

DEER PERMIT AREA 655 HUNTING INFORMATION

2025 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. 13 - Dec. 31

Youth: Oct. 16-19

Early Antlerless: N/A

Statewide Firearms: Nov. 8 - 16

Late SE Firearms: N/A

Muzzleloader: Nov. 29 - Dec. 14

Late CWD: 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 2024 (Non-water)

387 Sq. Mi.

Lands Open to Public Access Hunting

Publicly Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	3
State Forest	0
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	0.3
Total for Public Hunting	4.3

Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 655 includes portions of Mower, Dodge and Fillmore counties. Several years ago, this permit area was split from DPA 255 due to the proximity of chronic wasting disease found in wild deer. 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. In 2025 the firearms season returns to Zone 2 season dates recognizing this area has more limited habitat than other 600 series permit areas in the Southeast. A liberal 3-Deer bag limit is continued to maintain populations near goal as good numbers of adult deer and fawns have been observed this spring following a very mild winter. Please refer to regulations for details regarding disease management.

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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 Dodge, Fillmore, Mower and Olmsted Counties. See mndnr.gov/cwd/feedban.html for details

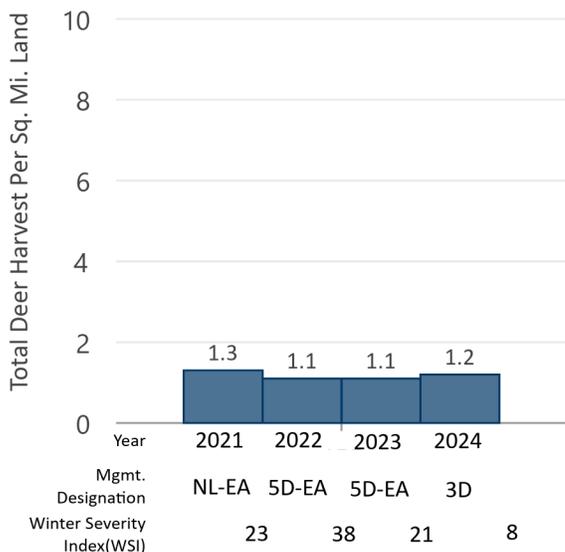
2024 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 2
 Hunter Success: 44%

2024 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
Firearms	205	28	90	20	343
Archery	61	3	28	5	97
Muzzleloader	7	0	11	1	19
Total Harvest	273	31	129	26	459

Harvest, Designation and Winter Severity Index (WSI)



2025 Designations

