

PHEASANT

The 2023 pheasant season was open from 21 October 2023 – 31 January 2024 statewide. There was also a Youth season open 30 September - 8 October on public and private land and an early resident season open 14-16 October on public lands only. The daily limit was 3 cock pheasants, possession 15. To hunt pheasants, residents were required to hold small game, 1-day small game, adult or senior combination, or youth small game licenses; nonresidents were required to obtain adult or youth small game or nonresident shooting preserve licenses. Harvest surveys were sent to both resident and nonresident hunters. No shooting preserve license holders were surveyed and none of their harvest is included in the estimates below. Separate Department records showed a total harvest of 375,716 pheasants on private shooting preserves in 2023, of which 21,863 (6%) were designated as wild birds.

In 2023, there were 84,610 resident and 81,380 nonresident licenses issued that allowed holders to hunt pheasants. Approximately 15,000 residents and 15,000 nonresidents were surveyed for the upland bird seasons. Survey response rates were 28% for residents and 29% for nonresidents.

Based on survey responses indicating at least one day of hunting pheasants, there were a projected 56,457 resident and 77,004 nonresident pheasant hunters.

A projected 1,243,194 pheasants were harvested (572,159 by residents, 671,036 by nonresidents) during the 2023 seasons. When asked their satisfaction on the season, (1 being least satisfied, 7 being most satisfied), resident upland bird hunters reported an average satisfaction rating of 5.03 while nonresidents reported a satisfaction rating of 5.72.

An estimated 20,108 residents participated in the early, resident-only season. The projected harvest for this season was 27,406 birds.

The Youth season overall participation rate was approximately 5.2%; nonresidents were not surveyed on their participation.

The five counties with the highest reported harvests from highest to lowest were Brown, Beadle, Spink, Brule, and Lyman.

Comparison of the 2014 - 2023 Pheasant season statistics

Year	Resident Hunters					Nonresident Hunters				
	Number Hunters	Harvest	Ave Day Hunted	Ave Bag	Satisfaction	Number Hunters	Harvest	Ave Day Hunted	Ave Bag	Satisfaction
2014	61,776	504,144	6.31	8.32	4.85	79,195	695,660	4.16	8.79	5.52
2015	65,135	517,942	6.17	8.06	4.98	84,901	737,936	4.15	8.71	5.49
2016	61,746	478,099	6.24	7.86	4.72	81,141	692,497	4.14	8.57	5.43
2017	52,538	326,936	6.08	6.30	4.23	67,232	501,773	3.96	7.47	5.06
2018	53,577	392,020	6.26	7.38	4.64	69,018	558,863	4.06	8.11	5.38
2019	47,403	354,742	6.17	7.48	4.67	63,801	474,754	4.04	7.44	5.28
2020	59,042	518,288	8.09	9.28	5.06	62,289	560,618	4.47	9.00	5.75
2021	54,411	473,728	7.62	8.71	4.75	75,606	593,695	4.30	7.85	5.38
2022	53,846	510,957	7.75	9.49	5.09	73,887	647,759	4.25	8.77	5.85
2023	56,457	572,159	8.05	10.13	5.03	77,004	671,036	4.43	8.71	5.72

