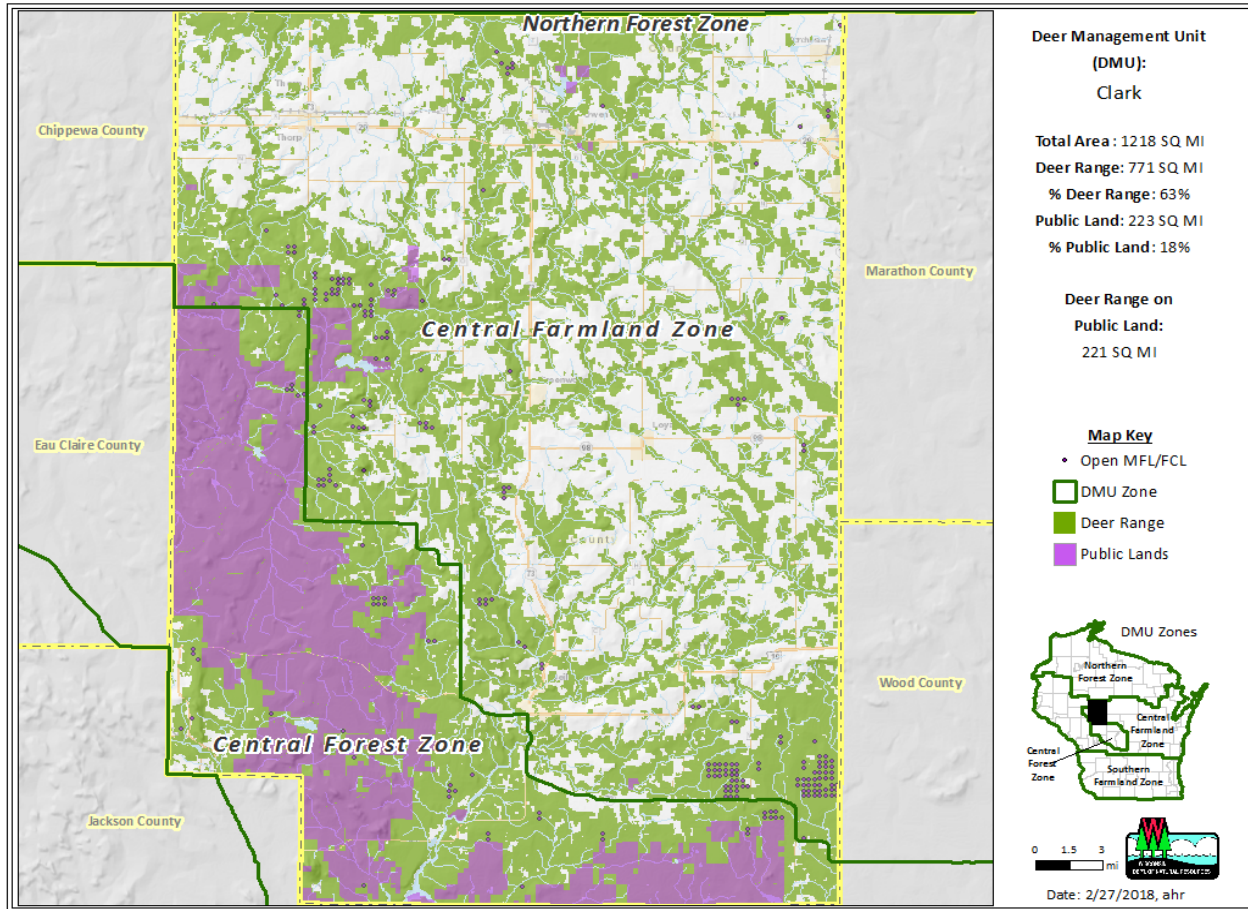


Clark County Deer Metrics Report

Spring of 2024

Management Unit:



Manager's Note:

The Clark County Deer Management Unit is diverse in terms of habitat, deer population, and deer hunting experiences and is divided into two zones; the Central Forest Zone and Central Farmland Zone. New for 2018, the dividing line between the two zones will follow a combination of state and county highways and not the previous line of highways 73 and 29. From east to west the new dividing line will follow highway 73 west from Wood County to highway 10, highway 10 west to highway G, highway G north to highway I, highway I west to highway M, highway M north highway MM, and MM west to the Clark/Eau Claire County Line. Hunters should review this new boundary on the Management Unit Map prior to planning a hunt or getting into the field. The Central Forest Zone lies to the south and west of this dividing line and the Central Farmland Zone portion lies to the east and north. Habitat types, deer populations, public land availability and deer management strategies vary significantly between the Central Forest and Central Farmland Zone portions of the unit. The Central Forest zone is primarily forested but also contains significant amounts of agriculture in the forest/farmland transitional area. This mixed habitat supports moderate deer populations and will likely provided more deer sightings than in the primarily forested areas. In general, the population will be lower in the west and southern portion (Clark County Forest) of this zone and higher in the areas with interspersed agriculture. The Central Forest Zone portion provides significant public land hunting opportunities, primarily on the Clark County Forest (133,000 acres). The Central Farmland Zone portion of the unit is predominantly agricultural land with scattered woodlots. This habitat has the capacity to support a higher density of deer compared to the Central Forest Zone and typically has significantly higher deer populations per square mile of habitat. Public land hunting opportunities have increased significantly in the Central Farmland Zone portion of the unit as a result of the boundary changes with several thousand acres of public land being added to this zone. Even with the addition of this public land to the zone, only 3% of the total area of this unit is comprised of public land. Additional public hunting opportunities exist on private lands enrolled in the Managed Forest Law or