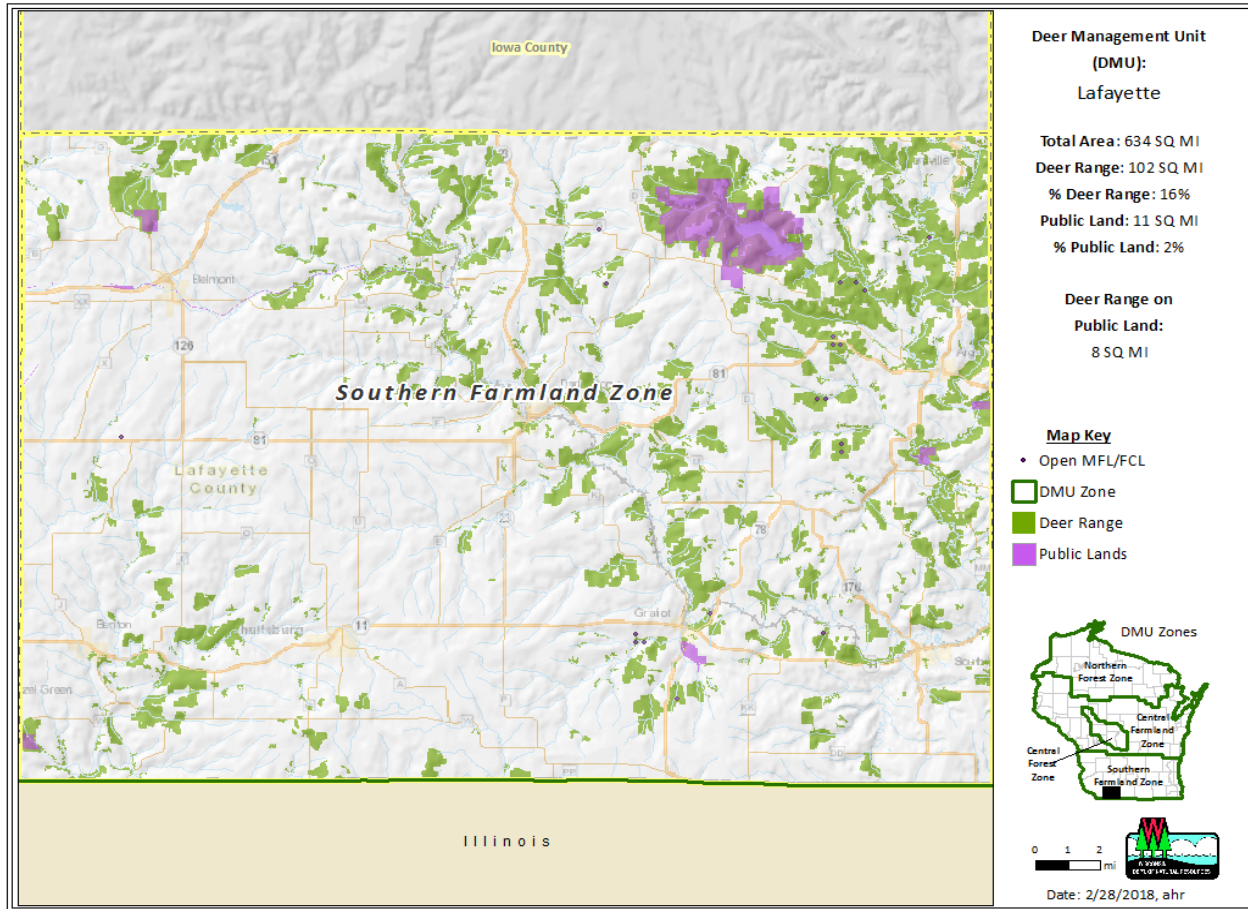


Lafayette County Deer Metrics Report

Spring of 2024

Management Unit:



Manager's Note:

The Lafayette County Deer Management Unit located in the Southern Farmland Zone is 634 square miles in size. Approximately 16 percent of the unit is considered suitable deer range (102 square miles). The highest deer populations are found in the eastern one-third of the unit as well as the far southwest and northwest portions. Most of the unit is under private landownership in a predominantly agricultural land-use, although a patchy distribution of permanent cover, primarily along stream corridors, exists. Public lands open for hunting opportunities include Yellowstone Wildlife Area and Yellowstone Lake State Park in the northeast portion of the county (approximately 4,500 acres). Public land contains approximately 8 square mile of deer range. The unit is a Chronic Wasting Disease-affected unit with the disease most prevalent in the northern and eastern portion of the unit. For the latest information on CWD in this unit, please visit the following DNR webpage: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/wildlifehabitat/prevalence.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

Total Area of Unit (Sq. Miles): 634.10