

FALL PRAIRIE TURKEY

There were 548 licenses (522 resident, 26 nonresident) sold for the 2019 South Dakota Fall Prairie Turkey season for a total of 548 tags. All tags were valid for either a tom or a hen. The fall season ran from November 1 through January 31.

All hunters were surveyed and 381 responded for a 72% response rate. Approximately 71% of responding hunters used the Internet to respond. Respondents reported hunting an average of 2.11 days, which projected to a total of 1,097 recreation days for the season.

Harvest projections indicated 130 males were taken along with 52 hens for a total of 182 turkeys. The estimated success rate for the season was 33%.

The mean satisfaction score reported by hunters was 5.12 (1 representing "very dissatisfied" and 7 representing "very satisfied").

Summary comparison of the 2010-2019 Fall Prairie Turkey seasons

Year	Licenses	Tags	HARVEST				Avg Days	Average
	Sold	Sold	Males	Hens	Total	% Success	Hunted	Satisfactn
2010	5,995	11,276	3,019	2,419	5,438	48%	2.87	5.36
2011	5,649	10,662	2,497	1,838	4,335	41%	3.15	5.13
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

2019 Fall Prairie Turkey Harvest Projections

Unit	Licenses																Avg Days	Mean Satisfctn	
	Resident						Nonresident			Response Rate	Tag Success	Harvest Projections							Total Harvest
	Appl. 1st		Sold				Appl. 1st		Males			Hens		Unk					
	Hunters	Choice *	Avail.	Sold	Choice *	Avail.	Sold	Adults	Jakes	Adults	Jennies								
Gregory	152	93	150	143	19	12	19	74%	35%	24	17	13	0	1	56	1.6	5.3		
Jackson	25	16	25	25	1	2	2	78%	44%	6	0	6	0	0	12	2.1	6.0		
Marshall/Roberts	101	101	100	101	N/A	0	0	81%	34%	18	11	5	0	0	34	2.0	5.1		
Mellette	41	18	50	50	1	4	4	59%	26%	5	1	8	0	0	14	1.6	4.6		
Tripp	52	47	50	53	1	4	1	74%	27%	13	0	1	0	0	15	1.5	4.5		
Yankton	149	123	150	150	N/A	0	0	65%	34%	27	6	8	5	5	51	3.0	5.2		
Totals	520	398	525	522	22	22	26	71.5%	33.3%	94	36	41	5	6	182	2.11	5.12		

The response rate for all units combined was: **71%**
 * Number of 1st drawing applicants with that season as 1st choice.

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