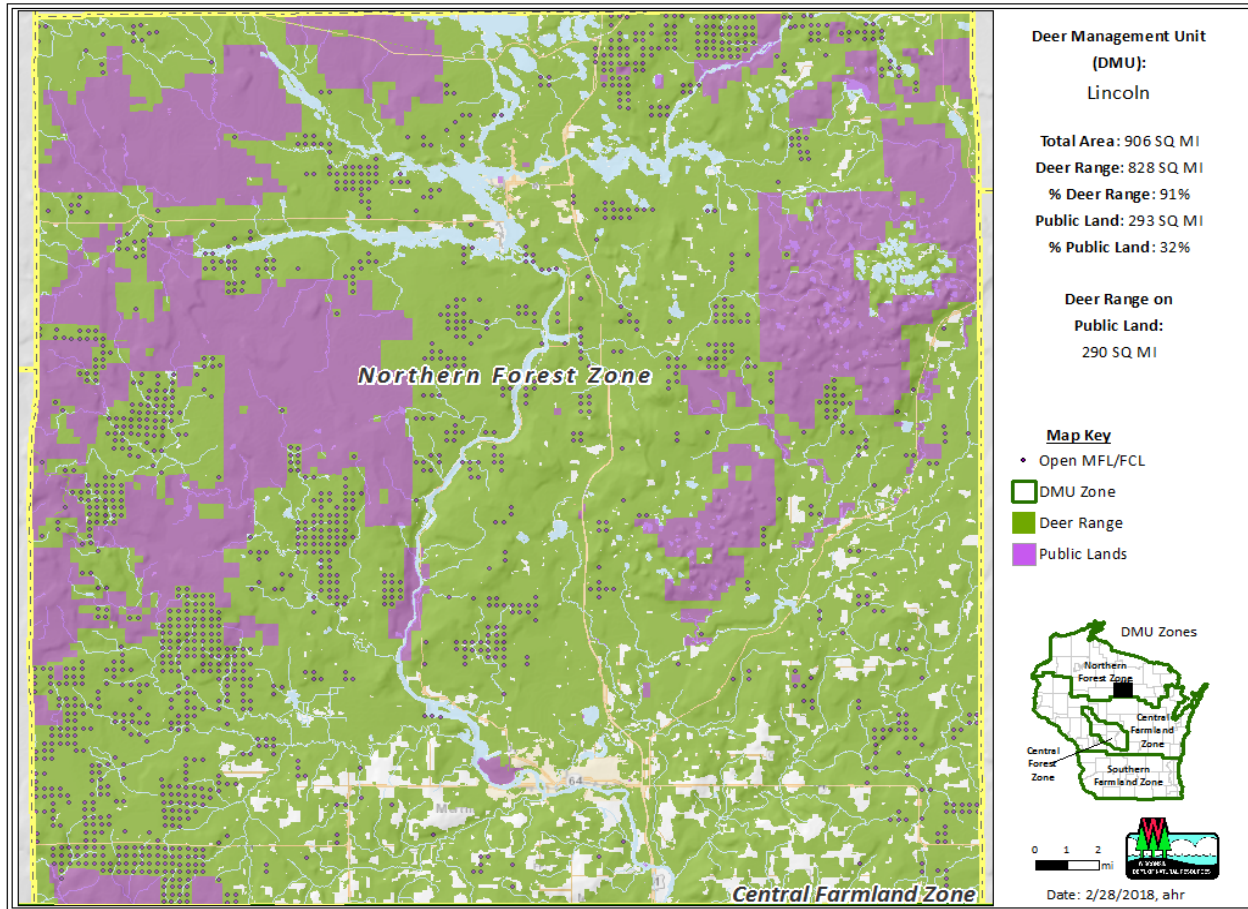


# Lincoln County Deer Metrics Report

## Spring of 2024

### Management Unit:



### Manager's Note:

The Lincoln County Deer Management Unit is located in the Northern Forest Zone. Approximately 91 percent of the unit is considered suitable deer range. As a transitional northern forest unit, varied habitat creates uneven deer distribution throughout the unit. The ecological landscape of the southern one-third of the unit is transitional forest type predominantly used for agriculture. The central band, which extends north along the western border of the unit, is considered north-central forest and the far northeastern corner is northern highland. These two ecological landscapes dominant forest types include aspen and upland hardwood, with swamp hardwoods in the more lowland areas. Good winter cover for deer is common and well scattered throughout the unit. However, severe winters with deep snow and cold temperatures can have a significant impact on overwinter population losses and reproduction the following spring. With around 188,000 acres of public land, hunting opportunities are abundant. These properties include Lincoln County Forest, New Wood Wildlife Area, Bill Cross Wildlife Area and Menard Island Wildlife Area, as well as private and industrial forest land open to the public through the open Managed Forest Law and Forest Crop Land programs. The current deer herd management objective is to increase 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.