

MENTORED YOUTH DEER

There were 5,715 resident single-tag antlerless mentored youth deer licenses issued for 2020. All mentors/hunters were surveyed and 3,522 responses (55%) were received. All mentors/hunters used the Internet to respond.

The Mentored Youth licenses were valid during the Apprentice Deer season which ran from September 12, 2020 through January 1, 2021. Respondents reported hunting an average of 3.77 days each, which projected to 24,079 recreation days for the season.

Projections for the season indicated that a total of 371 whitetail bucks, 2,772 whitetail does, 21 mule deer bucks, and 472 mule deer does were harvested. The total harvest for the Mentored Youth Deer season was 3,636, and the overall success rate was 57%. The five deer management units with the highest reported harvest were the Black Hills, Minnehaha, Brown, Butte, and Codington.

The average satisfaction rating for those responding (1 being very dissatisfied and 7 very satisfied) was 5.77.

Summary for the 2011-2020 Mentored Youth Deer hunting seasons

YEAR	Licenses Sold	Harvest						Success	Avg Days Hunted	Average Satisfctn
		Bucks		Does		Total				
		WT	Mule	WT	Mule					
2011	2,335	143	14	872	171	1,200	51%	4.16	5.70	
2012	2,497	207	28	1,015	182	1,431	57%	3.77	5.78	
2013	2,939	179	14	1,028	154	1,375	47%	3.87	5.57	
2014	3,096	214	29	1,187	167	1,595	52%	3.98	5.70	
2015	3,646	261	25	1,556	243	2,086	57%	3.96	5.89	
2016	3,646	287	30	1,495	301	2,114	58%	3.56	5.85	
2017	4,069	230	31	1,567	320	2,147	53%	3.78	5.83	
2018	5,357	324	51	2,335	439	2,824	53%	3.61	5.89	
2019	5,715	348	45	2,123	417	2,932	51%	3.52	5.79	
2020	6,387	371	21	2,772	472	3,636	57%	3.77	5.77	

2020 Mentored Youth Deer Harvest Projections

Last Revised:		Harvest Projections													Average	Avg	
9-Apr-21		License Holders	Licenses Available	Licenses Sold		Response Rate	Hunter Success	Tag Success	Whitetail			Mule Deer			Total Harvest	Satisfaction Score **	Days Hunted
Unit			Resident	Nonresident					Bucks	Does	Doe Fawns	Bucks	Does	Doe Fawns			
Statewide	6,387	Unlimited	6,387	0	55%	57%	57%	371	2,386	386	21	417	55	3,636	5.77	3.77	