PHEASANT HARVEST PROJECTIONS FOR 2023

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	<u>RESIDENT TOTALS BY LICENSE TYPE</u>					<u>NONRESIDENT TOTALS</u>		
	Senior Combo	Small Combo	Youth Game	Youth SmGm	Sum Estimates	Nonres Sm Game	Youth Sm Game	Sum Estimates
Licenses Sold	46,849	11,549	20,154	6,058	84,610	78,120	3,260	81,380
Projected ACTIVE UPLAND BIRD HUNTERS	30,541	6,554	15,612	4,775	57,482	74,982	2,984	77,966
Number Sampled by Survey	8,586	1,952	3,391	1,055	14,984	14,439	552	14,991
Number Responded to Survey	2,482	844	639	203	4,168	4,292	70	4,362
% Responded and Participated in Season	65%	57%	77%	79%	66%	98%	93%	98%
Responded and Participated in Season	1,618	479	495	160	2,752	4,206	65	4,271
Responded but DID NOT HUNT	864	365	144	43	1,416	86	5	91
Survey Response Rate	28.9%	43.2%	18.8%	19.2%	27.8%	29.7%	12.7%	29.1%
No. Hunters Reporting Pheasant Days	1,584	467	489	159	2,699	4,152	65	4,217
Sum Pheasant Hunted Days	13,235	4,207	3,720	1,003	22,165	18,485	254	18,739
Average Days Hunted Pheasants	8.36	9.01	7.61	6.31	8.05	4.45	3.91	4.43
Sum Pheasants Bagged	17,716	5,099	4,257	1,130	28,202	36,505	441	36,946
Average Pheasant Bag for Season	11.18	10.92	8.71	7.11	10.13	8.79	6.78	8.71
Projected Days Pheasant Hunting	249,817	57,567	117,328	29,932	454,645	329,539	11,662	341,201
Projected No. Pheasant Hunters	29,899	6,390	15,423	4,745	56,457	74,019	2,984	77,004
Projected Pheasant Bag	334,398	69,773	134,265	33,722	572,159	650,788	20,248	671,036
LCI (95%)	311,189	60,546	115,804	25,086	539,609	635,950	16,044	655,639
UCI (95%)	358,007	79,292	153,072	42,609	604,775	665,627	24,545	686,478
TOTAL PHEASANT HARVEST =						1,243,194		
LCI (95%) =						1,207,126		
UCI (95%) =						1,279,272		
RESIDENT-ONLY OPENING WEEKEND:								
No. Hunters Reporting Pheasant Days	578	161	165	60	964	-	-	-
Sum Pheasant Hunted Days	397	101	102	41	641	-	-	-
Average Days Hunted Pheasants	0.69	0.63	0.62	0.68	0.66	-	-	-
Sum Pheasants Bagged	841	204	209	72	1,326	-	-	-
Average Pheasant Bag for Weekend	1.46	1.27	1.27	1.20	1.36	-	-	-
Projected Days Pheasant Hunting	7,494	1,382	3,217	1,224	13,316	-	-	-
Projected No. Pheasant Hunters	10,910	2,203	5,204	1,791	20,108	-	-	-
Projected Pheasant Bag	15,874	2,791	6,592	2,149	27,406	-	-	-
RESIDENT-ONLY WEEKEND PHEASANT HARVEST =						27,406		
YOUTH SEASON PARTICIPATION:								
No. Hunters Reporting Participation	133	43	29	30	205	-	-	-
Projected No. Hunters Participating	2,510	588	915	895	4,013	-	-	-
Percent Hunters Participating	5.4%	5.1%	4.5%	14.8%	5.2%	-	-	-
MENTORED YOUTH PARTICIPATION:								
No. Hunters Reporting Participation	93	29	18	NA	140	-	-	-
Projected No. Hunters Participating	1,755	38	74		1,867	-	-	-
Percent Hunters Participating	3.7%	3.4%	2.8%		3.4%	-	-	-
Upland Bird Hunters Mean Satisfaction Score *	5.07	4.94	5.02	5.01	5.03	5.73	5.67	5.72

* Based on scale of 1-7 with 1="very dissatisfied" and 7="very satisfied"

RESIDENT-ONLY WEEKEND 2023 PHEASANT SEASON PARTICIPATION AND BAG				
Last Revised: 6 May 2024				
	# Days Hunted	# Responded	% of Total	Ave. Bag
Residents	0	3,527	84.6%	
	1	386	9.3%	1.23
	2	187	4.5%	2.87
	3	68	1.6%	4.63

