

# DEER PERMIT AREA 655 HUNTING INFORMATION

## 2020 Deer Hunting Information

Voluntary CWD testing - Sept. 19 - Dec. 25, Dec. 28-31;

Mandatory CWD testing - Dec. 25-26, Jan. 2-3

Carcass Movement Restrictions in Effect

**Designation:** Unlimited Antlerless, 1 Legal Buck per Season;

CWD Special Hunts Only - Unlimited Either-Sex

**Firearm Options:** Shotgun using slugs, muzzleloaders and handguns legal for big game

**Special Regulations:** See page 69 of the Hunting Regulations for special CWD regulations.

### Seasons:

Archery: Sept. 19 - Dec. 31

Youth: Oct. 15 - Oct. 18

Early Antlerless: Oct. 15 - 18

Firearm A: Nov. 7 - Nov. 15

Firearm B: Nov. 21 - Nov. 29

Muzzleloader: Nov. 28 - Dec. 13

CWD Special Hunts: Dec. 26-27, Jan. 2-3

### Land Cover Types % Tot.

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

### Total Land Area in 2019 (Non-water)

387 Sq. Mi.

### Lands Open to Public Hunting

Publicly 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	0.5
<b>Total for Public Hunting</b>	<b>3</b>

## Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 655 was formally the eastern portion of permit area 255. The permit area was created in response to additional detections of chronic wasting disease in wild deer in Fillmore County. The permit area includes eastern Mower County and small portions of adjacent counties. A good portion of the permit area is devoted to row crops. Deer habitat is a patchwork of grasslands, sloughs, brushy areas, groves and woodlands mostly along river corridors. Due to the high percentage of private lands most hunting access is determined by landowners. DPA 655 will be designated as Unlimited Antlerless for the 2020 season and will also be open to hunters during the Early Antlerless Season in October. This DPA is designated as a CWD Management Zone where mandatory carcass movement restrictions are in place for all deer, including fawns. DNR-provided dumpsters will be available for hunters to dispose of carcass waste properly. CWD testing is voluntary during the entire archery, firearms and muzzleloader seasons by providing the head of harvested deer at designated self-service sampling stations. There is no restriction on the number of disease management permits purchased (\$2.50 each), which may be used to harvest antlerless deer. Hunters in this area may tag up to three legal bucks, one per license season; 1 archery, 1 firearms, 1 muzzleloader.

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### 2019 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

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

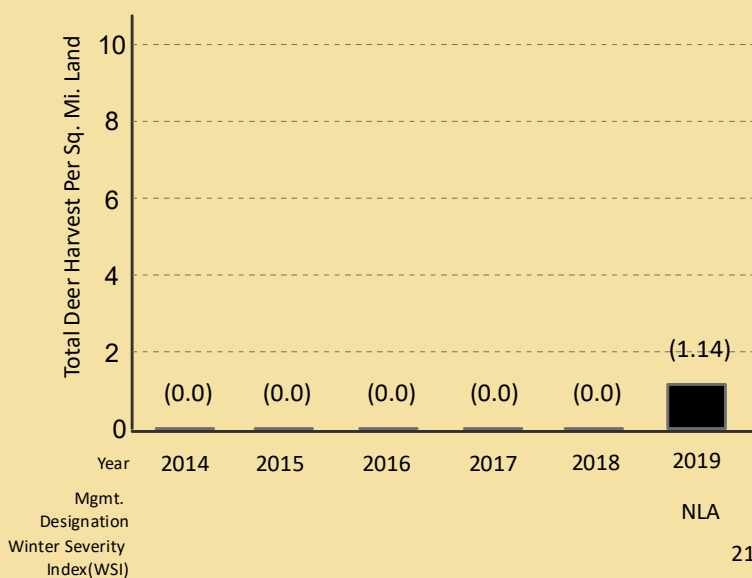
### 2019 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
<b>Firearms<sup>1</sup></b>	175	30	105	28	338
<b>Archery</b>	21	5	23	5	54
<b>Muzzleloader</b>	13	4	12	5	34
<b>Total Harvest<sup>2</sup></b>	213	43	148	39	443

<sup>1</sup>Just includes Regular A and B season totals.

<sup>2</sup>Includes all seasons above plus early antlerless, youth firearm and any special hunts if applicable.

### Deer Harvest, Management Designation and Winter Severity Index from 2014 - 2019/20



### 2020 Designations

