

FALL PRAIRIE TURKEY

There were 438 licenses (432 resident, 6 nonresident) sold for the 2021 South Dakota Fall Prairie Turkey season for a total of 476 tags. All tags were 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 236 responded for a 57% response rate. Respondents reported hunting an average of 3.17 days, which projected to a total of 1,308 recreation days for the season.

Harvest projections indicated 113 males were taken along with 54 hens for a total of 166 turkeys. The estimated success rate for the season was 35%.

The mean satisfaction score reported by hunters was 4.98 (1 representing "very dissatisfied" and 7 representing "very satisfied").

Summary comparison of the 2012-2021 Fall Prairie Turkey seasons

Year	Licenses	Tags	HARVEST				Avg Days	Average
	Sold	Sold	Males	Hens	Total	% Success	Hunted	Satisfactn
2012	5,527	9,510	2,001	1,335	3,337	35%	2.91	5.12
2013	5,066	8,638	1,180	721	1,901	22%	2.68	4.76
2014	1,910	1,960	422	224	645	33%	2.26	4.91
2015	1,936	1,986	422	227	649	33%	2.56	4.80
2016	908	958	173	72	246	26%	2.19	4.87
2017	898	948	194	56	250	26%	2.46	4.86
2018	548	548	142	52	194	35%	2.18	5.09
2019	548	548	130	52	182	33%	2.11	5.12
2020	438	476	117	62	180	38%	3.43	5.32
2021	438	476	113	54	166	35%	3.17	4.98

2021 Fall Prairie Turkey Harvest Projections

Last Revised:
11-May-22

Unit	Licenses										Harvest Projections					Avg Days	Mean Satisfactn	
	Resident				Nonresident			Tags Sold	Response Rate	Tag Success	Males			Hens				Total Harvest
	Hunters	Appl. 1st Choice *	Avail.	Sold	Appl. 1st Choice *	Avail.	Sold				Adults	Jakes	Adults	Jennies	Unk			
Bon Homme	129	106	150	147	N/A	0	3	150	45%	31%	16	12	16	0	2	47	3.1	5.2
Jackson	38	46	35	35	6	2	3	76	53%	44%	15	4	13	2	0	34	2.3	4.9
Marshall/Roberts	100	140	100	100	N/A	0	0	100	69%	38%	23	8	8	0	0	38	2.7	4.7
Yankton	146	133	150	150	N/A	0	0	150	62%	32%	28	7	10	2	2	48	3.7	5.0
Totals	413	425	435	432	6	2	6	476	57.3%	34.9%	82	31	46	4	4	166	3.17	4.98

The response rate for all units combined was: **57%**

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

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