Total Pheasant Harvest Distribution by County 2023

COUNTY	HUNTER DISTRIBUTION			HARVEST DISTRIBUTION			Birds/Hunter **
	# Projected	% of Total	# Proj w/ Unk *	# Projected	% of Total	# Proj w/ Unk *	
Minnehaha	2,021	1.6	2,054	14,618	1.2	14,785	7.2
Pennington	290	0.2	295	1,592	0.1	1,609	5.5
Brown	8,118	6.3	8,454	73,520	6.1	75,938	9.1
Beadle	6,324	4.9	6,554	61,176	5.1	62,906	9.7
Codington	2,956	2.3	3,020	26,337	2.2	26,729	8.9
Brookings	3,276	2.5	3,366	28,325	2.3	28,948	8.6
Yankton	1,207	0.9	1,236	8,055	0.7	8,205	6.7
Davison	3,198	2.5	3,321	28,305	2.3	29,203	8.8
Lawrence	18	0.0	19	218	0.0	228	11.9
Aurora	4,517	3.5	4,685	42,200	3.5	43,533	9.3
Bennett	911	0.7	943	4,083	0.3	4,198	4.5
Bon Homme	915	0.7	934	6,263	0.5	6,345	6.8
Brule	5,557	4.3	5,793	50,361	4.2	52,299	9.1
Buffalo	611	0.5	635	5,492	0.5	5,671	9.0
Butte	235	0.2	242	1,332	0.1	1,366	5.7
Campbell	1,652	1.3	1,726	21,510	1.8	22,289	13.0
Charles Mix	3,512	2.7	3,644	33,987	2.8	35,132	9.7
Clark	3,543	2.7	3,673	36,656	3.0	37,675	10.3
Clay	677	0.5	695	4,522	0.4	4,623	6.7
Corson	653	0.5	677	5,669	0.5	5,831	8.7
Custer	57	0.0	60	309	0.0	324	5.4
Day	2,219	1.7	2,311	15,692	1.3	16,221	7.1
Deuel	1,048	0.8	1,072	7,909	0.7	8,045	7.5
Dewey	789	0.6	818	7,835	0.6	8,072	9.9
Douglas	1,094	0.8	1,130	13,330	1.1	13,662	12.2
Edmunds	3,219	2.5	3,342	33,996	2.8	35,028	10.6
Fall River	434	0.3	441	1,996	0.2	2,031	4.6
Faulk	3,453	2.7	3,602	34,155	2.8	35,396	9.9
Grant	669	0.5	683	3,968	0.3	4,052	5.9
Gregory	3,871	3.0	4,042	35,328	2.9	36,726	9.1
Haakon	674	0.5	693	3,754	0.3	3,854	5.6
Hamlin	1,654	1.3	1,692	14,915	1.2	15,169	9.0
Hand	2,971	2.3	3,084	28,800	2.4	29,714	9.7
Hanson	1,256	1.0	1,295	14,730	1.2	15,046	11.7
Harding	305	0.2	317	1,759	0.1	1,817	5.8
Hughes	3,544	2.7	3,668	39,468	3.3	40,451	11.1
Hutchinson	2,063	1.6	2,132	19,210	1.6	19,738	9.3
Hyde	914	0.7	951	9,680	0.8	10,001	10.6
Jackson	329	0.3	341	1,673	0.1	1,739	5.1
Jerauld	1,316	1.0	1,368	12,249	1.0	12,643	9.3
Jones	1,271	1.0	1,329	9,835	0.8	10,257	7.7
Kingsbury	2,445	1.9	2,523	20,456	1.7	21,101	8.4
Lake	1,738	1.3	1,777	16,301	1.3	16,579	9.4
Lincoln	941	0.7	959	7,121	0.6	7,208	7.6
Lyman	4,717	3.7	4,920	44,339	3.7	46,032	9.4
McCook	1,947	1.5	1,988	23,222	1.9	23,522	11.9
McPherson	1,853	1.4	1,937	16,130	1.3	16,775	8.7
Marshall	1,452	1.1	1,503	13,688	1.1	14,018	9.4
Meade	224	0.2	235	1,209	0.1	1,264	5.4
Mellette	285	0.2	296	2,795	0.2	2,902	9.8
Miner	2,933	2.3	3,027	34,557	2.9	35,437	11.8
Moody	1,017	0.8	1,037	8,592	0.7	8,723	8.5
Perkins	2,089	1.6	2,157	17,915	1.5	18,424	8.6
Potter	2,958	2.3	3,075	29,207	2.4	30,165	9.9
Roberts	904	0.7	926	7,950	0.7	8,086	8.8
Sanborn	2,199	1.7	2,278	22,356	1.9	22,992	10.2
Spink	5,153	4.0	5,368	57,546	4.8	59,612	11.2
Stanley	1,078	0.8	1,118	8,546	0.7	8,809	7.9
Sully	2,226	1.7	2,292	27,459	2.3	28,072	12.3
Tripp	4,814	3.7	5,014	42,561	3.5	44,036	8.8
Turner	962	0.7	980	10,581	0.9	10,707	11.0
Union	363	0.3	371	2,539	0.2	2,586	7.0
Walworth	2,595	2.0	2,692	21,902	1.8	22,668	8.4
Ziebach	394	0.3	406	4,333	0.4	4,434	11.0
Oglala Lakota	42	0.0	42	162	0.0	164	3.9
Todd	193	0.1	200	1,328	0.1	1,377	6.9
Unk/Unreported	4,598	-	-	35,587	-	-	7.7

