

# DEER PERMIT AREA 649 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](http://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	42
Grassland and Wetlands	29
Annual Row Crops	21
Open Water	3
Developed	4

### Total Land Area in 2024 (Non-water)

492 Sq. Mi.

### Lands Open to Public Access Hunting

Publicly Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	6
State Forest	20
Misc. State Land	2
County Managed Land	0
USFWS Land (WPA and NWR)	15
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>43</b>

## Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 649 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 649 is privately owned, but there are numerous large tracts of State Wildlife Management Areas (Choice, Yucatan, and Ferndale Ridge WMAs) and State Forest land available for public hunting. DPA 649 is a designated CWD Disease Management DPA. However, deer populations in DPA 649 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 and Houston Counties.**

**See [mndnr.gov/cwd/feedban.html](http://mndnr.gov/cwd/feedban.html) for details**

## 2024 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

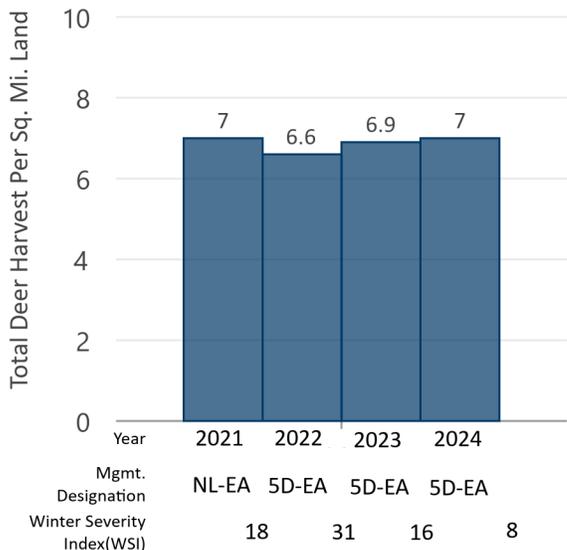
Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 11

Hunter Success: 51%

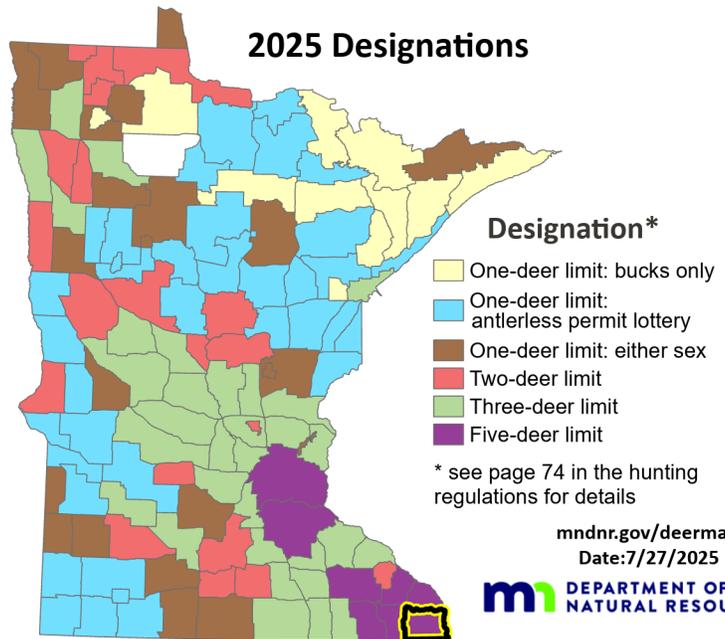
## 2024 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
<b>Firearms</b>	1199	299	842	292	2632
<b>Archery</b>	323	52	210	47	632
<b>Muzzleloader</b>	45	22	102	22	191
<b>Total Harvest</b>	<b>1567</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>1154</b>	<b>361</b>	<b>3455</b>

## Harvest, Designation and Winter Severity Index (WSI)



## 2025 Designations



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