

DEER PERMIT AREA 259 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. 17

Firearm B: N/A

Muzzleloader: Nov. 30 - Dec. 15

Land Cover Types % Tot.

Woody Cover	78
Grassland and Wetlands	7
Annual Row Crops	2
Open Water	10
Developed	4

Total Land Area in 2018 (Non-water)

490 Sq. Mi.

Lands Open to Public Hunting

Publicly Owned Lands	Sq. Mi.
State Wildlife Management Area	1
State Forest	98
Misc. State Land	7
County Managed Land	124
USFWS Land (WPA and NWR)	0
USFS Land (National Forest)	24
Privately Owned Lands	
Forest Legacy/Forests for Future	0
Walk-In Access	0
Total for Public Hunting	254

Wildlife Manager Report

Deer Permit Area (DPA) 259 contains large blocks of public land and private land. The area contains good forested deer habitat consisting of mixed pine and aspen forest, generally small wetlands, and a number of recreational lakes with some agriculture. The availability of publicly accessible land results in this DPA having one of the highest hunter densities in the state. Deer populations in the DPA are currently thought to still be at goal, despite some lingering questions about the lower harvest last year and potential winter effects. The 2019 management designation of Hunter Choice is meant to maintain the population while allowing private landowners some flexibility for management on their lands.

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2018 Firearm Deer Hunter Statistics

Hunters per Sq. Mi. Land: 13.9

Hunter Success: 31%

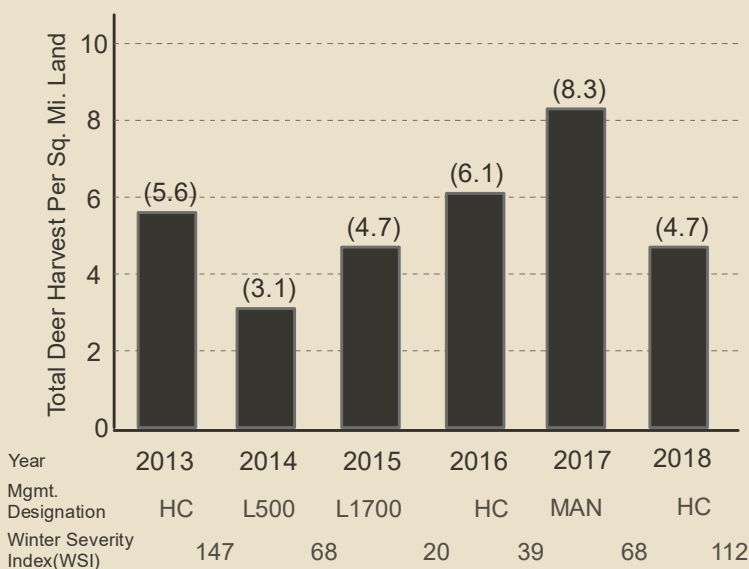
2018 Deer Harvest

	Adult Male	Fawn Male	Adult Female	Fawn Female	Total
Firearms¹	1018	212	752	140	2122
Archery	38	7	38	10	93
Muzzleloader	35	6	49	5	95
Total Harvest²	1091	225	839	155	2310

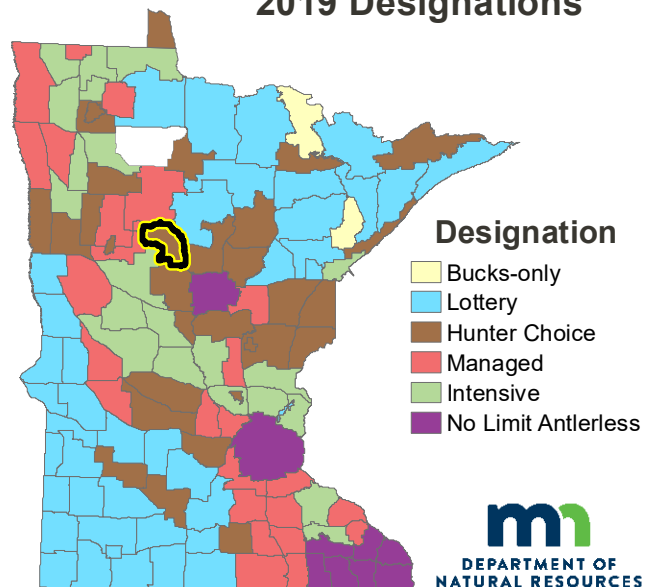
¹Includes Regular A and B seasons as well as early antlerless and youth seasons if it applies.

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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