

SPRING BLACK HILLS TURKEY

An unlimited number of licenses were available and 4,733 licenses were issued for the 2020 Spring Black Hills Turkey season (3,351 residents, 1,382 nonresidents). All licenses consisted of single tags for male turkeys only.

The survey sample size was 797 (18% of hunters) and the response rate was 76%. Surveys were sent via email and regular mail. The reported success rate was 27% and the projected harvest was 1,287 male turkeys.

The season was open from April 11 through May 31 and hunters averaged 3.64 days of hunting for a projected total of 15,900 days of recreation.

Resident hunters purchased 572 licenses for the BH2 unit, where tags were only valid May 1-31. Of those, 205 did not have a unit BH1 license; therefore, only 367 hunters purchased two licenses for the season. Reported success for unit BH2 for those hunters who purchased two licenses was 23%.

Comparison of the 2011-2020 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>
2011	4,808	1,693	35%	3.53	5.28
2012	4,435	1,685	38%	3.63	5.31
2013	4,512	1,517	34%	3.18	5.08
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

2020 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>Hunter 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>Toms</i>	<i>Jakes</i>	<i>Total</i>		
BH1-32	Unlim	2,780	Unlim	1,381	4,366	69.4%	27%	27%	23%	30%	1,105	182	1,287	3.64	4.90
BH2-32	Unlim	571	0	1											
		3,351		1,382											

Response rate for the season was **69.4%**

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

367 hunters had licenses for both BH1 and BH2 units

Black Hills Spring Turkey 2000-2020