TOTALS: 133,461 100% 133,461 1,243,194 100% 1,243,194 9.32

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Resident Pheasant Harvest Distribution by County 2023

COUNTY	HUNTER DISTRIBUTION				HARVEST DISTRIBUTION				Birds/Hunter **
	# Reported	# Projected	% of Total	# Proj w/ Unk *	# Reported	# Projected	% of Total	# Proj w/ Unk *	
Minnehaha	87	1,820	3.3	1,842	665	13,491	2.4	13,604	7.4
Pennington	13	272	0.5	275	74	1,501	0.3	1,514	5.5
Brown	114	2,385	4.3	2,414	1,392	28,241	5.0	28,477	11.8
Beadle	126	2,636	4.7	2,668	1,506	30,554	5.4	30,809	11.6
Codington	109	2,280	4.1	2,308	1,086	22,033	3.9	22,217	9.7
Brookings	99	2,071	3.7	2,096	919	18,645	3.3	18,801	9.0
Yankton	42	879	1.6	889	295	5,985	1.1	6,035	6.8
Davison	56	1,171	2.1	1,186	576	11,686	2.1	11,784	10.0
Lawrence	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Aurora	85	1,778	3.2	1,800	867	17,590	3.1	17,737	9.9
Bennett	20	418	0.8	424	101	2,049	0.4	2,066	4.9
Bon Homme	35	732	1.3	741	272	5,518	1.0	5,564	7.5
Brule	71	1,485	2.7	1,504	605	12,274	2.2	12,377	8.3
Buffalo	10	209	0.4	212	106	2,151	0.4	2,169	10.3
Butte	6	126	0.2	127	37	751	0.1	757	6.0
Campbell	17	356	0.6	360	319	6,472	1.1	6,526	18.2
Charles Mix	64	1,339	2.4	1,355	609	12,355	2.2	12,459	9.2
Clark	69	1,443	2.6	1,461	925	18,766	3.3	18,923	13.0
Clay	21	439	0.8	445	145	2,942	0.5	2,966	6.7
Corson	12	251	0.5	254	138	2,800	0.5	2,823	11.2
Custer	1	21	0.0	21	0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Day	31	648	1.2	656	282	5,721	1.0	5,769	8.8
Deuel	37	774	1.4	784	303	6,147	1.1	6,199	7.9
Dewey	15	314	0.6	318	174	3,530	0.6	3,560	11.3
Douglas	27	565	1.0	572	384	7,791	1.4	7,856	13.8
Edmunds	57	1,192	2.1	1,207	750	15,216	2.7	15,343	12.8
Fall River	19	397	0.7	402	76	1,542	0.3	1,555	3.9
Faulk	42	879	1.6	889	500	10,144	1.8	10,229	11.5
Grant	25	523	0.9	529	132	2,678	0.5	2,700	5.1
Gregory	41	858	1.5	868	377	7,649	1.3	7,713	8.9
Haakon	20	418	0.8	424	100	2,029	0.4	2,046	4.8
