased (\$2.50 each), which may be used to harvest antlerless deer. Hunters in this area may tag up to three legal bucks, one per license season; 1 archery, 1 firearms, 1 muzzleloader. 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:	5
Hunter Success:	46%

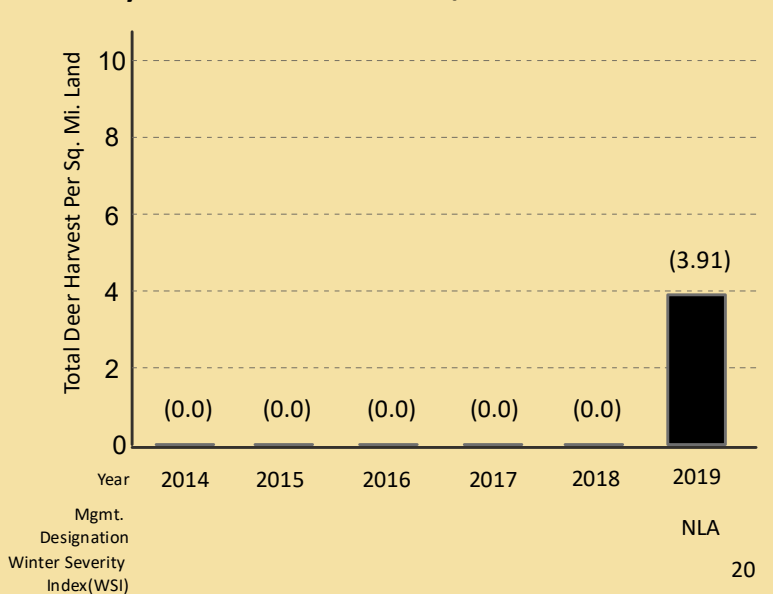
2019 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
Firearms¹	454	80	241	66	841
Archery	163	21	106	10	300
Muzzleloader	23	2	29	8	62
Total Harvest²	686	121	452	113	1372

¹Just includes Regular A and B season totals.

²Includes 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

