

DEER PERMIT AREA 647 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 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 | 17 |
| Grassland and Wetlands | 24 |
| Annual Row Crops | 53 |
| Open Water | 0 |
| Developed | 5 |

Total Land Area in 2022 (Non-water)

434 Sq. Mi.

Lands Open to Public Hunting

| Publically 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) 647 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 647 is a designated Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) 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 647 is mostly privately owned, but a small number of State Wildlife Management Areas and State Forest Lands are 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, Mower and Houston Counties. See mndnr.gov/cwd/feedban.html for details

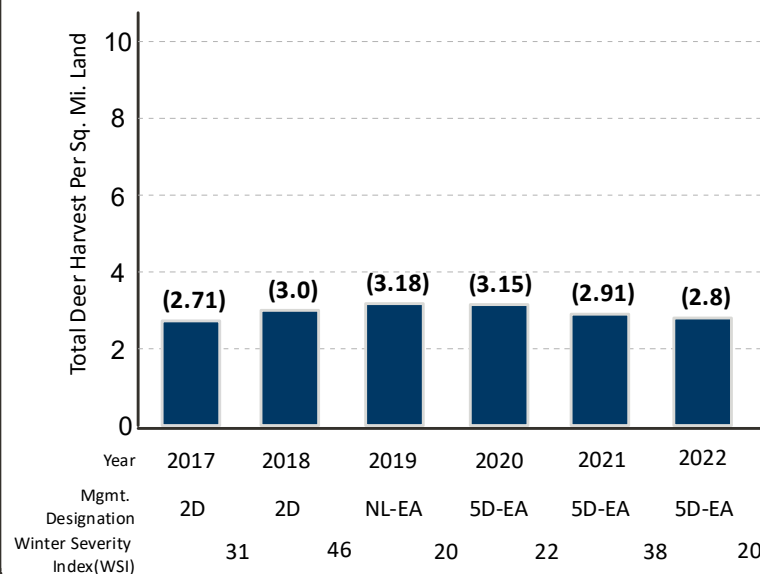
2022 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 5
Hunter Success: 39%

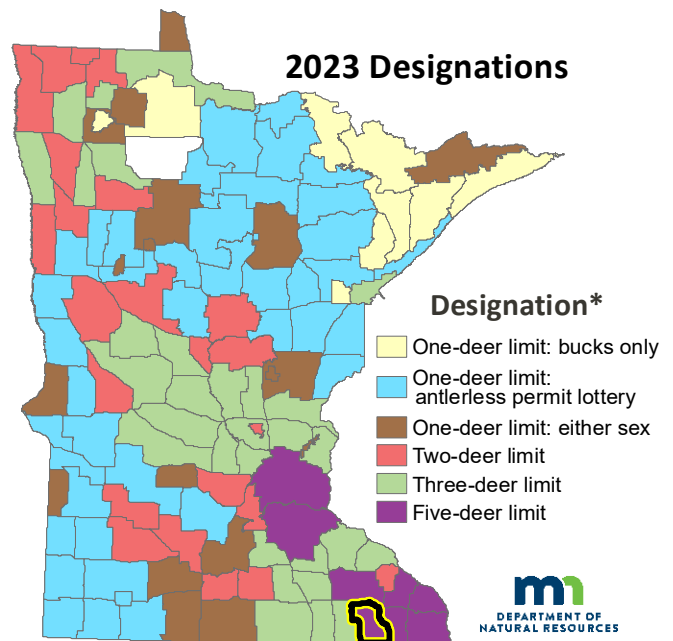
2022 Deer Harvest

| | Adult Male | Fawn Male | Adult Female | Fawn Female | Total |
|----------------------|------------|-----------|--------------|-------------|-------|
| Firearms | 484 | 94 | 308 | 80 | 966 |
| Archery | 80 | 9 | 84 | 6 | 179 |
| Muzzleloader | 20 | 5 | 24 | 2 | 51 |
| Total Harvest | 584 | 108 | 416 | 88 | 1196 |

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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