

MINNESOTA 2026 DEER SEASON

Effective through June 30, 2027

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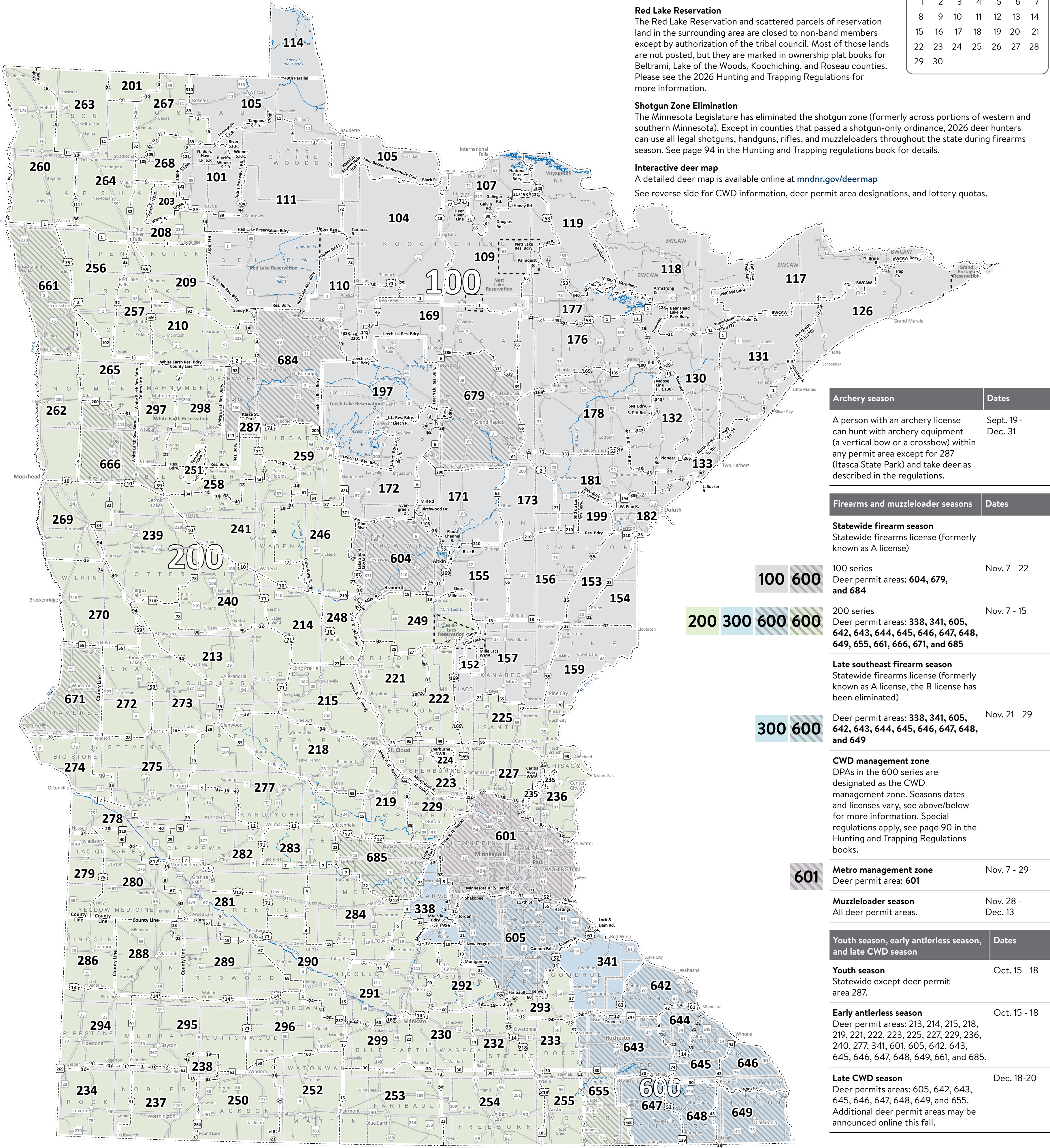
Interpreters are available to answer all of your questions
License, titling and registration: M-F 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
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888-MINNDNR (646-6367) or 651-296-6157

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Red Lake Reservation
The Red Lake Reservation and scattered parcels of reservation land in the surrounding area are closed to non-band members except by authorization of the tribal council. Most of those lands are not posted, but they are marked in ownership plat books for Beltrami, Lake of the Woods, Koochiching, and Roseau counties. Please see the 2026 Hunting and Trapping Regulations for more information.

