

LANDOWNER FREE ANTLERLESS DEER

Landowner Free Antlerless Whitetail Deer licenses (available for resident and nonresident landowners) were available in hunting units which offered a deer license with multiple tags for antlerless deer in the regular lottery drawing for the West River Deer and East River Deer seasons (23 units in 2022).

There were 2,152 free single-tag antlerless white-tailed deer licenses issued to landowners for the 2022 West River Deer, East River Deer, Archery Deer, Muzzleloader Deer, Youth Deer, and Apprentice Deer hunting seasons. All license holders that provided an email address were surveyed and 633 responses (34%) were received.

Free Landowner on Own Land Antlerless Deer licenses were valid for qualifying hunters from September 10, 2022, through January 1, 2023. Respondents reported hunting an average of 3.48 days each, which projected to 6,555 recreation days.

Projections for the season estimated that a total of 36 whitetail bucks and 684 whitetail does were harvested. The total harvest for the Free Antlerless Landowner licenses was 720, and the overall success rate was 33%. Harvest was reported in 56 different units.

The average satisfaction rating for those responding (1 being very dissatisfied and 7 very satisfied) was 5.04.

Summary of the 2013-2022 Free Landowner Antlerless Deer license statistics

YEAR	Licenses Sold	Harvest						Success	Avg Days Hunted	Average Satisfctn
		Bucks		Does		Total				
		WT	Mule	WT	Mule					
2013	1,390	35	3	359	32	430	31%	3.50	4.72	
2014	Closed									
2015	Closed									
2016	628	36	0	264	3	303	48%	3.54	5.15	
2017	349	9	0	159	6	173	49%	3.59	5.10	
2018	377	14	2	153	5	173	46%	2.99	5.27	
2019	313	4	0	126	0	130	41%	2.68	4.79	
2020	393	9	0	212	0	221	56%	3.74	4.92	
2021	585	3	0	250	0	253	43%	3.16	5.29	
2022	2,152	36	0	684	0	720	33%	3.48	5.04	

2022 Free Antlerless Landowner Own Land Harvest Projections

Last Revised: 25-Apr-23

Unit	Resident Licenses		Nonresident Licenses		Tags sold	Response Hunters	Hunter Rate	Hunter Success	Tag Success	Harvest Projections								Total Deer Harvest	Mean Satisfactn Rating	Average Days Hunted
	Avail.	Sold	Avail.	Sold						Whitetail				Mule Deer						
										Bucks	Does	Bucks	Does	Bucks	Does	Bucks	Does			
Statewide	Unltd	2,095	Unltd	57	2,152	1,884	34%	32%	33%	0	36	648	36	0	0	0	0	720	5.04	3.48

2022 Statewide Antlerless LOL Harvest Distribution

Last Revised:
25-Apr-23

Unit	Projected Harvest				
	Whitetail			Total	
	Bucks	Does	Fawn	Estimate	%
01A (Minnehaha)	0	36	0	36	5.0%
02A (NE Penn/SE Meade)	3	0	3	6	0.8%
02C (SE Pennington)	0	6	0	6	0.8%
03A (Brown)	0	6	0	6	0.8%
04A (Beadle)	0	21	0	21	2.9%
05A (Codington)	3	12	0	15	2.1%
06A (Brookings)	0	24	0	24	3.3%
07A (Yankton)	0	3	0	3	0.4%
08A (Davison)	0	12	0	12	1.7%
10A (Aurora)	0	6	0	6	0.8%
11A (N Bennett)	0	0	0	0	0.0%
11B (S Bennett)	0	0	0	0	0.0%
12A (Bon Homme)	0	15	0	15	2.1%
13A (Brule)	0	0	0	0	0.0%
14A (Buffalo)	0	0	0	0	0.0%
15A (Butte)	0	51	3	54	7.4%
15B (SW Butte/Lawrence)	0	15	0	15	2.1%
16A (Campbell)	0	0	0	0	0.0%
17A (Charles Mix)	0	12	3	15	2.1%
18A (Clark)	0	51	6	56	7.9%
19A (Clay)	0	3	0	3	0.4%
20A (Corson)	0	0	0	0	0.0%
21A (E Custer/S Penn)	0	9	0	9	1.2%
21B (C Custer/C Penn)	0	0	0	0	0.0%
22A (Day)	0	0	0	0	0.0%
23A (Deuel)	3	12	0	15	2.1%
24A (Dewey)	0	12	0	12	1.7%
25A (Douglas)	0	0	0	0	0.0%
26A (Edmunds)	0	18	6	24	3.3%
27A (NW FRiver/SW Cust)	0	0	0	0	0.0%
27B (Fall River)	3	0	0	3	0.4%
28A (Faulk)	0	12	6	18	2.5%
29A (Grant)	6	21	0	27	3.7%
30A,B (Gregory)	0	33	3	36	5.0%
31A (Haakon)	0	15	0	15	2.1%
32A (Hamlin)	0	21	0	21	2.9%
33A (Hand)	3	3	0	6	0.8%
34A (Hanson)	0	6	0	6	0.8%
35A (W Harding)	0	0	0	0	0.0%
35C (E Harding)	0	3	3	6	0.8%
36A (Hughes)	0	0	0	0	0.0%
37A (Hutchinson)	0	0	0	0	0.0%
38A (Hyde)	0	0	0	0	0.0%
39A (N Jackson)	0	0	0	0	0.0%
39B (S Jackson)	0	3	0	3	0.4%
40A (Jerauld)	0	3	0	3	0.4%
41A (Jones)	0	0	0	0	0.0%
42A (Kingsbury)	0	15	0	15	2.1%
43A (Lake)	0	9	0	9	1.2%
44A (Lincoln)	0	3	0	3	0.4%
45A (W Lyman)	0	9	0	9	1.2%
45B (E Lyman)	0	3	0	3	0.4%
45C (NE Lyman/SE Stanley)	0	0	0	0	0.0%
45D (Ft Pr Nat Grslnd)	0	0	0	0	0.0%
46A (McCook)	3	12	0	15	2.1%
47A (McPherson)	3	9	0	12	1.7%
48A (Marshall)	0	0	0	0	0.0%
49A (W Meade)	0	15	0	15	2.1%
49B (NE Meade)	0	3	0	3	0.4%
50A,B (Mellette)	0	6	0	6	0.8%
51A (Miner)	0	15	0	15	2.1%
52A (Moody)	0	3	0	3	0.4%
53A (N Perkins)	0	3	3	6	0.8%
53C (S Perkins)	3	9	0	12	1.7%
54A (Potter)	0	3	0	3	0.4%
55A (Roberts)	0	33	0	33	4.5%
56A (Sanborn)	3	12	0	15	2.1%
57A (Spink)	0	18	0	18	2.5%
58A (Stanley)	0	3	0	3	0.4%
59A (W Sully)	0	0	0	0	0.0%
59B (E Sully)	0	3	0	3	0.4%
60A (Tripp)	3	6	0	9	1.2%
61A (Turner)	0	3	0	3	0.4%
62A (Union)	0	6	0	6	0.8%
63A (Walworth)	0	3	0	3	0.4%
64A (Ziebach)	0	6	0	6	0.8%
65A (Shannon)	0	0	0	0	0.0%
67A (Todd)	0	0	0	0	0.0%
TOTALS	36	648	36	720	

Use these figures for approximations only