

NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE DEER

There were 158 licenses issued for the 2022 Wildlife Refuge Deer seasons, which included 114 at Sand Lake (104 residents and 10 nonresidents); 22 at Lacreek (20 residents and 2 nonresidents); and 22 at Waubay (20 residents and 2 nonresidents).

All license-holders that provided a valid email address were surveyed for each season and response rates for Sand Lake, Lacreek, and Waubay refuges were 68%, 77%, and 67%, respectively.

The seasons had different opening dates at each refuge. The average days hunted were 2.63 at Sand Lake, 3.56 at Lacreek, and 2.47 at Waubay.

The projected harvest for Sand Lake was 33 whitetail bucks and 11 whitetail does, for Lacreek was 11 whitetail bucks, and for Waubay was 9 whitetail bucks and 6 whitetail does. The reported success rate for Sand Lake was 39%, for Lacreek was 50%, and for Waubay was 66%.

Harvest summaries for 2013-2022 National Wildlife Refuge Deer Seasons

Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge

YEAR	LICENSES	BUCKS	DOES	% SUCCESS	AVG DAYS HUNTED
2013	132	42	22	48%	2.48
2014	133	50	5	42%	2.34
2015	165	52	10	37%	2.89
2016	163	33	16	30%	2.60
2017	165	36	15	31%	2.72
2018	164	46	15	38%	2.66
2019	115	27	10	32%	2.54
2020	118	34	5	34%	2.81
2021	114	39	5	38%	3.08
2022	114	33	11	39%	2.63

Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge

YEAR	LICENSES	BUCKS	DOES	% SUCCESS	AVG DAYS HUNTED
2013	48	11	4	22%	1.97
2014	34	8	0	24%	3.10
2015	34	12	0	35%	2.71
2016	23	7	1	34%	2.50
2017	29	11	1	41%	2.73
2018	29	7	0	23%	2.00
2019	21	9	0	41%	2.79
2020	19	9	0	49%	3.70
2021	17	9	0	53%	3.44
2022	22	11	0	50%	3.56

Waubay National Wildlife Refuge

YEAR	LICENSES	BUCKS	DOES	% SUCCESS	AVG DAYS HUNTED
2013	51	15	1	31%	1.71
2014	33	8	2	32%	1.54
2015	33	8	0	24%	2.10
2016	33	8	1	29%	2.29
2017	21	10	3	61%	2.22
2018	22	10	3	56%	2.94
2019	22	6	3	40%	2.93
2020	22	5	0	23%	3.22
2021	21	8	1	44%	2.55
2022	22	9	6	66%	2.47

2022 Sand Lake Refuge Deer Harvest Projections

Last Revised:

Unit/Type	Licenses						Response Rate	Tag Success	Harvest Projections				Total Deer Harvested	Mean Satisf	Avg Days Hunted
	Resident			Nonresident					Whitetail						
	App. 1st			App. 1st					Bucks		Does				
	Choice *	Available	Sold	Choice *	Available	Sold			Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn			
SL1-01	71	20	20	20	2	2	64%	36%	6	0	2	0	8	3.83	3.00
SL2-01	75	20	19	24	2	2	80%	56%	12	0	0	0	12	4.57	2.71
SL3-01	30	20	20	11	2	2	68%	53%	9	0	3	0	12	5.14	2.43
SL4-13	2	25	25	0	2	2	56%	13%	0	0	2	2	4	3.71	1.88
SL5-01	21	20	20	10	2	2	77%	41%	5	1	3	0	9	5.65	3.29
Licenses	199	105	104	65	10	10	68.1%	39%	32	1	9	2	44	4.54	2.63

2022 Waubay Refuge Deer Harvest Projections

Unit/Type	Licenses						Response Rate	Tag Success	Harvest Projections				Total Deer Harvested	Mean Satisf	Avg Days Hunted
	Resident			Nonresident					Whitetail						
	App. 1st			App. 1st					Bucks		Does				
	Choice *	Available	Sold	Choice *	Available	Sold			Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn			
WA1-01	43	10	10	3	1	1	91%	60%	6	0	0	1	7	5.00	1.78
WA3-01	13	10	10	3	1	1	64%	71%	3	0	3	2	8	4.29	3.17
Licenses	56	20	20	6	2	2	77.3%	66%	9	0	3	3	14	4.64	2.47

All units require the use of muzzleloader firearms.

