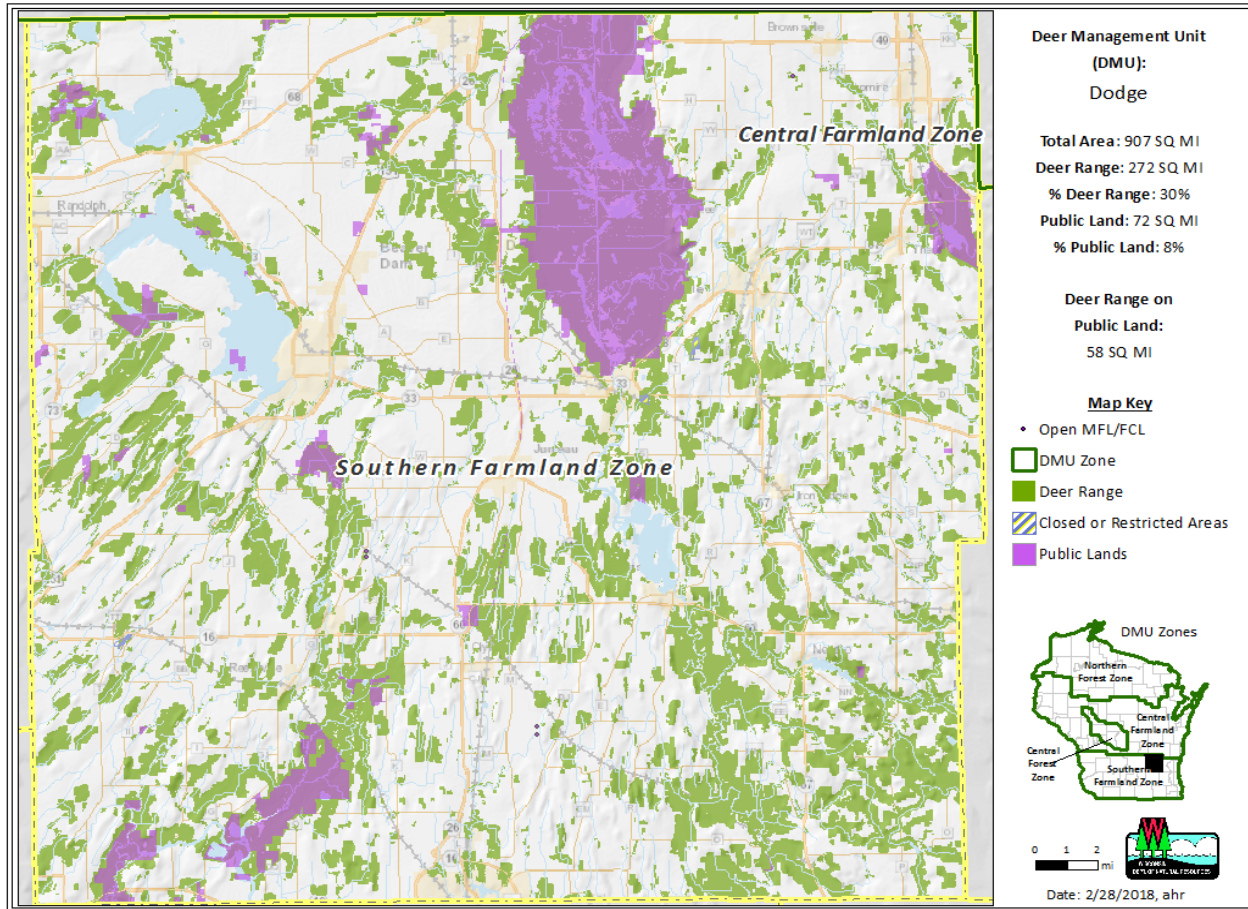


Dodge County Deer Metrics Report

Spring of 2024

Management Unit:



Manager's Note:

The Dodge County Deer Management Unit is in the Southern Farmland Zone. Approximately 30 percent of the unit is considered suitable deer range. The unit is diverse and offers a variety of habitat types including abundant wetlands, shrubland, grasslands, woodlands and agricultural lands. Almost 50,000 acres of land managed by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service are open to the public and provide numerous hunting opportunities. State-managed properties include Horicon Marsh Wildlife Area, Shaw Marsh Wildlife Area, Mud Lake Wildlife Area, Sinissippi Wildlife Area and Waterloo Wildlife Area, and several scattered parcels in the Glacial Habitat Restoration Area program. Federally managed properties (Horicon National Wildlife Refuge and Waterfowl Production Areas) may have special hunting regulations. Deer production and overwintering abilities remain high in this unit. Therefore, agricultural damage and disease potentials remain a concern. The current deer herd management objective is to increase 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.

Southern Farmland Management Zone