

DEER PERMIT AREA 645 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 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	29
Grassland and Wetlands	28
Annual Row Crops	32
Open Water	3
Developed	7

Total Land Area in 2024 (Non-water)

330 Sq. Mi.

Lands Open to Public Access Hunting

Publicly Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	2
State Forest	5
Misc. State Land	0.1
County Managed Land	0
USFWS Land (WPA and NWR)	4
USFS Land (National Forest)	0
Privately Owned Lands	
Forest Legacy/Forests for Future	0
Walk-In Access	0
Total for Public Hunting	11.1

Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 645 is located in the heart of the driftless area, a rugged region of bluffs and valleys that contains some of the state's best deer habitat. Most of DPA 645 is privately owned, but there are numerous large tracts of State Forest land available for public hunting in addition to the Schueler State Wildlife Management Area (WMA). DPA 645 is a designated CWD Disease Management DPA. However, deer populations in DPA 645 appear to be at the goal set in 2021 to stabilize the population based on buck harvest and hunter success rates. Thus, a 5-Deer limit with an Early Antlerless season designation will be implemented in 2025 to continue to keep this area at goal. Hunters may tag up to three bucks in this DPA - one each with an archery, firearms, and/or muzzleloader license. Please refer to the hunting regulations for details regarding carcass movement restrictions, CWD sampling protocols, and DNR-provided carcass dumpsters and quartering stations.

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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 attractant ban is in effect for Fillmore, Olmsted and Winona Counties. See mndnr.gov/cwd/feedban.html for details

2024 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

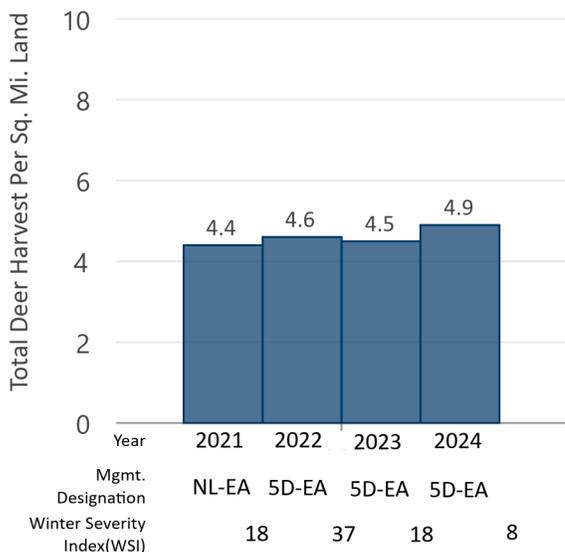
Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 8

Hunter Success: 49%

2024 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
Firearms	575	129	407	143	1254
Archery	121	25	145	31	322
Muzzleloader	12	5	24	10	51
Total Harvest	708	159	576	184	1627

Harvest, Designation and Winter Severity Index (WSI)



2025 Designations

