

YOUTH DEER

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There were 3,448 single-tag antlerless licenses issued for the 2022 Youth Deer hunting season (3,080 resident, 368 nonresident). All license holders that provided a valid email address were surveyed and 1,036 responses (31%) were received.

The Youth season ran from September 10, 2022, through January 1, 2023. Respondents reported hunting an average of 4.08 days each, which projected to 14,083 recreation days for the season.

Projections for the season indicated that 151 whitetail bucks, 1,282 whitetail does, 4 mule deer bucks, and 235 mule deer does were harvested. The estimated total harvest for the Youth Deer season was 1,672, and the overall success rate was 48%. The five deer management units with the highest reported harvest were the Black Hills, Minnehaha, Brown, N Perkins, and NE Penn/SE Meade, which accounted for 28% of the total season harvest.

The average satisfaction rating for those responding (1 being very dissatisfied and 7 very satisfied) was 5.38.

Comparison of the 2012 - 2022 Youth Deer hunting seasons

YEAR	Licenses Sold	Harvest						Avg Days Hunted	Average Satisfctn
		Bucks		Does		Total	Success		
		WT	Mule	WT	Mule				
2012	6,110	321	33	2,387	305	3,046	50%	4.87	5.32
2013	5,548	346	32	1,756	344	2,477	45%	4.64	5.23
2014	5,038	317	37	1,924	287	2,565	51%	4.61	5.47
2015	5,331	329	33	2,137	333	2,831	53%	4.54	5.59
2016	4,861	322	29	1,896	324	2,571	53%	4.15	5.65
2017	5,325	292	35	2,072	426	2,825	53%	4.17	5.65
2018-20	Modified into Apprentice Deer season								
2021	3,812	175	8	1,523	156	1,861	49%	3.89	5.57
2022	3,448	151	4	1,282	235	1,672	48%	4.08	5.38

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2022 Youth Deer Harvest Projections

Last Revised:		Harvest Projections											Average	Avg	
18-Apr-23	License Holders	Licenses Available	Licenses Sold		Response Rate	Tag Success	Whitetail			Mule Deer			Total Harvest	Satisf Score **	Days Hunted
Unit			Resident	Nonresident			Bucks	Does	Doe Fawns	Bucks	Does	Doe Fawns			
YOD-03	1,024	Unlimited	885	139	27%	46%	19	189	23	4	212	23	470	--	--
YOD-13	2,424	Unlimited	2,195	229	33%	50%	132	926	145	0	0	0	1,203	--	--
Totals	3,448		3,080	368	31.0%	48%	151	1,114	168	4	212	23	1,672	5.38	4.08