** Refers to a satisfaction scale of 1=very dissatisfied to 7=very satisfied.

2020 Mentored Youth Deer Harvest Distribution by Management Unit

Last Revised:
03-May-21

Unit	Projected Harvest						Estimate	%
	Whitetail			Mule Deer				
	Bucks	Does	Fawn	Bucks	Does	Fawn		
Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Fawn	Adult	Fawn			
01A (Minnehaha)	12	75	10	0	2	0	98	2.7%
02A (NE Penn/SE Meade)	2	15	2	2	26	0	47	1.3%
02C (SE Pennington)	2	4	0	2	11	0	19	0.5%
03A (Brown)	17	69	10	0	0	0	96	2.6%
04A (Beadle)	10	38	4	0	0	0	52	1.4%
05A (Codington)	15	73	12	0	0	0	100	2.7%
06A (Brookings)	15	65	10	0	0	0	90	2.5%
07A (Yankton)	6	56	12	0	0	0	73	2.0%
08A (Davison)	8	25	12	0	0	0	44	1.2%
10A (Aurora)	2	46	12	0	0	0	60	1.6%
11A (N Bennett)	2	0	0	0	2	0	4	0.1%
11B (S Bennett)	0	2	0	0	6	0	7	0.2%
12A (Bon Homme)	8	36	0	0	0	0	44	1.2%
13A (Brule)	6	19	2	0	4	0	31	0.8%
13L (Brule GPA's/Corps)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
14A (Buffalo)	2	4	0	0	4	0	9	0.3%
15A (Butte)	4	54	14	2	28	2	103	2.8%
15B (SW Butte/Lawrence)	2	44	4	0	6	0	55	1.5%
16A (Campbell)	4	8	2	2	19	2	36	1.0%
17A (Charles Mix)	14	36	6	0	4	0	59	1.6%
18A (Clark)	10	38	12	0	0	0	60	1.6%
19A (Clay)	0	31	8	0	0	0	38	1.1%
20A (Corson)	6	11	0	2	15	4	38	1.0%
21A (E Custer/S Penn)	4	29	2	0	15	0	49	1.4%
21B (C Custer/C Penn)	0	13	2	0	0	2	17	0.5%
22A (Day)	10	50	8	0	0	0	67	1.8%
23A (Deuel)	6	48	17	0	0	0	71	2.0%
24A (Dewey)	0	10	4	0	7	2	23	0.6%
24B (Little Moreau)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
25A (Douglas)	4	23	0	0	0	0	27	0.7%
26A (Edmunds)	4	29	4	0	0	0	36	1.0%
27A (NW FRiver/SW Cust)	0	10	0	0	6	0	15	0.4%
27B (Fall River)	2	10	4	0	11	2	28	0.8%
27L (Hill Ranch Area)	0	8	0	0	0	0	8	0.2%
28A (Faulk)	2	31	4	0	0	0	36	1.0%
29A (Grant)	4	52	8	0	0	0	63	1.7%
30A,B (Gregory)	4	61	17	0	2	0	84	2.3%
31A (Haakon)	2	29	8	0	33	8	79	2.2%
32A (Hamlin)	8	75	6	0	0	0	88	2.4%
33A (Hand)	0	27	6	0	2	0	34	0.9%
34A (Hanson)	8	34	8	0	0	0	50	1.4%
35A (W Harding)	2	4	4	0	13	2	25	0.7%
35C (E Harding)	0	11	2	0	13	4	30	0.8%
35L (Custer Nat Forest)	2	0	2	0	2	0	6	0.2%
36A (Hughes)	2	11	2	0	0	2	17	0.5%
37A (Hutchinson)	8	19	2	0	0	0	29	0.8%
38A (Hyde)	0	6	4	0	0	2	12	0.3%
39A (N Jackson)	4	2	0	2	7	0	15	0.4%
39B (S Jackson)	0	4	0	0	2	0	6	0.2%
40A (Jerault)	0	10	6	0	4	0	19	0.5%
41A (Jones)	2	19	2	0	11	0	34	0.9%
42A (Kingsbury)	6	40	2	0	0	0	48	1.3%
43A (Lake)	6	48	6	0	0	0	60	1.6%
44A (Lincoln)	6	48	6	0	0	0	60	1.6%
45A (W Lyman)	2	25	0	0	15	2	44	1.2%
45B (E Lyman)	2	11	0	0	0	0	13	0.4%
45C (NE Lyman/SE Stanley)	0	2	0	2	0	0	4	0.1%
45D (Ft Pr Nat Grslnd)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
46A (McCook)	14	59	2	0	0	2	77	2.1%
47A (McPherson)	2	25	0	0	2	0	29	0.8%
48A (Marshall)	2	17	2	0	0	0	21	0.6%
49A (W Meade)	10	36	0	0	13	2	61	1.7%
49B (NE Meade)	4	15	2	0	28	2	51	1.4%
50A,B (Mellette)	0	15	2	0	4	4	25	0.7%
51A (Miner)	2	38	6	0	2	0	48	1.3%
52A (Moody)	10	42	12	0	0	0	63	1.7%
53A (N Perkins)	0	8	0	0	24	6	38	1.0%
53C (S Perkins)	2	19	2	0	6	2	31	0.8%
54A (Potter)	2	13	0	0	6	0	21	0.6%
55A (Roberts)	12	42	6	0	0	0	60	1.6%
56A (Sanborn)	4	25	2	0	0	0	31	0.8%
57A (Spink)	4	34	8	0	0	0	46	1.3%
58A (Stanley)	0	19	4	0	13	2	38	1.0%
59A (W Sully)	2	10	2	0	7	2	23	0.6%
59B (E Sully)	2	21	2	0	2	0	27	0.7%
60A (Tripp)	4	31	2	0	2	0	38	1.1%
61A (Turner)	10	33	8	0	0	2	52	1.4%
62A (Union)	12	75	8	0	0	0	94	2.6%
63A (Walworth)	2	10	6	0	11	0	28	0.8%
64A (Ziebach)	0	4	2	0	11	0	17	0.5%
65A (Oglala Lakota)	0	4	0	0	2	0	6	0.2%
67A (Todd)	2	8	2	0	0	0	12	0.3%
BH (Black Hills)	31	236	48	6	17	0	338	9.3%
TOTALS	371	2,386	386	21	417	55	3,636	

Any by management unit projected harvest values will differ from statewide projected harvest values due to incorrect sampling proportions within units.

Use these figures for approximations only!

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