MENTORED YOUTH DEER

There were 5,715 resident single-tag antlerless mentored youth deer licenses issued for 2022. All mentors/hunters that provided a valid email address were surveyed and 3,025 responses (46%) were received.

The Mentored Youth licenses were valid during the Youth Deer season which ran from September 10, 2022, through January 1, 2023. Respondents reported hunting an average of 3.88 days each, which projected to 26,095 recreation days for the season.

Projections for the season indicated that a total of 320 whitetail bucks, 2,525 whitetail does, 5 mule deer bucks, and 301 mule deer does were harvested. The total harvest for the Mentored Youth Deer season was 3,150, and the overall success rate was 47%. The five deer management units with the highest reported harvest were the Black Hills, Minnehaha, NE Penn/SE Meade, Butte, and Haakon.

The average satisfaction rating for those responding (1 being very dissatisfied and 7 very satisfied) was 5.59.

Summary for the 2013-2022 Mentored Youth Deer hunting seasons

| | | Harvest | | | | | | Avg | |
| | | Bucks | | Does | | | | Days | Average |
YEAR	Licenses Sold	WT	Mule	WT	Mule	Total	Success	Hunted	Satisfctn
2013	2,939	179	14	1,028	154	1,375	47%	3.87	5.57
2014	3,096	214	29	1,187	167	1,595	52%	3.98	5.70
2015	3,646	261	25	1,556	243	2,086	57%	3.96	5.89
2016	3,646	287	30	1,495	301	2,114	58%	3.56	5.85
2017	4,069	230	31	1,567	320	2,147	53%	3.78	5.83
2018	5,357	324	51	2,335	439	2,824	53%	3.61	5.89
2019	5,715	348	45	2,123	417	2,932	51%	3.52	5.79
2020	6,387	371	21	2,772	472	3,636	57%	3.77	5.77
2021	6,207	301	5	2,446	226	2,977	48%	3.92	5.69
2022	6,723	320	5	2,525	301	3,150	47%	3.88	5.59

2022 Mentored Youth Deer Harvest Projections

Last Revised: 18-Apr-23 Unit	License Holders	Licenses Available	Licenses Sold Resident	Licenses Sold Nonresident	Response Rate	Tag Success	Whitetail Bucks	Whitetail Does	Whitetail Doe Fawns	Mule Deer Bucks	Mule Deer Does	Mule Deer Doe Fawns	Total Harvest	Average Satisfaction Score **	Avg Days Hunted
MHD-03	2,136	Unlimited	2,071	65	37%	37%	47	363	78	5	275	26	793	--	--
MHD-13	4,587	Unlimited	4,476	111	50%	51%	273	1772	312	0	0	0	2,357	--	--
Totals	6,723		6,547	176	45.8%	47%	320	2,134	390	5	275	26	3,150	5.59	3.88

