

# DEER PERMIT AREA 646 HUNTING INFORMATION

## 2023 Deer Hunting Information

**Designation:** Five-deer limit

**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. 16 - Dec. 31

Youth: Oct. 19 - 22

Early Antlerless: Oct. 19 - 22

Firearm A: Nov. 4 - 12

Firearm B: Nov. 18 - 26

Muzzleloader: Nov. 25 - Dec. 10

Late CWD Hunts: Dec. 15 - 17

### Land Cover Types % Tot.

Woody Cover	55
Grassland and Wetlands	25
Annual Row Crops	10
Open Water	3
Developed	7

### Total Land Area in 2022 (Non-water)

319 Sq. Mi.

### Lands Open to Public Hunting

Publically 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
<b>Total for Public Hunting</b>	<b>16</b>

## Wildlife Manager Report

Deer permit area (DPA) 646 is located in the heart of the driftless area, a region of bluffs and valleys that makes up some of the states best deer habitat. DPA 646 is a designated CWD Disease Management DPA. Please refer to the regulations for details regarding carcass movement restrictions, CWD sampling protocols, and DNR provided carcass dumpsters and quartering stations. Up to three bucks may be tagged-one each with archery, firearms, and muzzleloader licenses. DPA 646 is mostly privately owned, but there are several State WMA's in the southern portion of the permit area along with State Forest Lands available for public hunting. Please see the 2023 hunting regulations and the DNR Recreation Compass for details.

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**Important Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Information**  
**Mandatory CWD testing Nov. 4-5 and Dec. 15-17**

**Carcass movement restrictions in effect**

**A deer feeding and attractant ban is in effect for Fillmore, Houston and Winona Counties. See [mndnr.gov/cwd/feedban.html](http://mndnr.gov/cwd/feedban.html) for details**

## 2022 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

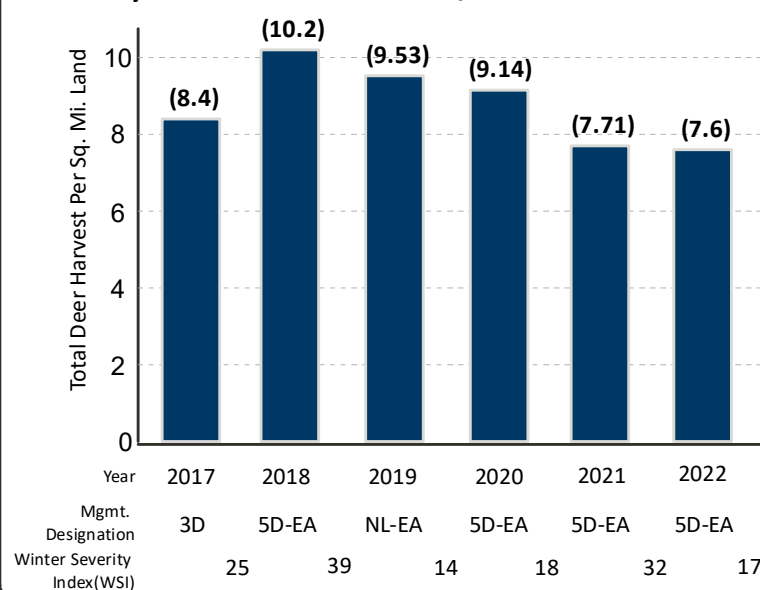
Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 11

Hunter Success: 50%

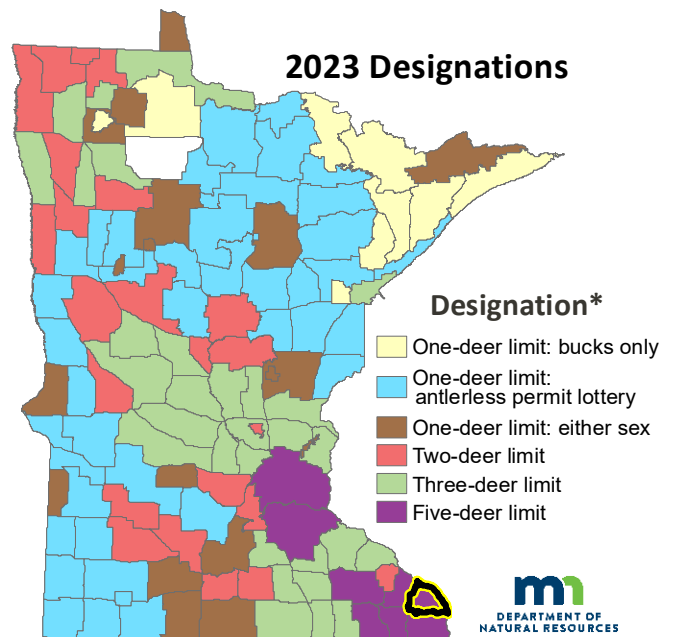
## 2022 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
<b>Firearms</b>	919	189	662	175	1945
<b>Archery</b>	167	25	154	20	366
<b>Muzzleloader</b>	36	8	53	10	107
<b>Total Harvest</b>	1122	222	869	205	2418

## Deer Harvest, Management Designation and Winter Severity Index from 2017 - 2022/23



## 2023 Designations



\* see page 70 in the hunting regulations for details

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