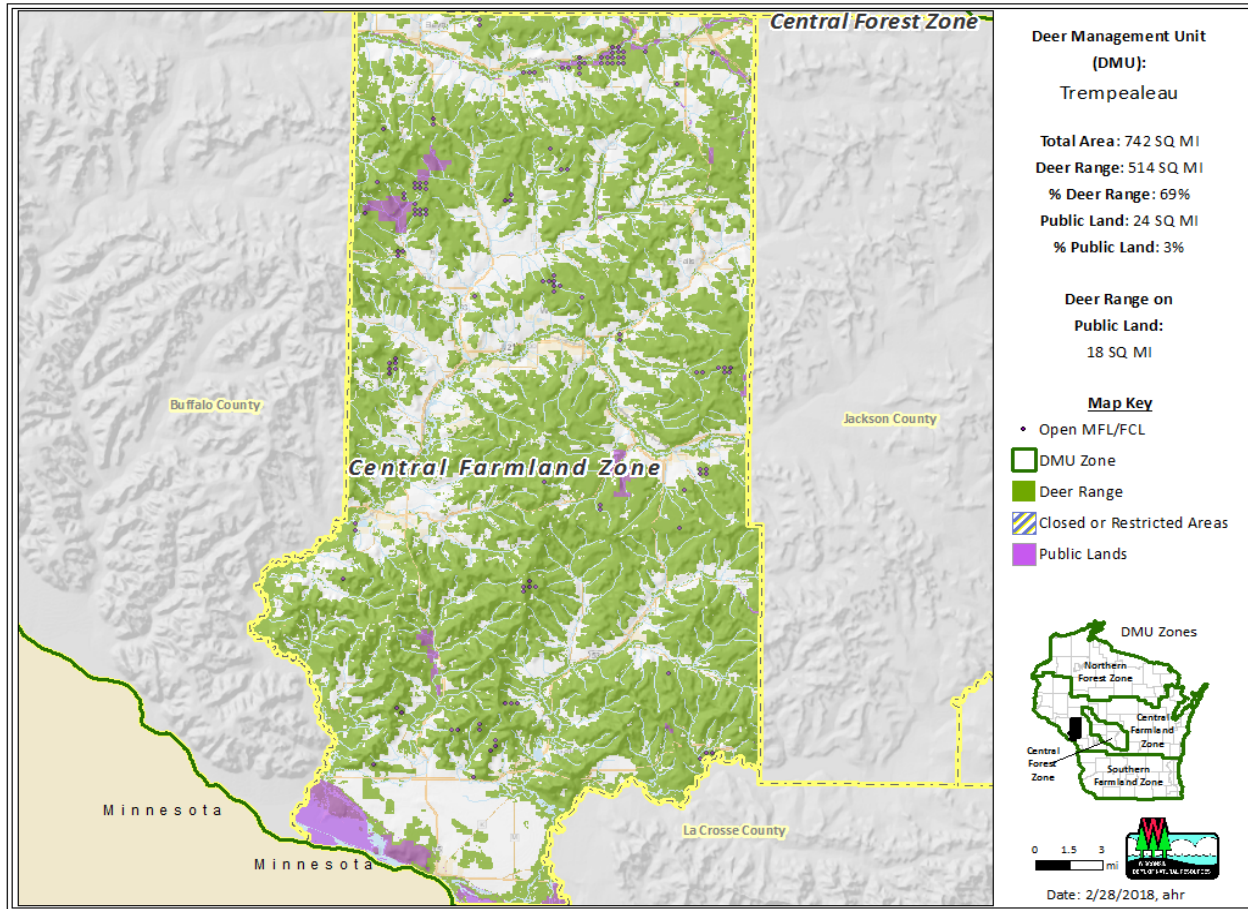


# Trempealeau County Deer Metrics Report

## Spring of 2024

### Management Unit:



### Manager's Note:

The Trempealeau County Deer Management Unit is located in the Central Farmland Zone. Approximately 69 percent of the unit is considered deer range. The unit is comprised of approximately 97 percent private land and 3 percent public land. The landscape is typical of the Driftless Area of southwest Wisconsin, with many valleys and ridge tops in agriculture and steep, heavily wooded hillsides which provides ideal deer habitat. Though the county as a whole has excellent deer habitat, deer distribution is not equal across the landscape due to a number of factors, including land use changes, hunting techniques, land ownership changes and hunter selectivity. A steady increase in bow hunting pressure over the last 15 years has occurred and the annual harvest reflects an increasing percentage of bucks being harvested during the bow season. The county has also seen an increasing amount of hunter selectivity towards older bucks and the average yearling buck harvest rates have declined over the last decade. 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.

### Central Farmland Management Zone