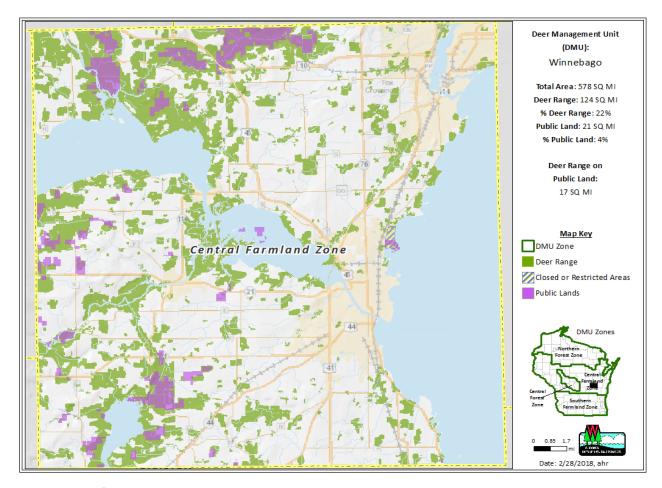
# Winnebago County Deer Metrics Report Spring of 2024

#### **Management Unit:**



## Manager's Note:

The Winnebago County Deer Management Unit is located in the Central Farmland Zone. Approximately 21.5 percent of the unit is considered suitable deer range. Land-use in the unit is primarily agricultural. There are scattered forested pockets throughout the county. The unit is primarily private land ownership and deer are not equally distributed throughout. Localized high densities of deer are having a detrimental impact on habitat quality. Public lands include the Rat River Wildlife Area, Poygan Marsh Wildlife Area and the Lower Wolf River Bottomlands Natural Resources Area in the northern and northwestern part of the unit. Other public lands include scattered Glacial Habitat Restoration Area (GHRA) parcels in the western and southwestern portion of the unit. These scattered GHRA parcels offer numerous hunting opportunities and are under utilized during the deer hunting seasons. 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**

Total Area of Unit (Sq. Miles): 578.40

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