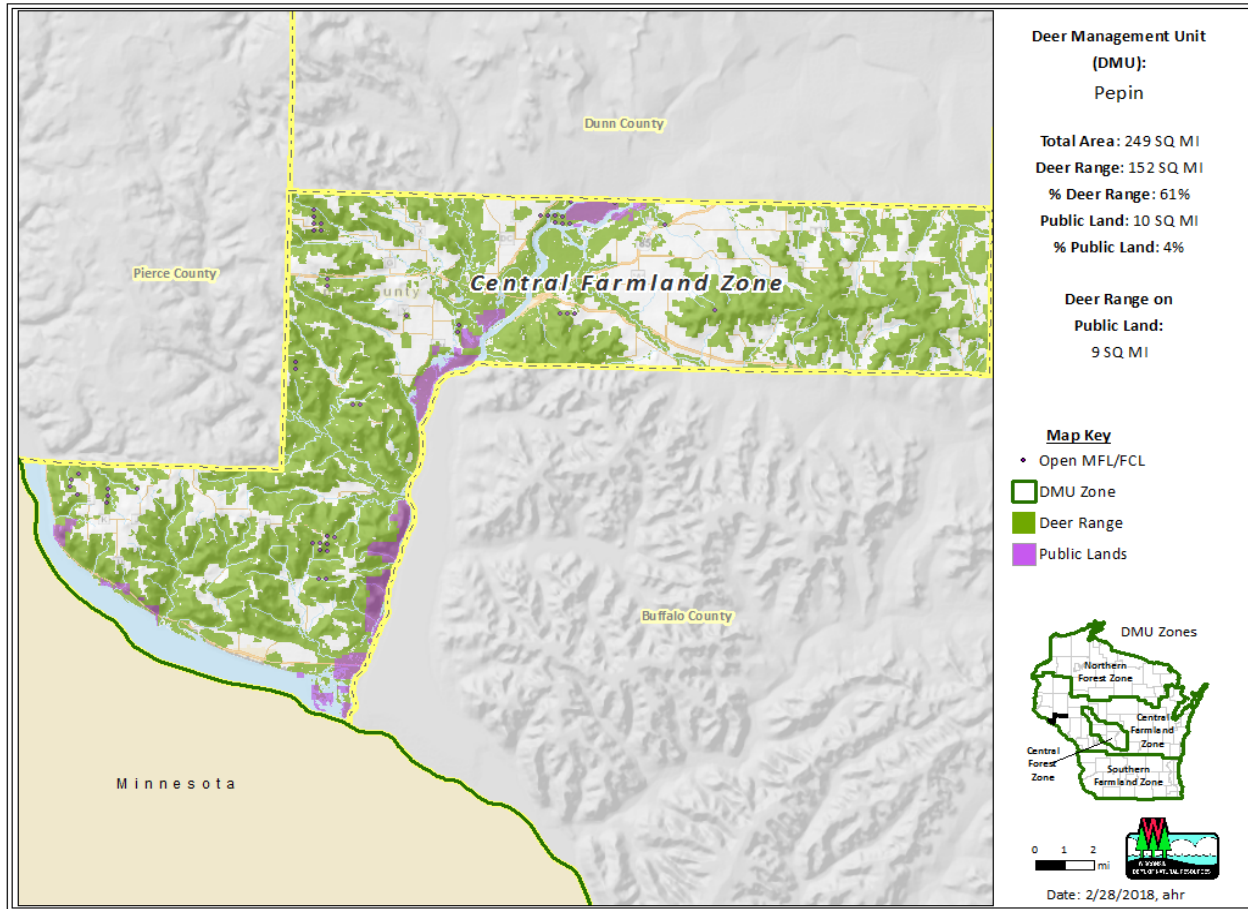


Pepin County Deer Metrics Report

Spring of 2024

Management Unit:



Manager's Note:

The Pepin County Deer Management Unit is located in the Central Farmland Zone. Approximately 66 percent of the unit is considered suitable deer range. The unit is comprised of mostly privately owned landownership. Habitat in the unit is diverse and comprised of mixed-hardwood woods with interspersed agriculture and floodplain forests associated with the Chippewa and Mississippi Rivers. The predominant topography in the unit consists of ridges and valleys including the “Lima Ridge” in the eastern portion of the unit and the bluffs overlooking the Chippewa and Mississippi Rivers to the south and southwest of Durand. Public hunting lands in the unit include portions of the Lower Chippewa River and Nine-Mile Island State Natural Areas, Maiden Rock Bluff State Natural Area (248 acres), Lake Pepin Wildlife Area (182 acres) and a portion of the Tiffany Wildlife Area (roughly 2,100 acres of the 13,000 acre property total). The general deer population trend in Pepin County has been increasing. It is important to maintain an adequate antlerless harvest to avoid excessive herd growth and agricultural damage. The current deer herd management objective is to stabilize the population.

Deer Management Unit Harvest History

Fawn to doe ratios collected in late summer give information on fawn recruitment and survival and are used as an input into the formula for annual deer herd abundance estimation. Fawn to doe ratios were summarized using groups of county deer management units. County deer management units were grouped based on location, habitat characteristics, and deer demography.

Central Farmland Management Zone