

FALL BLACK HILLS TURKEY

There were 109 Fall Black Hills Turkey licenses (101 resident, 8 nonresident) sold in South Dakota for the 2021 season. All were single tag licenses valid for either a tom or a hen. The fall season ran from November 1 through January 31.

All license holders that provided a valid email address were surveyed and 61 responded for a 62% response rate. Respondents reported hunting an average of 2.89 days, which projected to a total of 314 recreation days for the season.

An estimated 18 males were harvested along with 9 hens, a total of 27 turkeys. The overall estimated success rate for the season was 25%.

The mean satisfaction score reported by hunters was 5.10 (1 representing "very dissatisfied" and 7 representing "very satisfied").

Summary comparison of the 2012-2021 Fall Black Hills Turkey seasons

YEAR	LICENSES SOLD		HARVEST				Avg Days	Average
	Resident	Nonresid	Males	Hens	Total	%Success	Hunted	Satisfaction
2012	2,075	90	457	470	927	43%	3.39	4.95
2013	1,546	81	185	188	373	23%	2.81	4.57
2014	764	46	100	114	215	27%	3.24	4.54
2015	406	27	66	62	127	29%	3.44	4.58
2016	408	26	91	55	147	34%	2.79	4.85
2017	415	18	87	52	139	32%	3.82	4.88
2018	204	16	27	26	54	25%	2.74	4.85
2019	204	12	34	18	53	25%	2.20	4.76
2020	102	7	11	15	25	23%	3.71	4.87
2021	101	8	18	9	27	25%	2.89	5.10

2021 Fall Black Hills Turkey Harvest Projections

Last Revised: 11-May-22		Licenses								Harvest Projections					Average Days	Mean Satisfctn	
		Resident				Nonresident				Response Rate	Tag Success	Males		Hens			Total Harvest
Unit/Type	Hunters	Appl. 1st Choice *	Avail.	Sold	Appl. 1st Choice *	Avail.	Sold	Rate	Success			Adults	Jakes	Adults	Jennies	Unk	
BH1-31	109	193	100	101	11	8	8	62%	25%	9	9	5	2	2	27	2.89	5.10

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

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