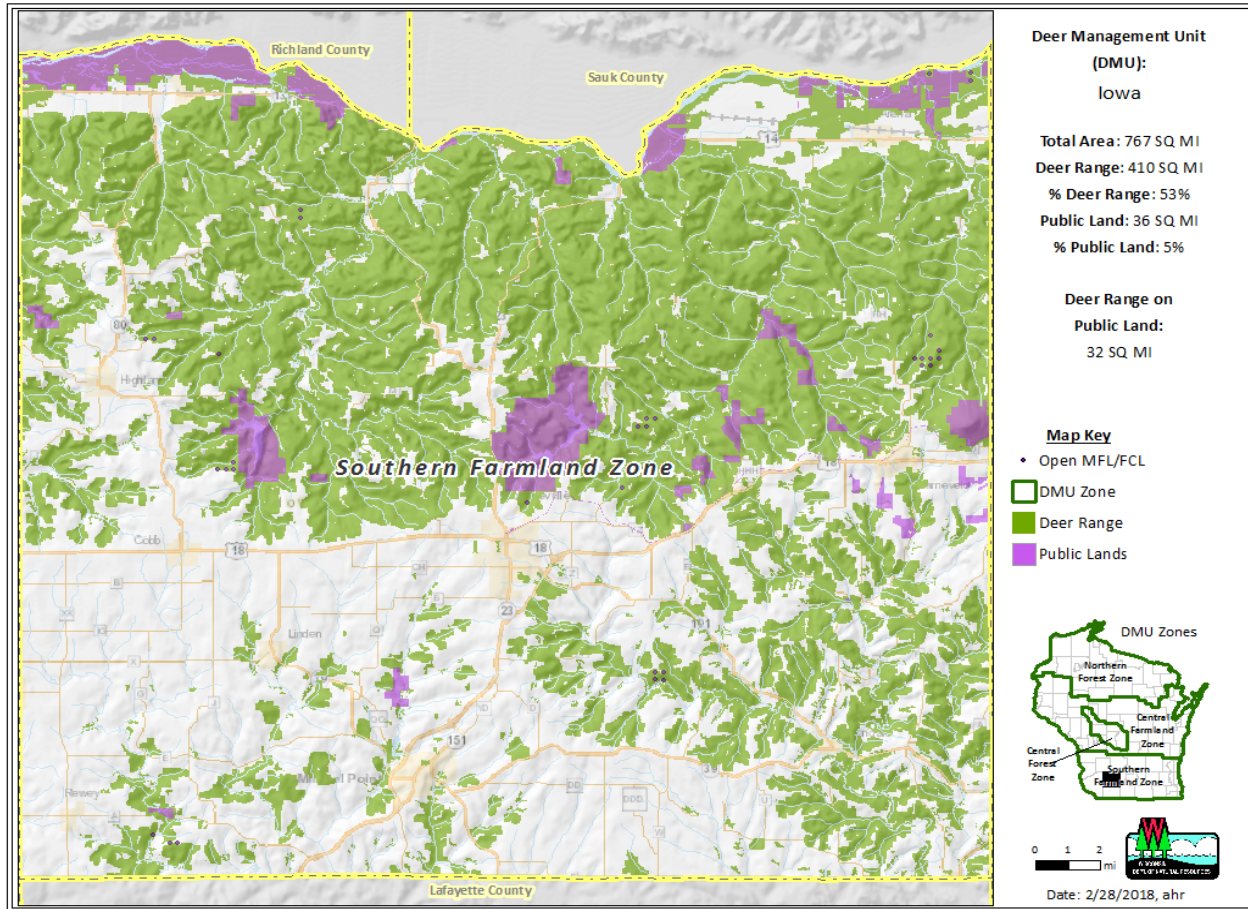


# Iowa County Deer Metrics Report

## Spring of 2024

### Management Unit:



### Manager's Note:

The Iowa County Deer Management Unit is located in the Southern Farmland Zone. Approximately 54 percent of the unit is comprised of suitable deer range (417 square miles), the majority of which is located in the northern half (north of Highway 18/151). The unit totals 768 square miles in area and is located in the Driftless Area of southwest Wisconsin. Topography varies from gently rolling in the southern half to very steep ridges and bluffs in the northern half. Deer habitat and range differs starkly from north to south as well. Large agricultural fields are common in the southern half of the unit. Deer are unevenly distributed throughout the unit with pockets of extremely high deer densities in the northern half, as well as the south-eastern 1/4. Winters tend to be mild and play a small role in affecting deer numbers. Public lands with public hunting opportunities are primarily found in the northern half of the county and include Blackhawk Lake Wildlife Area, Love Creek Fisheries Area, Trout Creek Fisheries Area and portions of the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway. Governor Dodge and Tower Hill State Parks are also located in the unit. Chronic Wasting Disease occurs in Iowa County. Prevalence rates vary throughout but are highest in areas with the highest deer numbers (northern parts of the unit) with 20-55 percent of adult bucks having the disease and 15-30 percent of adult does. For the latest information on CWD in this unit, please visit the following DNR webpage: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/wildlifehabitat/prevalence.html>.