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

2022 Youth Deer Harvest Distribution by Management Unit

Unit	Projected Harvest							Estimate	%
	Whitetail			Mule Deer					
	Bucks	Does		Bucks	Does				
	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Fawn	Adult	Fawn			
01A (Minnehaha)	6	45	6	0	0	0	58	3.5%	
02A (NE Penn/SE Meade)	3	39	3	0	15	0	61	3.6%	
02C (SE Pennington)	0	10	0	0	0	0	10	0.6%	
03A (Brown)	3	52	16	0	0	0	71	4.3%	
04A (Beadle)	0	16	6	0	0	0	23	1.4%	
05A (Codington)	3	23	3	0	0	0	29	1.7%	
06A (Brookings)	3	23	6	0	0	0	32	1.9%	
07A (Yankton)	0	16	0	0	0	0	16	1.0%	
08A (Davison)	0	16	0	0	0	0	16	1.0%	
10A (Aurora)	3	13	3	0	0	0	19	1.2%	
11A (N Bennett)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
11B (S Bennett)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
12A (Bon Homme)	0	3	6	0	0	0	10	0.6%	
13A (Brule)	0	6	0	0	0	0	6	0.4%	
13L (Brule GPA's/Corps)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
14A (Buffalo)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
15A (Butte)	3	16	3	0	27	0	50	3.0%	
15B (SW Butte/Lawrence)	0	19	0	0	8	0	27	1.6%	
16A (Campbell)	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	0.2%	
17A (Charles Mix)	0	16	3	0	0	0	19	1.2%	
18A (Clark)	3	26	6	0	0	0	36	2.1%	
19A (Clay)	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	0.2%	
20A (Corson)	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	0.2%	
21A (E Custer/S Penn)	6	6	3	0	0	0	16	1.0%	
21B (C Custer/C Penn)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
22A (Day)	3	19	0	0	0	0	23	1.4%	
23A (Deuel)	6	13	3	0	0	0	23	1.4%	
24A (Dewey)	3	6	0	0	0	0	10	0.6%	
24B (Little Moreau)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
25A (Douglas)	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	0.2%	
26A (Edmunds)	3	16	6	0	0	0	26	1.6%	
27A (NW FRiver/SW Cust)	3	3	0	0	0	0	6	0.4%	
27B (Fall River)	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	0.2%	
27L (Hill Ranch Area)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
28A (Faulk)	3	10	3	0	0	0	16	1.0%	
29A (Grant)	0	32	3	0	0	0	36	2.1%	
30A,B (Gregory)	0	10	0	0	0	0	10	0.6%	
31A (Haakon)	0	13	0	0	27	4	44	2.6%	
32A (Hamlin)	13	32	6	0	0	0	52	3.1%	
33A (Hand)	0	10	6	0	0	0	16	1.0%	
34A (Hanson)	0	16	0	0	0	0	16	1.0%	
35A (W Harding)	0	0	0	0	15	4	19	1.2%	
35C (E Harding)	0	3	3	0	4	0	10	0.6%	
35L (Custer Nat Forest)	0	6	0	0	15	4	26	1.5%	
36A (Hughes)	0	6	0	0	0	0	6	0.4%	
37A (Hutchinson)	3	13	0	0	0	0	16	1.0%	
38A (Hyde)	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0.2%	
39A (N Jackson)	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	0.2%	
39B (S Jackson)	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	0.2%	
40A (Jerault)	0	10	3	0	0	0	13	0.8%	
41A (Jones)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
42A (Kingsbury)	0	13	3	0	0	0	16	1.0%	
43A (Lake)	6	36	6	0	0	0	49	2.9%	
44A (Lincoln)	3	16	0	0	0	0	19	1.2%	
45A (W Lyman)	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	0.2%	
45B (E Lyman)	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0.2%	
45C (NE Lyman/SE Stanley)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
45D (Ft Pr Nat Grslnd)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
46A (McCook)	3	26	0	0	0	0	29	1.7%	
47A (McPherson)	3	16	0	0	0	0	19	1.2%	
48A (Marshall)	3	13	3	0	0	0	19	1.2%	
49A (W Meade)	0	6	0	0	19	0	26	1.5%	
49B (NE Meade)	3	13	0	0	15	0	32	1.9%	
50A,B (Mellette)	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	0.2%	
51A (Miner)	0	19	0	0	0	0	19	1.2%	
52A (Moody)	0	16	3	0	0	0	19	1.2%	
53A (N Perkins)	6	13	6	4	50	8	87	5.2%	
53C (S Perkins)	0	16	0	0	12	4	32	1.9%	
54A (Potter)	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	0.2%	
55A (Roberts)	6	26	6	0	0	0	39	2.3%	
56A (Sanborn)	0	13	3	0	0	0	16	1.0%	
57A (Spink)	6	36	0	0	0	0	42	2.5%	
58A (Stanley)	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	0.2%	
59A (W Sully)	0	6	0	0	0	0	6	0.4%	
59B (E Sully)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
60A (Tripp)	0	6	3	0	0	0	10	0.6%	
61A (Turner)	0	23	10	0	0	0	32	1.9%	
62A (Union)	6	13	6	0	0	0	26	1.5%	
63A (Waiworth)	3	10	0	0	0	0	13	0.8%	
64A (Ziebach)	0	13	3	0	4	0	20	1.2%	
65A (Oglala Lakota)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
67A (Todd)	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	0.2%	
BH (Black Hills)	19	159	6	0	0	0	185	11.1%	
TOTALS	151	1,114	168	4	212	23	1,672		

Use these figures for approximations only!

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