

MENTORED YOUTH DEER

There were 5,357 resident single-tag antlerless mentored youth deer licenses issued for 2018. All mentors/hunters were surveyed and 3,884 responses (73%) were received. Approximately 69% of mentors/hunters used the Internet to respond.

The Mentored Youth licenses were valid during the Apprentice Deer season which ran from September 8, 2018 through January 1, 2019. Respondents reported hunting an average of 3.61 days each, which projected to 19,347 recreation days for the season.

Projections for the season indicated that a total of 324 whitetail bucks, 2,335 whitetail does, 51 mule deer bucks, and 439 mule deer does were harvested. The total harvest for the Mentored Youth Deer season was 2,824, and the overall success rate was 53%. The five deer management units with the highest reported harvest were the Black Hills, Minnehaha, Gregory, Hand, and Hamlin.

The average satisfaction rating for those responding (1 being very dissatisfied and 7 very satisfied) was 5.89.

Summary for the 2010-2018 Mentored Youth Deer hunting seasons

YEAR	Licenses Sold	Harvest						Success	Avg Days Hunted	Average Satisfctn
		Bucks		Does		Total				
		WT	Mule	WT	Mule					
2010	2,174	128	17	947	152	1,244	57%	3.72	5.94	
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	

2018 Mentored Youth Deer Harvest Projections

Last Revised:

7-May-19

Unit	License Holders	Licenses Available	Licenses Sold			Response Rate	Hunter Success	Harvest Projections						Total Harvest	Average Satisfaction Score **	Avg Days Hunted
			Resident	Nonresident	Tags Sold			Whitetail			Mule Deer					
								Bucks	Does	Doe Fawns	Bucks	Does	Doe Fawns			
Statewide no Access permit	5,298	Unlimited	5,298	0	5,298	73%	53%	319	1,723	264	51	399	35	2,791	5.89	3.61
Statewide w/ Access permit	59	Unlimited	59	0	59	80%	57%	5	21	3	0	3	3	34	6.10	3.57
Totals	5,357		5,357	0	5,357	72.9%	52.7%	324	1,745	266	51	402	37	2,824	5.89	3.61

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

2018 Access Permit Mentored Youth Deer Survey Results

Last Revised:

1-May-19

Unit	Permit Holders	Licenses Available	Permits Issued			Projected Hunted	Response Rate	Hunter Success	Tag Success	Harvest Projections						Total Harvest	Average Satisfaction Score **	Avg Days Hunted
			Resident	Nonresident	Issued					Whitetail			Mule Deer					
										Bucks	Does	Doe Fawns	Bucks	Does	Doe Fawns			
Brule Cty GPA Corps / 13L	25	Unlimited	25	0	25	6	88%	40%	9%	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	6.60	2.60
Custer Nat Forest / 35L	30	Unlimited	30	0	30	4	80%	0%	0%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5.00	1.00
Hill Ranch GPA / 27L	18	Unlimited	18	0	18	5	78%	100%	29%	1	4	0	0	0	5	6.50	2.00	
Little Moreau GPA / 24B	6	Unlimited	6	0	6	0	67%	0%	0%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00		
Totals	59		79	0	79	15	79.7%	33.3%	9%	1	5	0	0	0	1	7	6.15	1.98

Mentored Youth Deer 2008-2018

