

DEER PERMIT AREA 171 HUNTING INFORMATION

2019 Deer Hunting Information

Designation: Hunter Choice: 1 deer limit

Firearm Options: All Legal Firearms

Special Regulations: N/A

Seasons:

Archery: Sept. 14 - Dec. 31

Youth: Oct. 17 - 20

Early Antlerless: N/A

Firearm A: Nov. 9 - Nov. 24

Firearm B: N/A

Muzzleloader: Nov. 30 - Dec. 15

Land Cover Types % Tot.

Woody Cover	77
Grassland and Wetlands	17
Annual Row Crops	1
Open Water	4
Developed	2

Total Land Area in 2018 (Non-water)

701 Sq. Mi.

Lands Open to Public Hunting

Publicly Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	38
State Forest	215
Misc. State Land	19
County Managed Land	136
USFWS Land (WPA and NWR)	0
USFS Land (National Forest)	8
Privately Owned Lands	
Forest Legacy/Forests for Future	1
Walk-In Access	0
Total for Public Hunting	417

Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 171 lies in the northwest part of Aitkin County with smaller portions in Crow Wing and Cass Counties and has significant tracts of land open to public hunting. The deer herd has recovered nicely from the stresses encountered during the severe winters of 2012/13 and 2013/14. The recent string of mild to moderate winters has allowed the herd to bounce back and the current population estimates show this area is close to the goal that was established in 2012. There are significant amounts of public land and good hunter numbers. Given that DPA 171 borders a CWD Management Zone (604), a designation of 'hunter choice' will help keep the population from exceeding goal as we monitor the disease in DPA 604.

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2018 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 8.6

Hunter Success: 27%

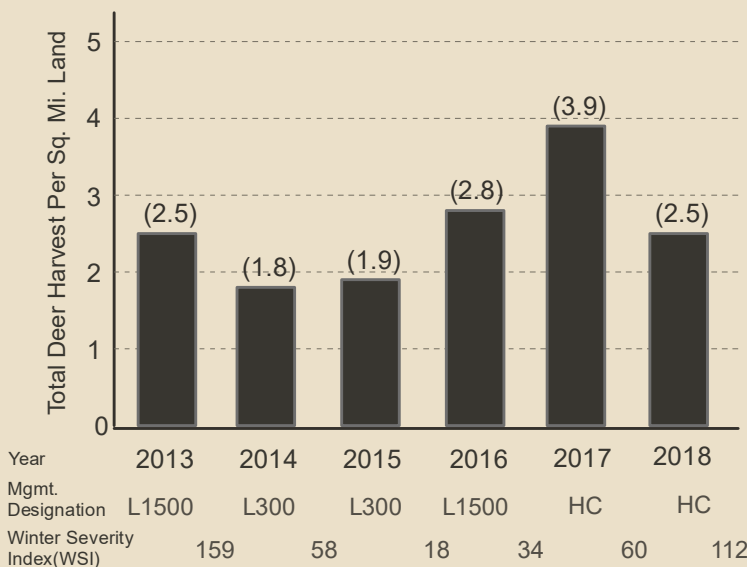
2018 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
Firearms¹	872	118	588	89	1667
Archery	30	5	25	3	63
Muzzleloader	14	2	23	0	39
Total Harvest²	916	125	636	92	1769

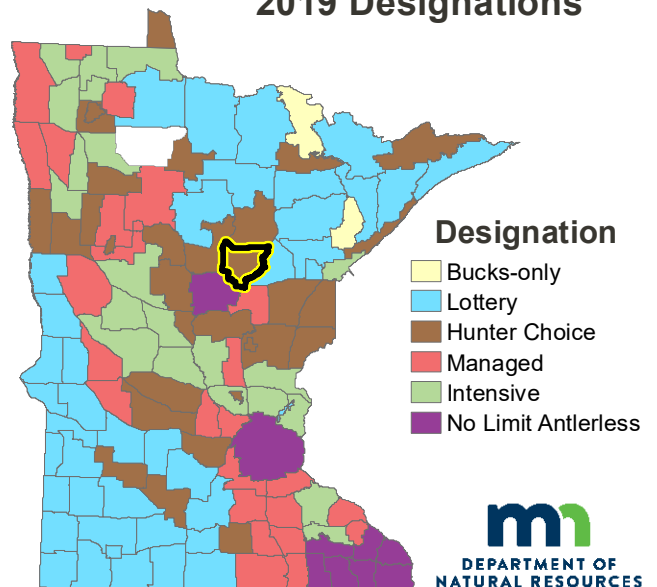
¹Includes Regular A and B seasons as well as early antlerless and youth seasons if it applies.

²Includes all seasons above plus any special hunts.

Deer Harvest, Management Designation and Winter Severity Index from 2013 - 2018/19



2019 Designations



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