

2017-2018 Season Table

Hunting Season		September	October	November	December	January	February	Notes	
Grouse ¹		September 16 - January 7							Includes prairie chicken, sharp-tailed grouse, and ruffed grouse.
Sage Grouse		SEASON CLOSED							
Partridge		September 16 - January 7							Special permit required.
Pheasant			October 21 - January 7						
Youth only			← October 7-11						
Residents only			← October 14-16						
Quail			October 21 - January 7						Only antlerless whitetail deer tags are valid January 1-15.
Cottontail Rabbit		September 1 - February 28							
Tree Squirrel		September 1 - February 28							
Crow		September 1 - October 31		The crow hunting season is also open March 1 - April 30					
Common Snipe		September 1 - October 31						Units in Gregory and Mellette counties have special season dates.	
Mourning Dove		September 1 - November 9							
Ducks	Youth only		← September 23-24					Only antlerless deer tags are valid Dec. 30 - Jan. 7.	
	Low Plains North		September 30 - December 12						
	Low Plains Middle		September 30 - December 12						
	Low Plains South		October 14 - December 26						
High Plains		October 14 - January 18							
Canada Geese	Unit 1	September 2 - December 17						Season dates listed in table are for any elk licenses. Visit http://gfp.sd.gov/hunting/big-game/elk/black-hills.aspx to view Black Hills elk application for unit-specific antlerless elk season dates.	
	Unit 2	November 6 - February 18							
	Bennett Co. ²		October 21 - December 24			← January 13-21			
Light Geese		September 30 - January 12							
White-fronted Geese		September 30 - December 24							
Sandhill Crane		September 23 - November 19							
Tundra Swan		September 30 - January 12							
Fall Turkey			November 1 - January 31						
Black Hills Mountain Lion		NOT AVAILABLE AT TIME OF PUBLICATION							
Antelope - Archery		Aug 19 - Sep 29		← October 16-31					
Antelope - Rifle			← September 30 - October 15						
Deer	Archery	September 23 - December 31				← January 1-15 ³			
	Muzzleloader				December 1-31	← January 1-15 ³			
	Mentored & Youth	September 9 - January 15							
	Black Hills		November 1-30						
	West River ⁴			← November 11-26					
	East River		November 18 - December 3 →			← December 30 - January 7 ⁵			
Elk - Black Hills		Archery: Sept 1-30	Rifle: Oct 1-31 ⁶						