

# FALL PRAIRIE TURKEY

There were 1,721 licenses (1,675 resident, 46 nonresident) sold for the 2022 South Dakota Fall Prairie Turkey season for a total of 1,774 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 859 responded for a 57% response rate. Respondents reported hunting an average of 2.52 days, which projected to a total of 3,822 recreation days for the season.

Harvest projections indicated 350 males were taken along with 144 hens for a total of 494 turkeys. The estimated success rate for the season was 28%. The mean satisfaction score reported by hunters was 5.23 (1 representing "very dissatisfied" and 7 representing "very satisfied").

## Summary comparison of the 2013-2022 Fall Prairie Turkey seasons

Year	Licenses	Tags	HARVEST				Avg Days	Average
	Sold	Sold	Males	Hens	Total	% Success	Hunted	Satisfactn
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
2022	1,721	1,774	350	144	494	28%	2.52	5.23

## 2022 Fall Prairie Turkey Harvest Projections

Licenses																					
		Resident										Nonresident				Harvest Projections				Avg Days	Mean Satisfctn
Unit	Type	Hunters	Appl. 1st	Avail.	Sold	Appl. 1st	Avail.	Sold	Tags	Response	Tag	Males		Hens		Total	Harvest	Score			
			Choice *			Choice *			Sold	Rate	Success	Adults	Jakes	Adults	Jennies	Unk					
01A	31	25	44	25	25	0	0	0	25	64%	38%	8	0	2	0	0	9	3.8	5.2		
02A	31	48	10	50	53	1	4	1	54	60%	25%	7	7	0	0	0	14	4.2	4.9		
07A	31	145	94	175	174	1	0	1	175	60%	21%	27	2	7	2	0	37	2.7	5.3		
08A	31	65	26	75	75	0	0	0	75	47%	15%	7	0	4	0	0	11	3.2	5.3		
10A	31	12	6	50	11	0	0	1	12	50%	17%	0	0	2	0	0	2	1.3	5.6		
12A	31	118	52	175	173	0	0	3	176	50%	19%	12	6	8	2	6	34	2.0	5.3		
13A	31	41	23	50	48	0	0	3	51	71%	28%	7	7	0	0	0	14	1.5	5.2		
15A	31	54	38	50	52	2	4	2	54	61%	36%	11	3	5	0	0	20	2.4	5.9		
17A	31	50	54	50	50	0	0	0	50	53%	35%	15	0	2	0	0	17	2.7	5.3		
19A	31	41	24	50	49	0	0	0	49	68%	12%	4	0	1	0	0	6	2.9	4.9		
21A	31	50	7	50	52	0	4	2	54	38%	24%	5	3	5	0	0	13	3.5	5.0		
24A	31	25	15	50	29	1	4	1	30	60%	39%	12	0	0	0	0	12	1.5	6.0		
27A	31	24	16	25	24	0	2	0	24	63%	27%	2	2	2	0	2	6	2.6	5.6		
29A	31	101	85	100	100	0	0	1	101	53%	59%	34	6	17	2	2	60	4.0	5.3		
30A	31	100	65	100	101	3	8	7	108	65%	26%	14	6	5	0	3	28	1.8	5.0		
31A	31	46	27	50	52	0	4	2	54	65%	23%	9	3	0	0	0	12	1.3	5.0		
35A	31	24	16	25	27	0	2	0	27	58%	19%	3	2	0	0	0	5	2.7	4.5		
37A	31	25	18	25	25	0	0	0	25	60%	40%	3	2	5	0	0	10	3.3	5.9		
39A	37	45	29	50	48	1	4	5	106	48%	34%	15	2	19	0	0	36	1.3	5.7		
41A	31	15	9	25	18	1	2	1	19	60%	44%	7	2	0	0	0	8	1.0	5.0		
44A	31	50	48	50	50	0	0	0	50	53%	4%	2	0	0	0	0	2	3.5	4.4		
45A	31	42	15	50	51	2	4	3	54	67%	17%	6	0	2	0	2	9	1.4	5.7		
48A	31	100	102	100	100	0	0	0	100	68%	41%	18	12	3	5	3	41	1.9	5.7		
49A	31	50	43	50	53	0	4	0	53	43%	13%	2	2	2	0	0	7	4.3	4.6		
50A	31	48	25	50	52	0	4	2	54	44%	30%	9	0	7	0	0	16	1.6	4.3		
52A	31	25	23	25	25	0	0	0	25	48%	33%	6	2	0	0	0	8	4.3	5.6		
53A	31	42	7	50	45	3	4	8	53	54%	36%	6	8	6	0	0	19	1.7	5.4		
60A	31	47	28	50	51	2	4	3	54	62%	28%	7	2	3	0	3	15	1.1	5.3		
62A	31	47	36	50	50	0	0	0	50	63%	32%	6	3	6	0	0	16	2.7	5.1		
67A	31	11	4	25	12	0	2	0	12	73%	46%	3	1	1	0	0	6	1.4	5.7		
<b>Totals</b>		<b>1,516</b>	<b>989</b>	<b>1,750</b>	<b>1,675</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>1,774</b>	<b>57.3%</b>	<b>27.8%</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>2.52</b>	<b>5.23</b>		

The response rate for all units combined was: **57%**  
 \* Number of 1st drawing applicants with that season as 1st choice.

# Fall Prairie Turkey 1985-2023

