

DEER PERMIT AREA 246 HUNTING INFORMATION

2018 Deer Hunting Information

Designation: Hunter Choice: 1 deer limit

Firearm Options: All Legal Firearms

Special Regulations: N/A

Seasons:

Archery: Sept. 15 - Dec. 31

Youth: N/A

Early Antlerless: N/A

Firearm A: Nov. 3 - Nov. 11

Firearm B: N/A

Muzzleloader: Nov. 24 - Dec. 9

Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 246 contains large blocks of public forestland and a significant amount of private land as well. The habitat is red and jack pine, mixed deciduous and aspen forests, pastures and wetlands. Large numbers of hunters utilize this permit area for deer hunting. The 2018 designation as Hunter Choice is meant to stabilize or perhaps slightly reduce the deer population which is currently slightly above goal.

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Land Cover Types % Tot.

| | |
|------------------------|----|
| Woody Cover | 62 |
| Grassland and Wetlands | 30 |
| Annual Row Crops | 3 |
| Open Water | 2 |
| Developed | 3 |

Total Land Area in 2017 (Non-water)

840 Sq. Mi.

Lands Open to Public Hunting

| Publicly Owned Lands | Sq. Mi. |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| State Wildlife Management Area | 23 |
| State Forest | 65 |
| Misc. State Land | 14 |
| County Managed Land | 125 |
| USFWS Land (WPA and NWR) | 0 |
| USFS Land (National Forest) | 0 |
| Privately Owned Lands | |
| Forest Legacy/Forests for Future | 3 |
| Walk-In Access | 0 |
| Total for Public Hunting | 230 |

2017 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 12.8

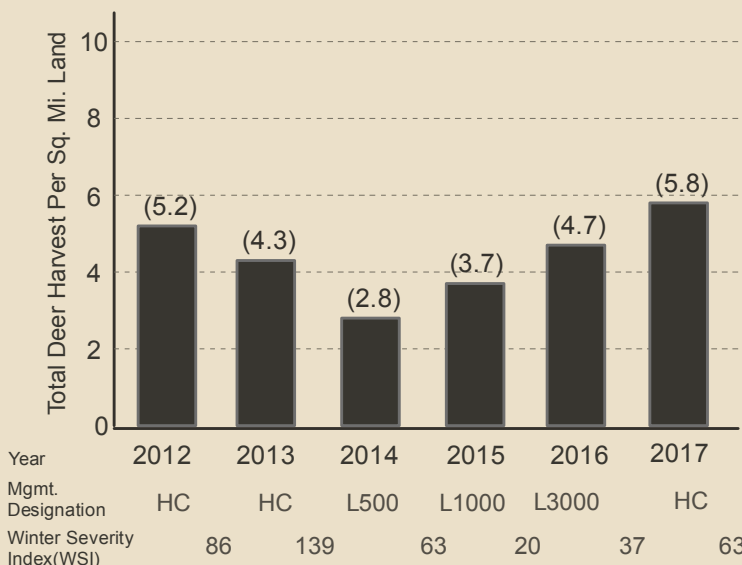
Hunter Success: 42 %

2017 Deer Harvest

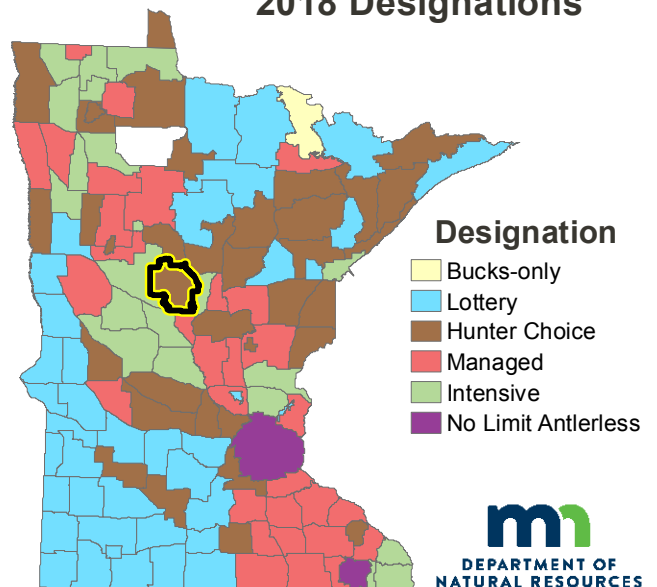
| | Adult Male | Fawn Male | Adult Female | Fawn Female | Total |
|--------------------------------|-------------|------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| Firearms | | | | | |
| A Season | 2143 | 478 | 1593 | 364 | 4578 |
| B Season | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Archery | | | | | |
| Entire Season | 105 | 14 | 70 | 8 | 197 |
| Muzzleloader | | | | | |
| Entire Season | 45 | 6 | 49 | 11 | 111 |
| Firearms Special Season | | | | | |
| Early Antlerless | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Youth Firearms | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| Total Harvest * | 2293 | 498 | 1712 | 383 | 4886 |

* Includes all seasons above plus any special hunts.

Deer Harvest, Management Designation and Winter Severity Index from 2012 - 2017/18



2018 Designations



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