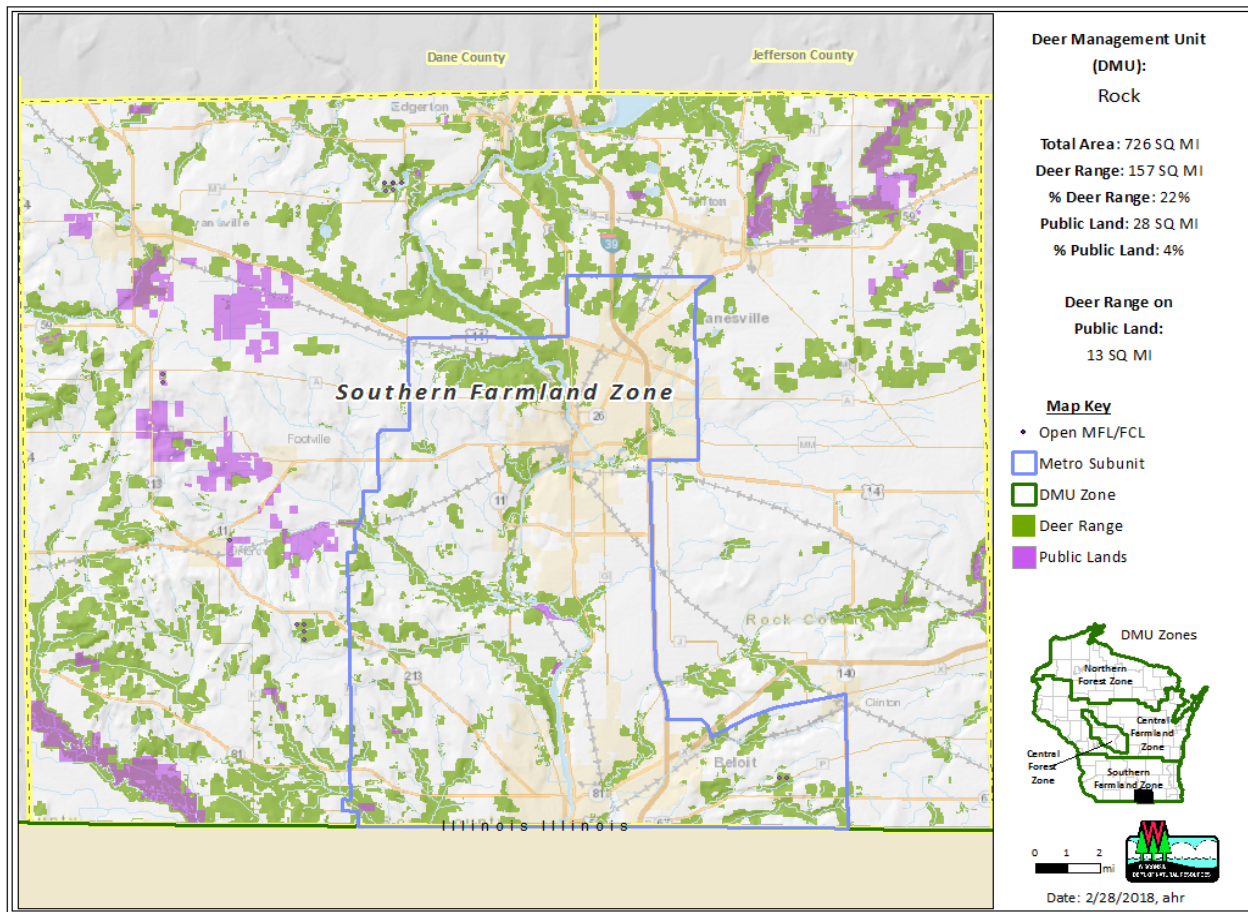


Rock County Deer Metrics Report

Spring of 2024

Management Unit:



Manager's Note:

The Rock County Deer Management Unit (DMU) is located in the Southern Farmland Zone, encompassing 726 square miles in south-central Wisconsin along the Illinois border. The current deer herd management objective is to MAINTAIN the population. With the Fall 2017 CDAC's recommendation and NRB approval, the county has a Metro Sub-unit located around the cities of Janesville and Beloit which contains approximately 20 percent suitable deer range. Overall, Rock County has approximately 22 percent suitable deer range. The remaining 78 percent is not considered because it is urbanized or represents the core of large agricultural fields. There are approximately 15,000 acres (4% of total land ownership) of public or leased private lands available for public deer hunting, including the Evansville Wildlife Area, Footville Wildlife Area, Lima Marsh-Storrs Lake Wildlife Area, Avon Bottoms Wildlife Area, and various smaller scattered state habitat areas. For the latest information on CWD in this unit, please visit the following DNR webpage: <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/wildlifehabitat/cwd.html>

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