

BLACK HILLS DEER

There were 3,205 single-tag licenses issued for the 2023 Black Hills Deer season (2,971 resident, 234 nonresident), and 35 single-tag and 10 double-tag licenses issued for the Landowner Own Land Black Hills season.

All regular season hunters that provided an email address were surveyed and 1,936 (61%) responded. All Landowner Own Land hunters that provided an email address were surveyed and 15 (33%) responded.

The season ran the month of November, a total of 30 days. Those responding reported hunting an average of 5.26 days, which projected to 17,103 recreation days for the season. The mean satisfaction score for all combined units was 4.75 on a scale ranging from 1 = "very dissatisfied" to 7 = "very satisfied".

The harvest projection for the Black Hills Deer and Landowner Black Hills Deer seasons was 1,967 deer (1,615 adult whitetail bucks, 30 fawn whitetail bucks, 218 adult whitetail does, 24 fawn whitetail does, 73 adult mule deer bucks, and 6 adult mule deer does). The overall season harvest success rate was 60%.

Including the estimated Black Hills harvest of 1,667 deer from the Archery, Apprentice, Mentored Youth, Youth, and Muzzleloader seasons, approximately 3,600 deer were harvested in the Black Hills proper.

Harvest summaries for the 2014-2023 Black Hills Deer seasons (including Landowner Own Land)

YEAR	Licenses Sold		Bucks				Harvest Does			Avg Days Hunted	Avg Satis
	Resident	Nonres	WT	Mule	WT	Mule	Total	Success			
2014	3,242	252	2,076	59	275	0	2,410	69%	4.82	5.48	
2015	3,741	294	2,533	74	307	2	2,917	72%	4.61	5.75	
2016	4,120	325	2,604	86	505	2	3,198	72%	4.38	5.76	
2017	4,319	343	2,616	79	630	0	3,325	71%	4.39	5.76	
2018	4,366	344	2,260	86	643	12	3,001	64%	4.54	5.52	
2019	4,838	375	2,258	57	847	0	3,161	60%	4.09	5.50	
2020	4,889	343	2,311	81	909	7	3,307	63%	4.87	5.44	
2021	3,547	269	1,916	76	422	8	2,420	63%	4.88	5.49	
2022	3,565	291	1,789	75	437	10	2,310	60%	5.01	4.96	
2023	3,016	234	1,645	73	242	6	1,967	60%	5.26	4.75	

2023 Black Hills Deer Harvest Projections

Last Revised: 17-Apr-24

Unit/Type	Licenses						Hunters	Resp.	Tag Success	Harvest Projections								Total Deer Harvested	Mean Satisfctn Score	Avg Days Hunted	
	Resident			Nonresident						Tag	Whitetail				Mule Deer						
	Appl. 1st	Avail.	Sold	Appl. 1st	Avail.	Sold					Bucks	Does	Bucks	Does	Bucks	Does	Bucks				Does
BH1-01	3,505	200	223	781	16	15	238	59%	56%	53	3	3	0	70	0	3	0	133	+/-13	-	-
BH1-11	8,462	2,750	2,748	1,156	220	219	2,967	61%	61%	1,541	26	211	21	0	0	0	0	1,801	+/-42	-	-
Totals	11,967	2,950	2,971	1,937	236	234	3,205	61.2%	60%	1,594	30	215	21	70	0	3	0	1,933	+/-55	4.75	5.29

The response rate for all units combined is: 61.2%

Satisfaction scale of 1=very dissatisfied to 7=very satisfied.

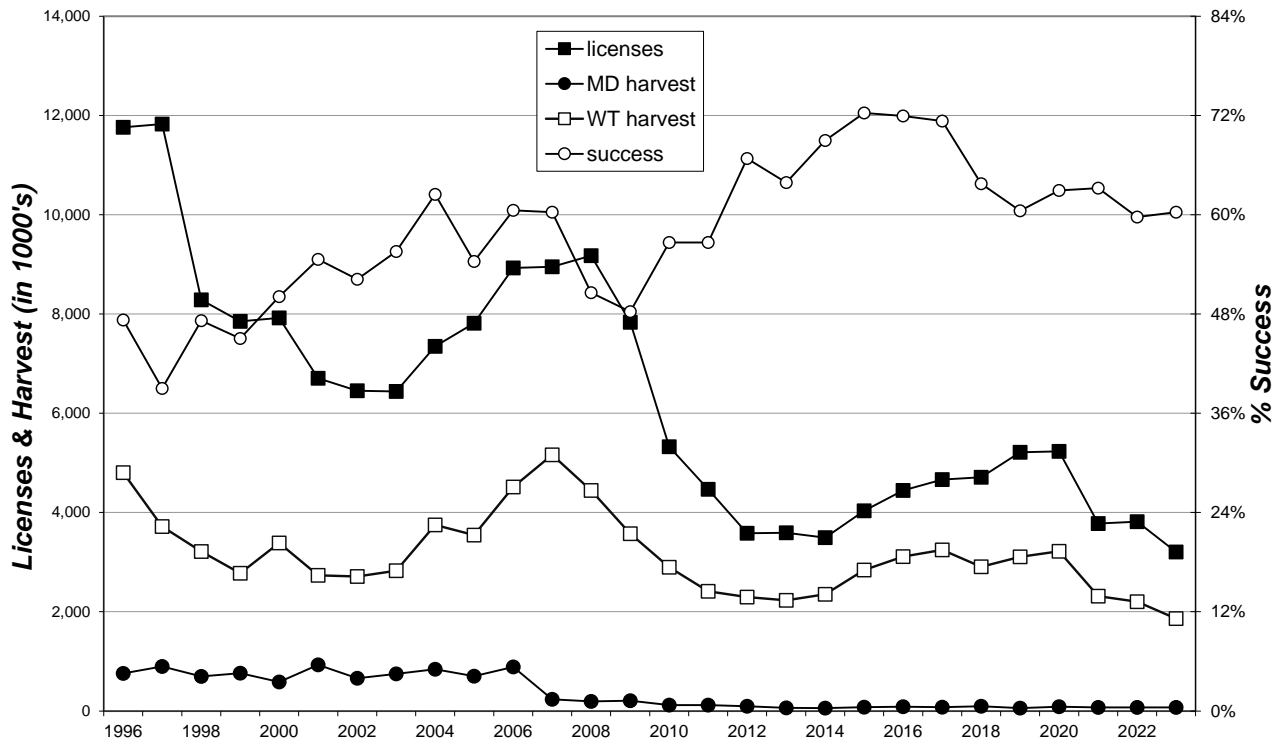
* Number of 1st drawing applicants with that season as 1st choice.

2023 Black Hills Landowner Own Land Harvest Projections

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Unit	Resident Licenses		Tags sold	Response Rate	Hunter Success	Tag Success	Whitetail				Mule Deer				Total Deer Harvest	Mean Satisfactn Rating	Average Days Hunted
	Avail.	Sold					Bucks	Does	Bucks	Does	Bucks	Does					
	Adult	Fawn											Adult	Fawn			
BH1-01	Unitd	35	35	34%	58%	58%	18	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	20	-	-
BH1-08	Unitd	10	20	30%	67%	67%	3	0	0	3	3	0	3	0	13	-	-
Totals		45	55	33.3%	60%	61%	21	0	3	3	3	0	3	0	34	6.50	3.58

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