Shotgun Zone Elimination
The Minnesota Legislature has eliminated the shotgun zone (formerly across portions of western and southern Minnesota). Except in counties that passed a shotgun-only ordinance, 2026 deer hunters can use all legal shotguns, handguns, rifles, and muzzleloaders throughout the state during firearms season. See page 94 in the Hunting and Trapping regulations book for details.

Interactive deer map
A detailed deer map is available online at mndnr.gov/deermap
See reverse side for CWD information, deer permit area designations, and lottery quotas.



CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE (CWD) SURVEILLANCE AND SAMPLING STATIONS

CWD sampling requirements

***NEW**— Sample submission for CWD testing is mandatory for all hunters that harvest deer 1 year old or older in the 2026 CWD surveillance block on opening weekend of firearms season (Nov. 7 - 8), regardless of weapon type. Sampling stations are listed online at mndnr.gov/cwd.

Sampling stations are only available on Saturday, Sunday, and the Monday of opening weekend of firearms season in the surveillance block. For voluntary sampling during all deer seasons, hunters statewide can use the partner sampling program, mail-in sampling program (details starting on page 89), or contact their area wildlife office to make an appointment.

- CWD Testing Areas: mndnr.gov/cwd
- CWD Test Results: mndnr.gov/cwdcheck

Deer feeding and attractant bans

Deer feeding and attractant bans are in place near areas where CWD has been detected. Find details and a map on page 93 of the 2026 Hunting and Trapping Regulations.

Carcass regulations

Moving whole carcasses in Minnesota is restricted in certain circumstances. Whole carcasses are defined as those with the head, brain tissue, and the spinal column of the deer attached.

Carcass Import Restrictions: Whole carcasses of cervidae, including deer, elk and moose, harvested anywhere outside of Minnesota may not be brought into the state except heads from cervids with or without the cape and neck attached may be transported into Minnesota if they are delivered to a licensed taxidermist within 48 hours of entering the state; or nonresidents transporting whole or partial carcasses on a direct route through Minnesota are exempt from this restriction. Meat or quarters of deer can be transported into the state.

***NEW— Carcass Disposal Rule:** Carcass movement restrictions have been lifted, and whole carcasses of deer harvested in a CWD management zone including fawns, may leave the zone immediately but must be disposed of through your refuse hauler, at your local landfill, or it may be left on the private property

