

APPRENTICE DEER

The Apprentice season was separated into Youth and Apprentice seasons in 2021. See separate Youth season report for license sales and estimated harvest.

There were 527 single-tag antlerless licenses issued for the 2022 Apprentice Deer hunting season (526 resident, 1 nonresident). All license holders that provided a valid email address were surveyed and 187 responses (35%) were received.

The Apprentice season ran from September 10, 2022, through January 1, 2023. Respondents reported hunting an average of 4.10 days each, which projected to 2,162 recreation days for the season.

Projections for the season indicated that 29 whitetail buck fawns, 210 whitetail does, 4 mule deer buck fawns, and 22 mule deer does were harvested. The estimated total harvest for the Apprentice Deer season was 263, and the overall success rate was 50%. The four deer management units with the highest reported harvest were the Black Hills, Minnehaha, Brookings, Butte, and NE Penn/SE Meade, which accounted for 50% of the total season harvest.

The average satisfaction rating for those responding (1 being very dissatisfied and 7 very satisfied) was 5.82.

Comparison of the 2018 - 2022 Apprentice Deer hunting seasons

YEAR	Licenses Sold	Harvest					Success	Avg Days Hunted	Average Satisfctn
		Bucks		Does		Total			
		WT	Mule	WT	Mule				
2018	4,845	264	35	1,823	377	2,499	52%	3.85	5.72
2019	4,424	263	37	1,722	297	2,319	52%	3.93	5.70
2020	4,302	249	26	1,846	372	2,493	58%	3.71	5.73
2021	641	21	0	323	18	362	57%	3.09	6.10
2022	527	29	4	210	22	263	50%	4.10	5.82

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2022 Apprentice Deer Harvest Projections

Last Revised:		Harvest Projections											Average	Avg	
18-Apr-23	License	Licenses	Licenses Sold		Response	Tag	Whitetail			Mule Deer			Total	Satisfaction	Days
Unit-Type	Holders	Available	Resident	Nonresident	Rate	Success	Bucks	Does	Doe Fawns	Bucks	Does	Doe Fawns	Harvest	Score **	Hunted
APD-03	162	Unlimited	161	1	28%	43%	0	42	4	4	18	4	70	--	--
APD-13	365	Unlimited	365	0	39%	53%	29	159	5	0	0	0	193	--	--
Totals	527		526	1	35.5%	50%	29	201	9	4	18	4	263	5.82	4.10

** Refers to a satisfaction scale of 1=very dissatisfied to 7=very satisfied.

2022 Apprentice Deer Harvest Distribution

Last Revised:
19-Apr-23

Unit	Projected Harvest								
	Whitetail				Mule Deer			Total	
	Bucks		Does		Bucks	Does			
	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Estimate	%
01A (Minnehaha)	0	25	0	0	0	0	0	25	9.4%
02A (NE Penn/SE Meade)	0	11	3	0	0	0	0	14	5.3%
02C (SE Pennington)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
03A (Brown)	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	2.1%
04A (Beadle)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
05A (Codington)	3	6	0	0	0	0	0	8	3.1%
06A (Brookings)	5	14	0	0	0	0	0	19	7.2%
07A (Yankton)	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	1.0%
08A (Davison)	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1.0%
10A (Aurora)	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	1.0%
11A (N Bennett)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
11B (S Bennett)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
12A (Bon Homme)	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	1.0%
13A (Brule)	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	1.0%
13L (Brule GPA's/Corps)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
14A (Buffalo)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
15A (Butte)	0	8	0	0	11	0	0	19	7.2%
15B (SW Butte/Lawrence)	0	6	0	0	4	0	0	9	3.4%
16A (Campbell)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
17A (Charles Mix)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
18A (Clark)	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	1.0%
19A (Clay)	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	5	2.0%
20A (Corson)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
21A (E Custer/S Penn)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
21B (C Custer/C Penn)	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	8	3.1%
22A (Day)	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	1.0%
23A (Deuel)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
24A (Dewey)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
24B (Little Moreau)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
25A (Douglas)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
26A (Edmunds)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
27A (NW FRiver/SW Cust)	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	1.0%
27B (Fall River)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
27L (Hill Ranch Area)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
28A (Faulk)	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	2.1%
29A (Grant)	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	1.0%
30A,B (Gregory)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
31A (Haakon)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
32A (Hamlin)	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	8	3.0%
33A (Hand)	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	1.0%
34A (Hanson)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
35A (W Harding)	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	4	1.3%
35C (E Harding)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
35L (Custer Nat Forest)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
36A (Hughes)	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	1.0%
37A (Hutchinson)	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1.0%
38A (Hyde)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
39A (N Jackson)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
39B (S Jackson)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
40A (Jerault)	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	1.0%
41A (Jones)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
42A (Kingsbury)	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	1.0%
43A (Lake)	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	1.0%
44A (Lincoln)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
45A (W Lyman)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
45B (E Lyman)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
45C (NE Lyman/SE Stanley)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
45D (Ft Pr Nat Grslnd)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
46A (McCook)	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	1.0%
47A (McPherson)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
48A (Marshall)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
49A (W Meade)	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	8	3.1%
49B (NE Meade)	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	4	1.3%
50A,B (Mellette)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
51A (Miner)	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	1.0%
52A (Moody)	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	2.1%
53A (N Perkins)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
53C (S Perkins)	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	1.3%
54A (Potter)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
55A (Roberts)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
56A (Sanborn)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
57A (Spink)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
58A (Stanley)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
59A (W Sully)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
59B (E Sully)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
60A (Tripp)	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	1.0%
61A (Turner)	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	2.1%
62A (Union)	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	1.0%
63A (Waiworth)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
64A (Ziebach)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
65A (Oglala Lakota)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
67A (Todd)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
BH (Black Hills)	8	41	6	0	0	0	0	55	20.9%
TOTALS	29	201	9	4	18	4	263		

Use these figures for approximations only!