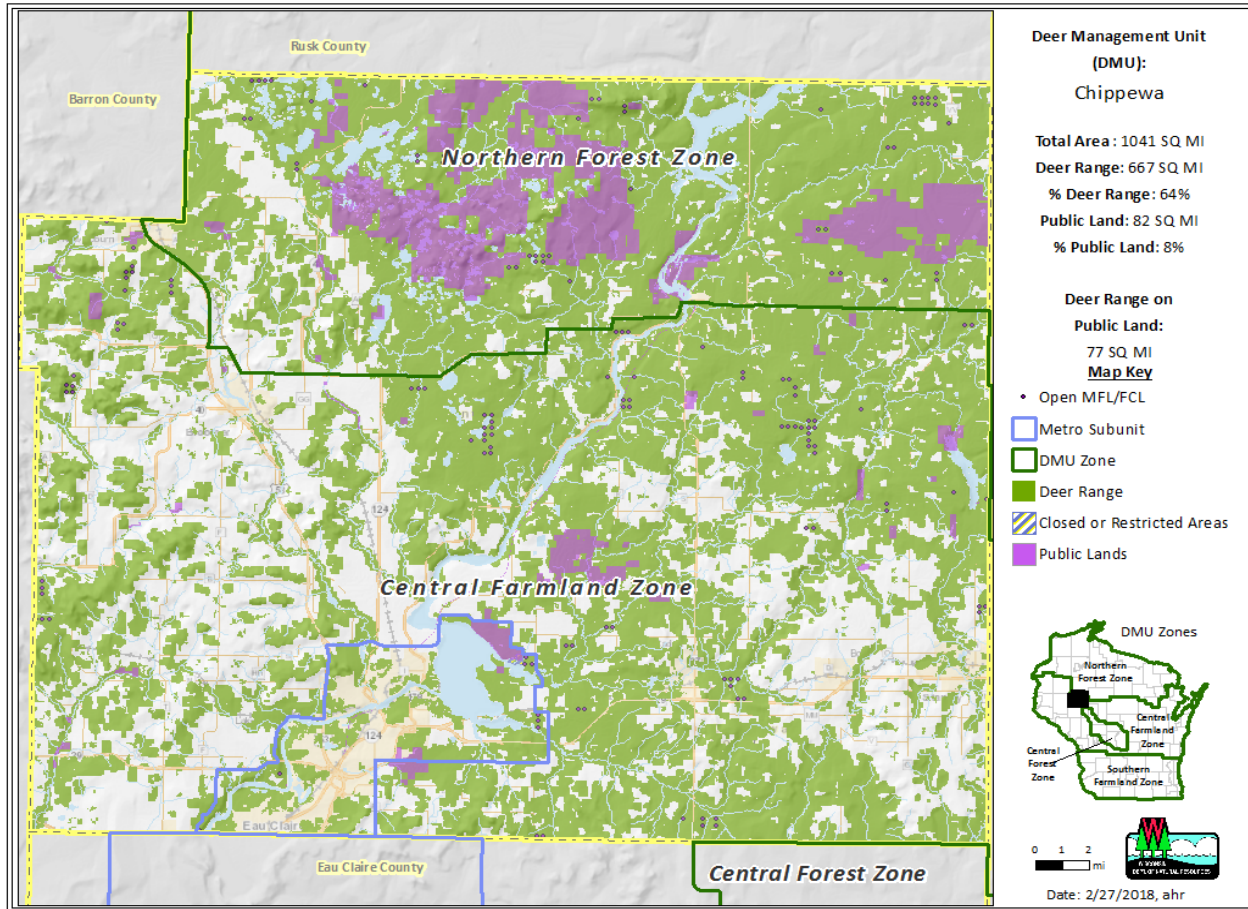


Chippewa County Deer Metrics Report

Spring of 2024

Management Unit:



Manager's Note:

The southern two-thirds of Chippewa County is located in the Central Farmland Zone and the northern one-third of Chippewa County is located in the Northern Forest Zone, with Highway 64 and Highway 53 serving as the zone boundary. Approximately 63 percent of the unit is considered suitable deer range (665.9 square miles). The unit is an ecologically diverse landscape with Driftless coulee features in the southwest, extensive farmlands stretching from the northwest to the southeast and a mix of farmland and northern forests in the northeast. Forest types range from mature mixed-oak sawtimber to early-successional regenerating aspen, as well as scattered stands of sugar maple-dominated northern hardwoods. The northern portion of the unit contains a large block of public forest land comprised primarily of Chippewa County Forest, as well as the Chippewa Moraine State Recreation Area and the Brunet Island State Park. The central portion of the unit contains scattered public lands open to hunting including the Tom Lawin Wildlife Area and Lake Wissota State Park. There are small Fisheries Management Areas scattered throughout the county. The Chippewa River runs through the midsection flowing from the northeast to the southwest, through glacial moraine and outwash topography. Antlered buck harvest averages of 2-3 bucks per square mile of deer range and the average yearling buck percentage is 52%. The current deer herd management objective in both the Forest and Farmland Zones is to maintain the population.