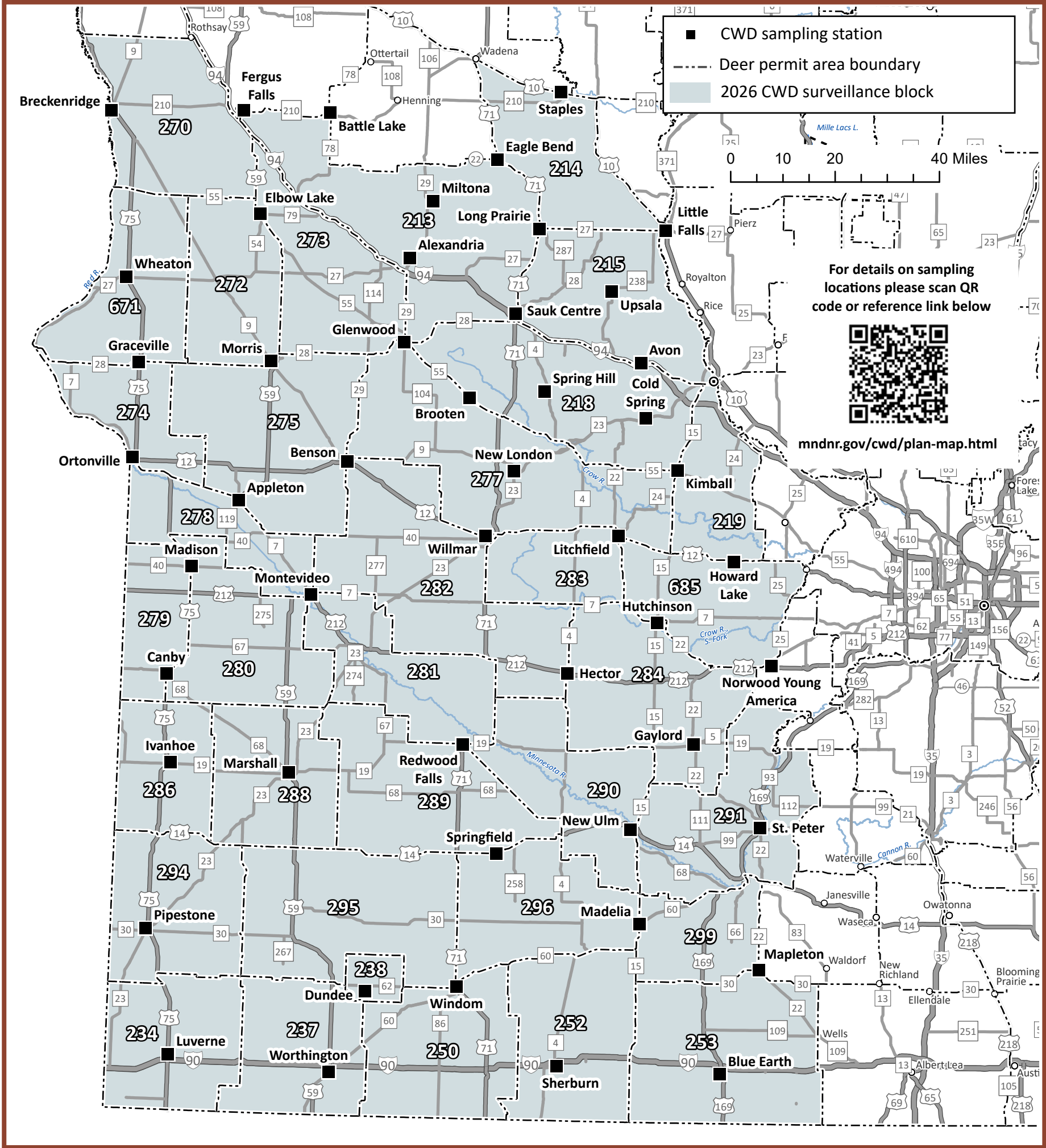
where the deer was harvested with permission from the landowner.

There are no carcass regulations for deer harvested in Minnesota outside of the CWD management zones.