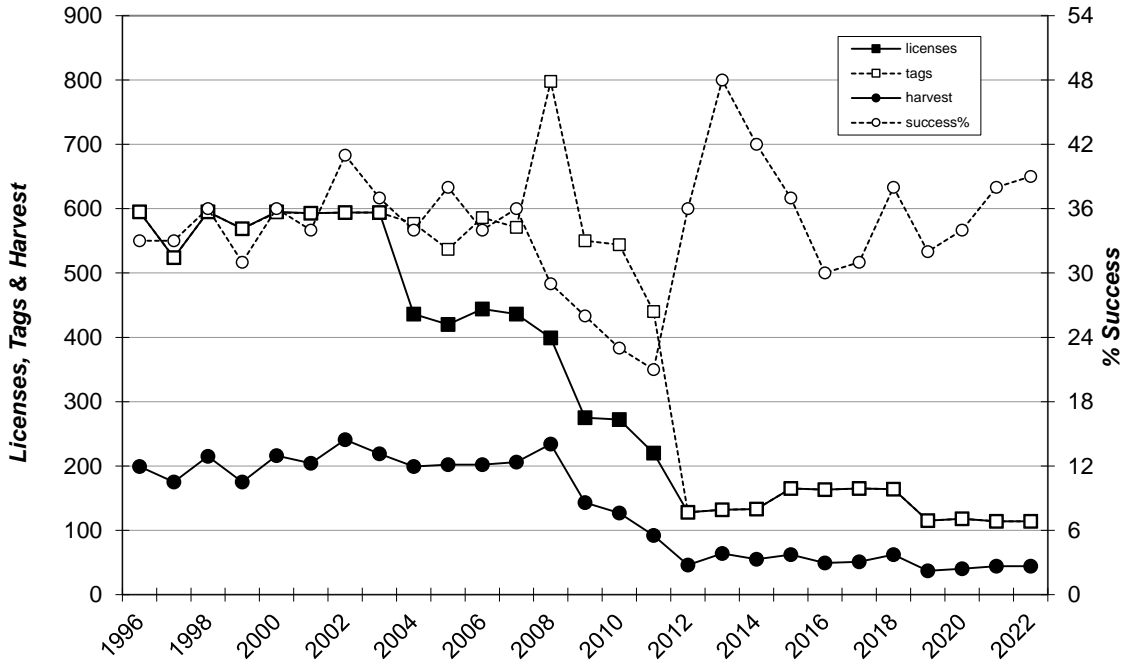
2022 Lacreek Refuge Deer Harvest Projections

Unit/Type	Licenses						Response Rate	Tag Success	Harvest Projections				Total Deer Harvested	Mean Satisf	Avg Days Hunted
	Resident			Nonresident					Whitetail						
	App. 1st			App. 1st					Bucks		Does				
	Choice *	Available	Sold	Choice *	Available	Sold			Adult	Fawn	Adult	Fawn			
LC1-01	59	10	10	13	1	1	60%	50%	6	0	0	0	6	4.83	3.40
LC2-01	90	10	10	23	1	1	73%	50%	6	0	0	0	6	5.63	3.71
Licenses	149	20	20	36	2	2	66.7%	50%	11	0	0	0	11	5.23	3.56

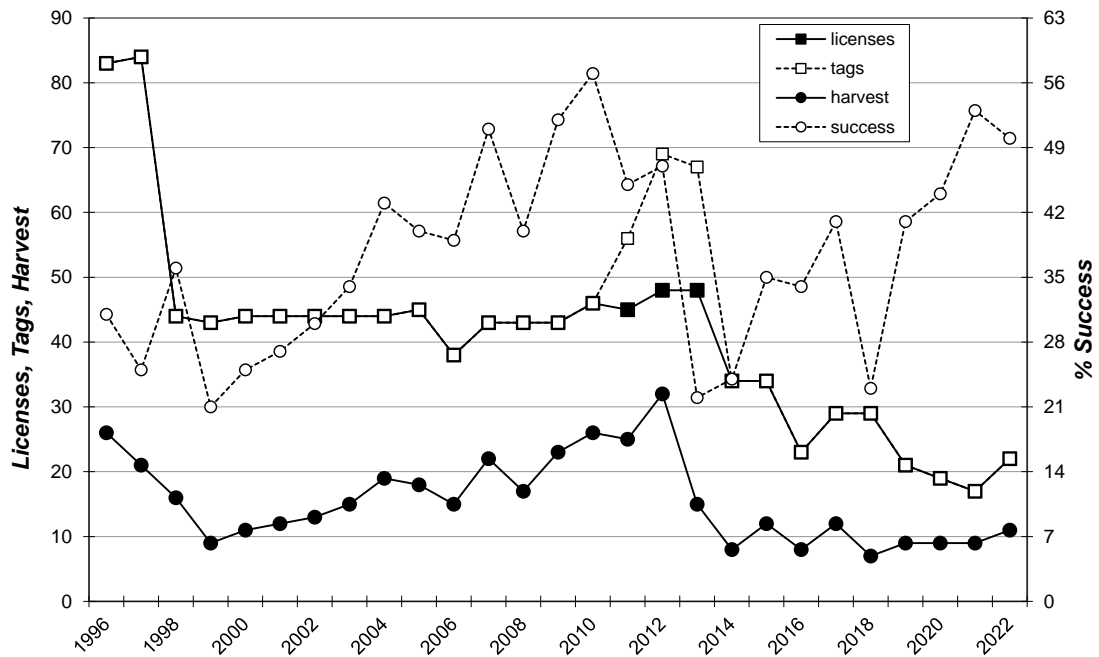
Response rate for all units combined was: **69.2%**

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

Sand Lake National Wildlife Refuge 1996-2022



Lacreek National Wildlife Refuge 1996-2022



Waubay National Wildlife Refuge 1996-2022

