

DEER PERMIT AREA 646 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	55
Grassland and Wetlands	25
Annual Row Crops	10
Open Water	3
Developed	7

Total Land Area in 2019 (Non-water)

319 Sq. Mi.

Lands Open to Public Hunting

Publicly Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	2
State Forest	7
Misc. State Land	0
County Managed Land	0
USFWS Land (WPA and NWR)	7
USFS Land (National Forest)	0
Privately Owned Lands	
Forest Legacy/Forests for Future	0
Walk-In Access	0
Total for Public Hunting	16

Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 646 is a region of bluffs and valleys. Diverse woodlands, prairie, and agriculture that includes crops, grazing and orchards comprise the DPA. DPA 646 went through the public deer population goal setting process in 2014 and deer populations are currently well above the established population objective. DPA 646 will be designated as Unlimited Antlerless for the 2020 season and will also be open to hunters during the Early Antlerless Season in October. This DPA is designated as a CWD Management 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. 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:	12
Hunter Success:	53%

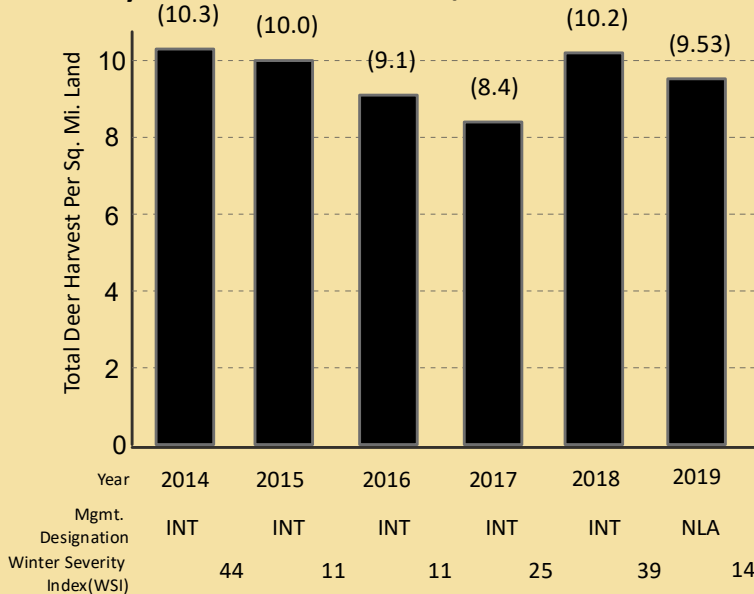
2019 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
Firearms¹	1003	209	577	200	1989
Archery	253	34	138	32	457
Muzzleloader	42	13	76	22	153
Total Harvest²	1398	321	994	327	3040

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

