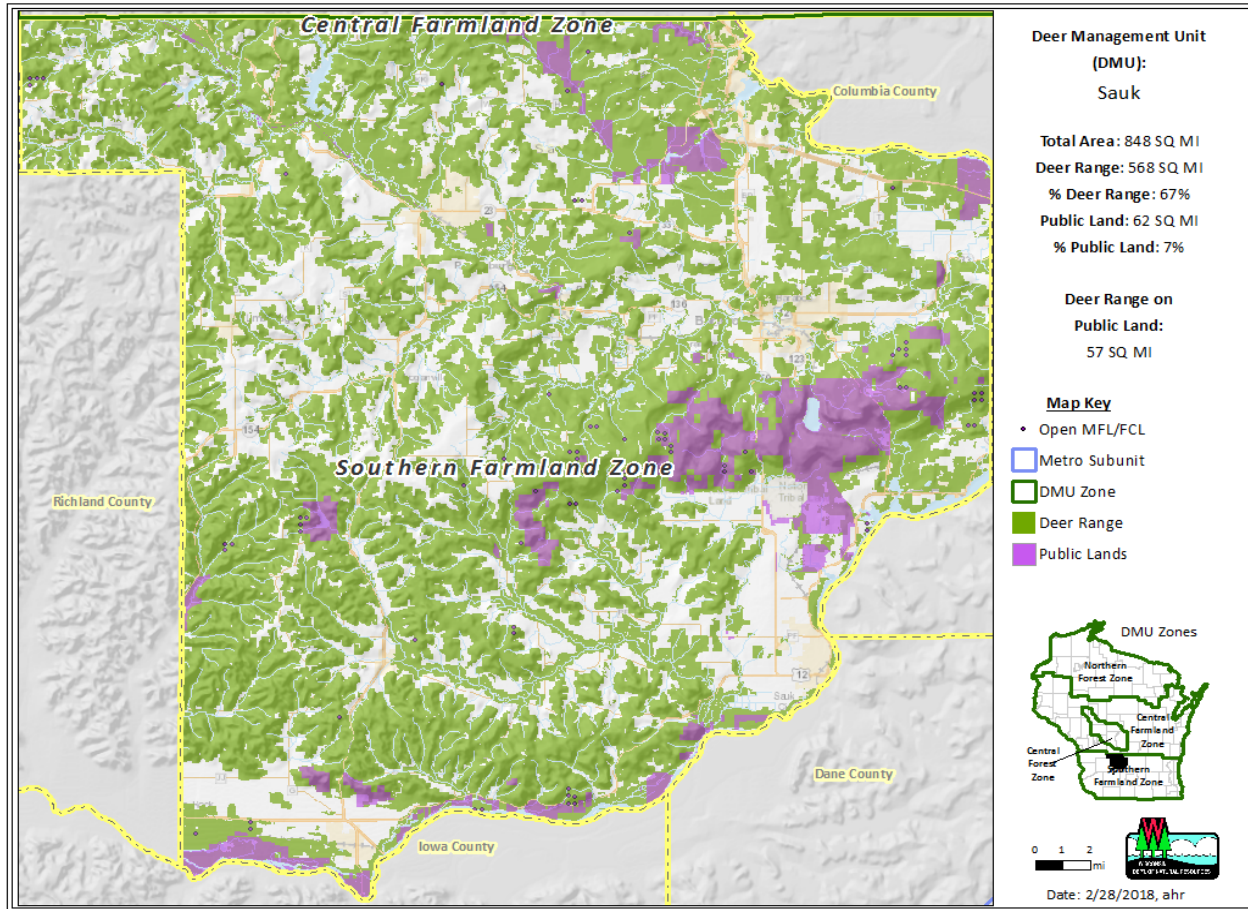


Sauk County Deer Metrics Report

Spring of 2024

Management Unit:



Manager's Note:

The Sauk County Deer Management Unit is located in the Southern Farmland Zone. Approximately 67 percent of the unit is considered suitable deer range. Public land accounts for only 7 percent of the unit, with public land ownership between many different agencies or organizations such as the Department of Natural Resources, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and Sauk County to name a few. Department of Natural Resource properties are a mix of Wildlife Areas and State Park and Recreation lands. The unit is a mix of habitats with the northern and eastern portion primarily dominated by agricultural land use, the center dominated by rolling to steep terrain with agricultural land use on ridgetops and valleys and the southern portion dominated by lowlands of the Wisconsin River. In rolling to steep terrains, the forest is often classified as oak-hickory or maple types, with oak regeneration limited in areas of high deer numbers. Some agricultural producers utilize agricultural damage tags to reduce deer in areas and damage to their crops. Deer densities vary between the different cover-types and ownerships. Chronic wasting disease was detected in the unit in 2002. For the latest information on CWD in this unit, please visit the following DNR webpage: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/wildlifehabitat/prevalence.html>. The current deer herd management objective is to maintain 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.