

SPRING BLACK HILLS TURKEY

An unlimited number of licenses were available, and 5,994 licenses were issued for the 2024 Spring Black Hills Turkey season (2,824 residents, 3,170 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 2,931 responses were received for a rate of 49%. The reported success rate was 36% and the projected harvest was 2,156 male turkeys.

The season was open from April 27 through May 31 and hunters averaged 3.35 days of hunting for a projected total of 20,083 days of recreation.

Comparison of the 2015-2024 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>
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
2024	5,994	2,156	36%	3.35	5.00

2024 Spring Black Hills Turkey Harvest Projections

Last Revised:

07/10/2024

Unit/Type	Residency	Licenses		Response	Tag	Harvest Estimate				Ave. Days	Avg		
		Avail.	Sold	Rate	Success	LCI	UCI	Toms	Jakes	Hens	Total	Hunted	Satsfctn
BH1-32	Resident	Unlim	2,824	50.5%	24%	-	-	540	131	0	671	3.01	4.56
	Nonresident	Unlim	3,170	48.4%	47%	-	-	1,265	221	0	1,485	3.65	5.38
			5,994	49.4%	36%	34%	37%	1,805	352	0	2,156	3.35	5.00

Response rate for the season was

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

Black Hills Spring Turkey 2000-2024

