DEER PERMIT AREA 648 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	29
Grassland and Wetlands	29
Annual Row Crops	37
Open Water	0
Developed	5

Total Land Area in 2022 (Non-water)

332 Sq. Mi.

Lands Open to Public Hunting

Publically Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	1
State Forest	13
Misc. State Land	1
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	15

Wildlife Manager Report

Deer permit area (DPA) 648 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 648 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 648 is mostly privately owned but there are some large tracts of State Forest Lands available for public hunting, notably the Brightsdale Unit and the Gribben Creek valley. 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 and Olmsted Counties. See mndnr.gov/cwd/feedban.html for details

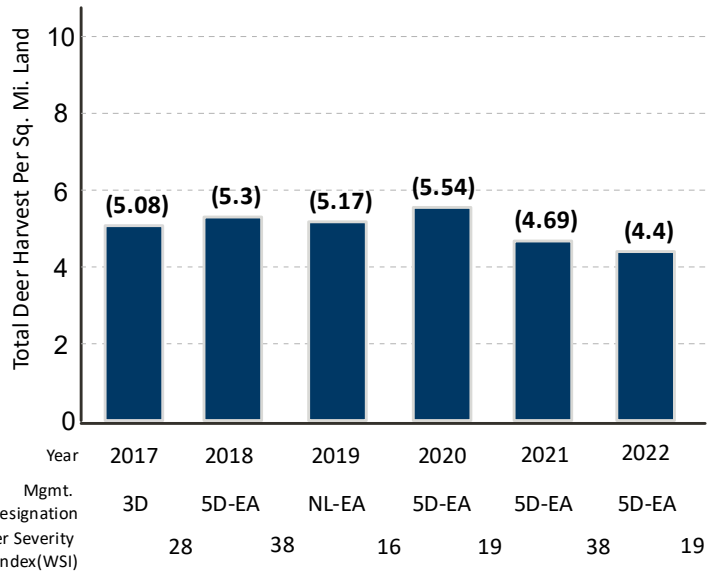
2022 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land:	8
Hunter Success:	36%

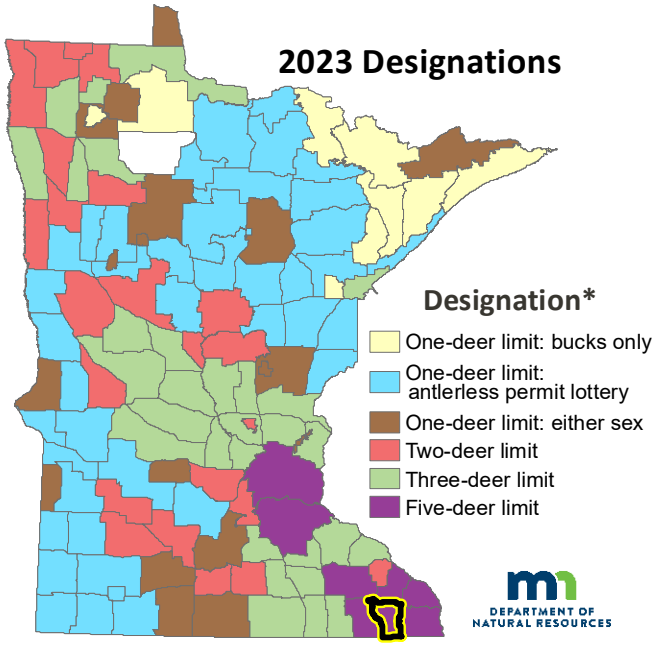
2022 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
Firearms	578	113	344	135	1170
Archery	105	23	99	21	248
Muzzleloader	9	4	16	4	33
Total Harvest	692	140	459	160	1451

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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