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

2022 Mentored Youth Deer Harvest Distribution by Management Unit

	Projected Harvest							
	Whitetail			Mule Deer			Total	
	Bucks	**Does**		**Bucks**	**Does**			
Unit	**Fawn**	**Adult**	**Fawn**	**Fawn**	**Adult**	**Fawn**	**Estimate**	**%**
01A (Minnehaha)	19	98	17	0	0	0	134	4.3%
02A (NE Penn/SE Meade)	6	60	6	0	36	0	109	3.5%
02C (SE Pennington)	0	9	2	0	0	0	11	0.3%
03A (Brown)	4	58	13	0	0	0	75	2.4%
04A (Beadle)	6	47	13	0	0	0	66	2.1%
05A (Codington)	4	55	6	0	0	0	66	2.1%
06A (Brookings)	11	53	13	0	0	0	77	2.4%
07A (Yankton)	2	36	2	0	0	0	40	1.3%
08A (Davison)	2	26	9	0	0	0	36	1.2%
10A (Aurora)	8	23	13	0	0	0	45	1.4%
11A (N Bennett)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
11B (S Bennett)	2	4	0	0	0	0	6	0.2%
12A (Bon Homme)	2	19	4	0	0	0	26	0.8%
13A (Brule)	0	15	9	0	0	0	23	0.7%
13L (Brule GPA's/Corps)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
14A (Buffalo)	2	11	0	0	0	0	13	0.4%
15A (Butte)	11	38	17	0	29	5	100	3.2%
15B (SW Butte/Lawrence)	4	21	13	0	5	3	46	1.5%
16A (Campbell)	0	9	0	0	0	0	9	0.3%
17A (Charles Mix)	13	36	6	0	0	0	55	1.8%
18A (Clark)	0	47	15	0	0	0	62	2.0%
19A (Clay)	0	17	0	0	0	0	17	0.5%
20A (Corson)	0	11	0	0	0	0	11	0.3%
21A (E Custer/S Penn)	0	15	0	0	0	0	15	0.5%
21B (C Custer/C Penn)	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	0.1%
22A (Day)	6	55	2	0	0	0	64	2.0%
23A (Deuel)	6	45	19	0	0	0	70	2.2%
24A (Dewey)	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	0.1%
24B (Little Moreau)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
25A (Douglas)	0	17	2	0	0	0	19	0.6%
26A (Edmunds)	6	28	6	0	0	0	40	1.3%
27A (NW FRiver/SW Cust)	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0.1%
27B (Fall River)	0	9	6	0	0	0	15	0.5%
27L (Hill Ranch Area)	0	11	0	0	0	0	11	0.3%
28A (Faulk)	2	15	6	0	0	0	23	0.7%
29A (Grant)	8	60	2	0	0	0	70	2.2%
30A,B (Gregory)	15	40	9	0	0	0	64	2.0%
31A (Haakon)	4	34	0	0	52	0	90	2.9%
32A (Hamlin)	13	45	17	0	0	0	75	2.4%
33A (Hand)	2	28	4	0	0	0	34	1.1%
34A (Hanson)	2	32	0	0	0	0	34	1.1%
35A (W Harding)	0	6	4	0	26	3	39	1.2%
35C (E Harding)	0	19	2	3	8	3	34	1.1%
35L (Custer Nat Forest)	2	11	0	0	10	0	23	0.7%
36A (Hughes)	6	19	2	0	0	0	28	0.9%
37A (Hutchinson)	6	23	0	0	0	0	30	0.9%
38A (Hyde)	0	13	0	0	0	0	13	0.4%
39A (N Jackson)	0	6	0	0	0	0	6	0.2%
39B (S Jackson)	0	13	0	0	0	0	13	0.4%
40A (Jerauld)	0	13	2	0	0	0	15	0.5%
41A (Jones)	0	13	0	0	0	0	13	0.4%
42A (Kingsbury)	8	40	4	0	0	0	53	1.7%
43A (Lake)	11	53	4	0	0	0	68	2.2%
44A (Lincoln)	11	43	4	0	0	0	57	1.8%
45A (W Lyman)	2	17	0	0	0	0	19	0.6%
45B (E Lyman)	0	9	2	0	0	0	11	0.3%
45C (NE Lyman/SE Stanley)	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0.1%
45D (Ft Pr Nat Grslnd)	4	2	0	0	0	0	6	0.2%
46A (McCook)	8	43	6	0	0	0	58	1.8%
47A (McPherson)	6	6	2	0	0	0	15	0.5%
48A (Marshall)	6	28	6	0	0	0	40	1.3%
49A (W Meade)	4	45	4	3	21	3	79	2.5%
49B (NE Meade)	4	17	4	0	21	5	51	1.6%
50A,B (Mellette)	0	21	4	0	0	0	26	0.8%
51A (Miner)	2	26	0	0	0	0	28	0.9%
52A (Moody)	13	32	15	0	0	0	60	1.9%
53A (N Perkins)	0	17	2	0	41	5	66	2.1%
53C (S Perkins)	0	19	2	0	18	0	39	1.3%
54A (Potter)	2	19	2	0	0	0	23	0.7%
55A (Roberts)	6	45	4	0	0	0	55	1.8%
56A (Sanborn)	6	28	4	0	0	0	38	1.2%
57A (Spink)	0	32	11	0	0	0	43	1.4%
58A (Stanley)	4	17	0	0	0	0	21	0.7%
59A (W Sully)	0	6	2	0	0	0	9	0.3%
59B (E Sully)	0	6	0	0	0	0	6	0.2%
60A (Tripp)	2	26	0	0	0	0	28	0.9%
61A (Turner)	8	26	6	0	0	0	40	1.3%
62A (Union)	4	30	2	0	0	0	36	1.1%
63A (Walworth)	0	9	2	0	0	0	11	0.3%
64A (Ziebach)	2	11	9	0	8	0	29	0.9%
65A (Oglala Lakota)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
67A (Todd)	0	2	2	0	0	0	4	0.1%
BH (Black Hills)	25	187	39	0	0	0	251	8.0%
TOTALS	**320**	**2,134**	**390**	**5**	**275**	**26**	**3,150**	

Last Revised:
19-Apr-23

Use these figures for approximations only!

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