

[The State of Minnesota's Whitetail Population: Challenges and Opportunities](#) November 8, 2023

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... The recent opening weekend of the firearms deer season in Minnesota has raised concerns about the state's whitetail population. Reports from field officers suggest a significant decline in deer sightings ... The encroachment of human development and changes in land use patterns may be shrinking the available habitat for deer, forcing them into more remote areas...

[Minnesota firearms deer harvest rallies but remains below 2022 numbers](#) November 14, 2023 Grand Forks Herald

... Hunters had registered 106,538 deer through Monday, Nov. 13, statistics showed. That's down 5% from 2022, 16% when compared with the five-year mean and 29% when compared with 2017 harvest totals in the same time frame...

[Research shows humans alter wolf-deer relationships](#) November 17, 2023 Minnesota, The Mining Journal

... , humans have done an excellent job of creating and maintaining a diverse, well-connected web of roads, trails, and other cleared linear features that are ideal corridors for wolves to hunt deer." ... new study published in [Ecological Applications](#) ..,

[The DNR needs to act as wolves decimate deer in northeast Minnesota](#) November 17, 2023 Star Tribune

... DNR brass will tell you the northeast deer problem is the result of a perfect storm, blaming bad winters, an aging forest and oh, yes, wolves... "This fall, in seven days of hunting, I've seen the same doe twice," he said. "That's it." ..,

[Final Deer Harvest Numbers in Minnesota Are Historically Low](#) January 18, 2024 WJON

... down this year compared to last year by approximately 8%... the final 2023 numbers and with all the seasons combined Minnesota had 158,746 deer harvested... 2023 was the lowest amount of deer harvested since 2014...

[Anderson: In north woods deer hunting debate, we're not seeing the forest](#) February 18, 2024 Yahoo! Sports

... wolves appear to be sustaining themselves on food sources other than deer, and therefore — at least for the time being — their numbers are not tracking downward in concert with deer populations, as is usually the case in predator-prey cycles... others say that increasing the breadth and quality of northeast habitat is the best chance hunters have to boost the region's deer numbers...

[Minnesota 2023 deer harvest down 8% statewide from 2022, DNR says](#) February 26, 2024 YAHOO!News

... Minnesota hunters shot 158,678 deer during the 2023 hunting season ... down 8% from the 2022 season and 14% less than the five-year average... In recent years, deer populations have been lower in northern Minnesota ..

[DNR says mild winters will help deer population](#) March 9, 2024 Minnesota, Journal ... “The reason the deer harvest was down this year is that we had two back-to-back brutal winters with deep snow across most of northern Minnesota, especially the northeast,” ... 14% less than the five-year average... The 2023 harvest in the Minnesota arrowhead (northeast) region was 21% less than 2022 ...

[Anderson: In northeast Minnesota, observing DNR, habitat and deer all decline](#) March 21, 2024 Minnesota, Yahoo! Sports

... Lightfoot [a northeast Minnesota Department of Natural Resources wildlife manager from 1980 to 2015] said DNR office closings, staff reductions and the elimination of deer habitat efforts in the northeast are major reasons the region's whitetail numbers have plummeted...

[Deer hunting regulations, hunting licenses now available](#) August 1, 2023 Minnesota DNR News

... After a tough winter, deer hunters in northern Minnesota might see fewer deer. In central and southern Minnesota, deer likely fared well. “Hunters in most of Minnesota can expect a season similar to last year in terms of how many deer they can harvest,” Keller said. “The lower bag limits in northeast and north-central Minnesota aim to allow deer populations to recover after back-to-back severe winters. Deer are resilient and we are hopeful deer populations there will gradually recover along with lower harvests, especially if we get some mild winters.” The Minnesota DNR increased the bag limit or lottery permits in 12 deer permit areas this year, 80 DPAs have the same designation as last year, and 38 DPAs have reduced bag limits or lottery permits...

[Minnesota Department of Natural Resources issues reminders for 2023 deer hunting season](#) August 1, 2023 KTTC

... In northern Minnesota, our deer populations did face second consecutive severe winter. And so, hunters may see lower deer numbers in Minnesota...

[Northeast Minnesota deer permit areas predominantly bucks-only for 2023 deer](#) August 18, 2023 WTIP

... white-tailed deer populations have declined in the northeast region of Minnesota in the past decade ... Following continued low deer populations due to wolf predation and severe winters in recent years, the [DNR has continued to scale back antlerless lottery permits](#) ...

[What Minnesota deer hunters can expect this season \[2023-24\]](#) October 16, 2023 DNR News

... Deer populations are increasing in southern Minnesota, and deer fared well over the winter... Deer populations remain robust and highly productive in central Minnesota, and deer also fared well over the winter... Deer populations in many northern areas of Minnesota are still struggling to recover, following back-to-back severe winters... Deer populations are mostly stable in northwestern Minnesota...

[Minnesota Deer Hunters Face Major Regulation Changes In 2023](#) October 23, 2023

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[Data and observations back it up: Not much bang in Minnesota deer opener](#) November 8, 2023 AOL

... According to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, the statewide harvest of deer during the opener last weekend was 13% below last year's mark, which was lower than the year before. As of Tuesday morning, hunters had registered 75,900 deer statewide...