

DEER PERMIT AREA 655 HUNTING INFORMATION

2023 Deer Hunting Information

Designation: Three-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: N/A

Firearm A: Nov. 4 - 12

Firearm B: Nov. 18 - 26

Muzzleloader: Nov. 25 - Dec. 10

Late CWD Hunts: N/A

Land Cover Types % Tot.

Woody Cover	4
Grassland and Wetlands	11
Annual Row Crops	79
Open Water	0
Developed	6

Total Land Area in 2022 (Non-water)

387 Sq. Mi.

Lands Open to Public Hunting

Publically Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	3
State Forest	0
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	0.3
Total for Public Hunting	3

Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 655 was created in 2019 due to chronic wasting disease (CWD) being discovered in wild deer. Deer Permit Area 655 includes portions of Mower, Dodge, Fillmore and Olmsted counties. The landscape is rural with small towns and land primarily used for row crop agriculture. Deer habitat is limited to a patchwork of grasslands, marshes, brushy areas and woodlands mostly associated with rivers and streams. There is a high percentage of private lands where hunting access is determined by landowners. Winter conditions were mild. A liberal harvest framework is continued consistent with the area's status as a chronic wasting disease management area. A three-deer limit will provide good deer hunting opportunities while helping to maintain deer numbers near goal. Please refer to the regulations for details regarding disease management.

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Important Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Information

Mandatory CWD testing Nov. 4-5

Carcass movement restrictions in effect

A deer feeding and attractant ban is in effect for Dodge, Fillmore, Mower and Olmsted Counties. See mndnr.gov/cwd/feedban.html for details

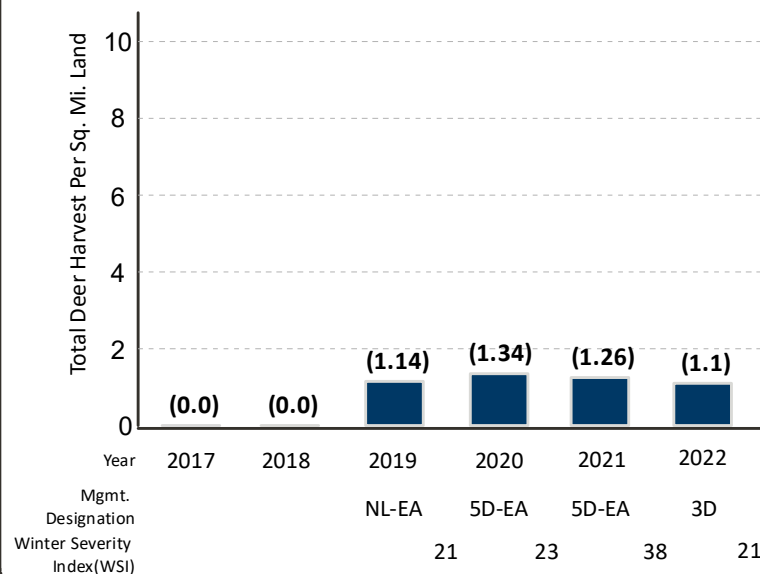
2022 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 2
Hunter Success: 39%

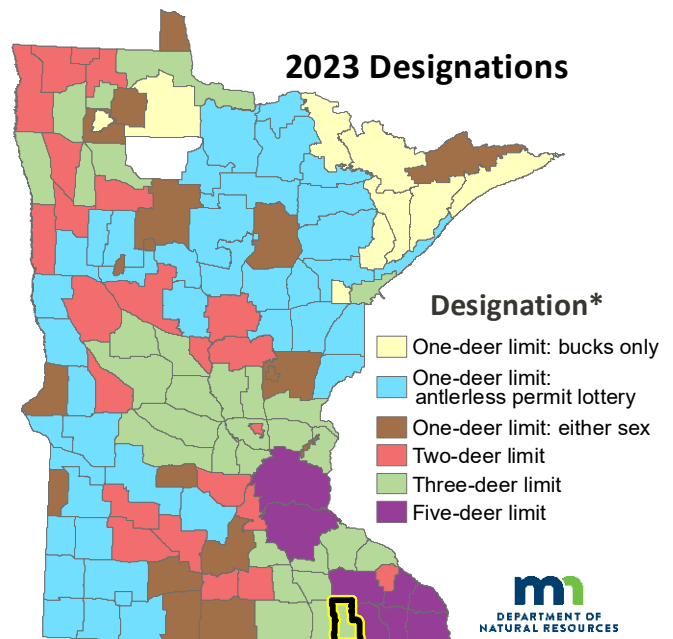
2022 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
Firearms	181	26	91	14	312
Archery	33	3	22	7	65
Muzzleloader	4	2	10	0	16
Total Harvest	218	31	123	21	393

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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