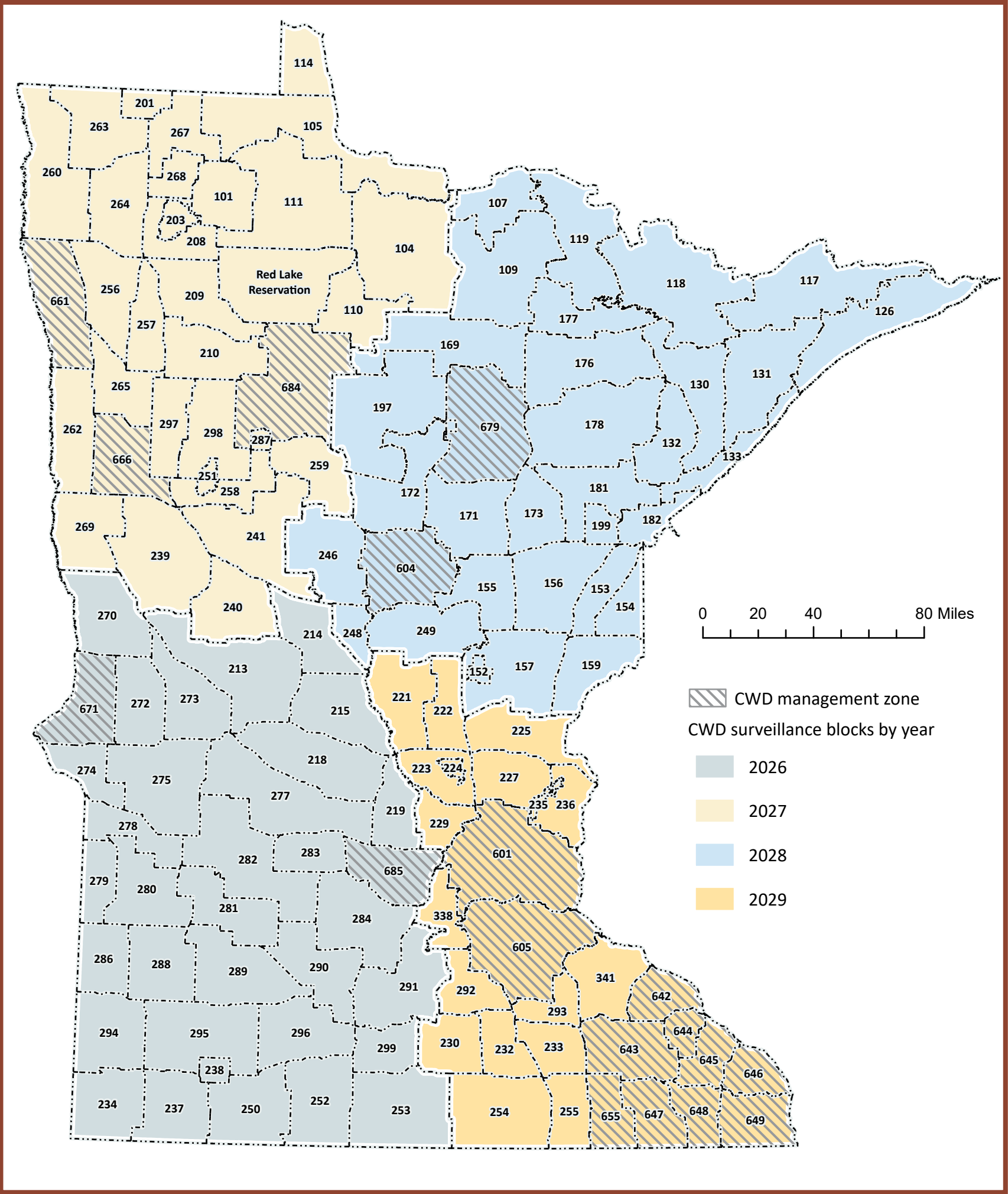
***NEW**— DNR provided dumpsters will no longer be available. The new carcass disposal rule gives hunters more flexibility and options to move and dispose of carcasses that originate from CWD management zones while still limiting disease spread.

More information on carcass regulations can be found on page 92 of the 2026 Hunting and Trapping Regulations.

