

FALL BLACK HILLS TURKEY

There were 215 Fall Black Hills Turkey licenses (201 resident, 14 nonresident) sold in South Dakota for the 2022 season. All were single tag licenses valid for either a tom or a hen. The fall season ran from November 1 through January 31.

All license holders that provided a valid email address were surveyed and 114 responded for a 55% response rate. Respondents reported hunting an average of 2.61 days, which projected to a total of 554 recreation days for the season.

An estimated 30 males were harvested along with 32 hens, a total of 62 turkeys. The overall estimated success rate for the season was 29%.

The mean satisfaction score reported by hunters was 4.71 (1 representing “very dissatisfied” and 7 representing “very satisfied”).

Summary comparison of the 2013-2022 Fall Black Hills Turkey seasons

YEAR	LICENSES SOLD		HARVEST				Avg Days	Average
	Resident	Nonresid	Males	Hens	Total	%Success	Hunted	Satisfaction
2013	1,546	81	185	188	373	23%	2.81	4.57
2014	764	46	100	114	215	27%	3.24	4.54
2015	406	27	66	62	127	29%	3.44	4.58
2016	408	26	91	55	147	34%	2.79	4.85
2017	415	18	87	52	139	32%	3.82	4.88
2018	204	16	27	26	54	25%	2.74	4.85
2019	204	12	34	18	53	25%	2.20	4.76
2020	102	7	11	15	25	23%	3.71	4.87
2021	101	8	18	9	27	25%	2.89	5.10
2022	201	14	30	32	62	29%	2.61	4.71

2022 Fall Black Hills Turkey Harvest Projections

Last Revised:		Licenses													Average	Mean	
21-Jun-23		Resident			Nonresident			Response	Tag	Harvest Projections					Total	Days	Satisfctn
Unit/Type	Hunters	Appl. 1st Choice *	Avail.	Sold	Appl. 1st Choice *	Avail.	Sold	Rate	Success	Males		Hens			Harvest	Hunted	Score
										Adults	Jakes	Adults	Jennies	Unk			
BH1-31	212	161	200	201	10	16	14	55%	29%	19	11	26	2	4	62	2.61	4.71

* Number of 1st drawing applicants with that season as 1st choice.

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