

# **SPRING BLACK HILLS TURKEY**

An unlimited number of licenses were available, and 5,328 licenses were issued for the 2023 Spring Black Hills Turkey season (2,654 residents, 2,674 nonresidents). All licenses consisted of single tags for male turkeys only.

All license holders that provided a valid email address were surveyed using Survey123, and the response rate was 52%. The reported success rate was 39% and the projected harvest was 2,073 male turkeys.

The season was open from April 22 through May 31 and hunters averaged 3.37 days of hunting for a projected total of 17,932 days of recreation.

## Comparison of the 2014-2023 Spring Black Hills Turkey Seasons

<i>Year</i>	<i>Licenses Issued</i>	<i>Harvest</i>	<i>Tag Success</i>	<i>Avg Days Hunted</i>	<i>Average Satisfaction</i>
2014	3,944	1,258	32%	3.19	4.99
2015	3,877	1,258	32%	3.44	4.89
2016	4,056	1,575	39%	3.38	5.21
2017	4,401	1,701	39%	3.48	5.30
2018	4,567	1,441	32%	3.38	5.15
2019	4,545	1,365	30%	3.61	4.93
2020	4,733	1,287	27%	3.64	4.90
2021	6,303	1,776	28%	3.44	4.87
2022	5,133	1,563	30%	3.46	4.92
2023	5,328	2,073	39%	3.37	5.20

## 2023 Spring Black Hills Turkey Harvest Projections

<i>Unit/Type</i>	<i>Licenses</i>				<i>Hunters</i>	<i>Response Rate</i>	<i>Tag Success</i>		<i>LCI</i>	<i>UCI</i>	<i>Harvest Estimate</i>			<i>Ave. Days Hunted</i>	<i>Avg Satsfctn</i>
	<i>Resident</i>		<i>Nonresident</i>				<i>Success</i>				<i>Toms</i>	<i>Jakes</i>	<i>Total</i>		
<b>BH1-32</b>	Unlim	2,654	Unlim	2,674	5,328	51.7%	39%	37%	40%	1,749	324	2,073	3.37	5.20	

Response rate for the season was **51.7%**

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

## Black Hills Spring Turkey 2000-2023