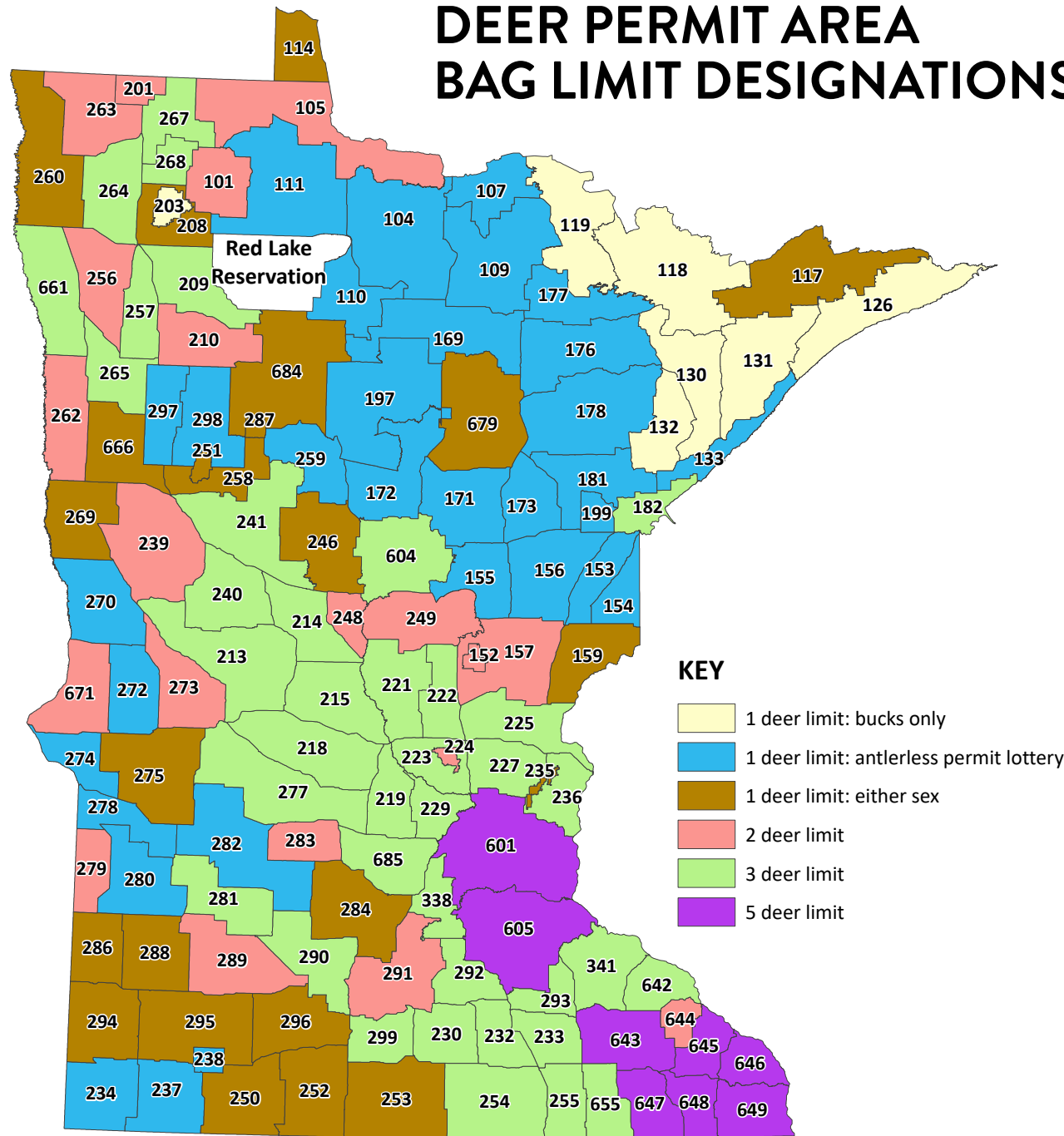
Mandatory CWD Sampling November 7 - 8



Statewide Rotational CWD Surveillance Plan



DEER PERMIT AREA BAG LIMIT DESIGNATIONS



Antlerless lottery permit quotas

Area number	Number of permits	Area number	Number of permits
104	25	178	25
107	500	181	100
109	50	197	300
110	250	199	25
111	25	234	100
133	50	237	100
153	500	238	50
154	25	259	2000
155	750	270	150
156	1000	272	150
169	25	274	400
171	500	278	300
172	500	280	150
173	50	282	25
176	25	297	25
177	25	298	250

More information

See reverse side for the deer season area map.

Information and open permit areas for the early antlerless season and late CWD season are shown on the reverse side.

Deer permit area bag limit designations are listed by individual deer permit area on pages 87 and 95 of the 2026 Hunting and Trapping Regulations.

Information on the limit for antlered bucks is on page 80 of the 2026 Hunting and Trapping Regulations.

NEW—this book now includes waterfowl regulations

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This booklet contains summaries of hunting and trapping laws in Minnesota. It's not a full list of all hunting and trapping laws and isn't a legal document.

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