Hamlin	59	1,234	2.2	1,249	574	11,645	2.1	11,743	9.4
Hand	53	1,109	2.0	1,122	587	11,909	2.1	12,009	10.7
Hanson	33	690	1.2	699	487	9,880	1.7	9,963	14.3
Harding	5	105	0.2	106	33	669	0.1	675	6.4
Hughes	76	1,590	2.9	1,609	1,137	23,067	4.1	23,260	14.5
Hutchinson	48	1,004	1.8	1,016	493	10,002	1.8	10,086	10.0
Hyde	14	293	0.5	296	179	3,632	0.6	3,662	12.4
Jackson	7	146	0.3	148	18	365	0.1	368	2.5
Jerauld	21	439	0.8	445	243	4,930	0.9	4,971	11.2
Jones	11	230	0.4	233	64	1,298	0.2	1,309	5.6
Kingsbury	61	1,276	2.3	1,292	421	8,541	1.5	8,613	6.7
Lake	63	1,318	2.4	1,334	628	12,741	2.2	12,847	9.7
Lincoln	38	795	1.4	805	317	6,431	1.1	6,485	8.1
Lyman	57	1,192	2.1	1,207	549	11,138	2.0	11,231	9.3
McCook	73	1,527	2.7	1,546	1,013	20,552	3.6	20,724	13.5
McPherson	17	356	0.6	360	163	3,307	0.6	3,335	9.3
Marshall	31	648	1.2	656	407	8,257	1.5	8,326	12.7
Meade	2	42	0.1	42	5	101	0.0	102	2.4
Mellette	4	84	0.2	85	33	669	0.1	675	8.0
Miner	73	1,527	2.7	1,546	971	19,700	3.5	19,864	12.9
Moody	39	816	1.5	826	351	7,121	1.3	7,181	8.7
Perkins	51	1,067	1.9	1,080	439	8,906	1.6	8,981	8.3
Potter	48	1,004	1.8	1,016	556	11,280	2.0	11,374	11.2
Roberts	31	648	1.2	656	305	6,188	1.1	6,240	9.5
Sanborn	44	920	1.7	932	546	11,077	2.0	11,170	12.0
Spink	70	1,464	2.6	1,482	875	17,752	3.1	17,900	12.1
Stanley	21	439	0.8	445	184	3,733	0.7	3,764	8.5
Sully	61	1,276	2.3	1,292	879	17,833	3.1	17,982	14.0
Tripp	66	1,381	2.5	1,398	712	14,445	2.5	14,566	10.5
Turner	39	816	1.5	826	475	9,637	1.7	9,717	11.8
Union	13	272	0.5	275	92	1,866	0.3	1,882	6.9
Walworth	49	1,025	1.8	1,038	358	7,263	1.3	7,324	7.1
Ziebach	11	230	0.4	233	133	2,698	0.5	2,721	11.7
Oglala Lakota	2	42	0.1	42	8	162	0.0	164	3.9
Todd	4	84	0.2	85	18	365	0.1	368	4.4
Unk/Unreported	33	690	-	-	234	4,747	-	-	6.9
TOTALS:	2,699	56,457	100%	56,457	28,202	572,159	100%	572,159	10.13

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Nonresident Pheasant Harvest Distribution by County 2023

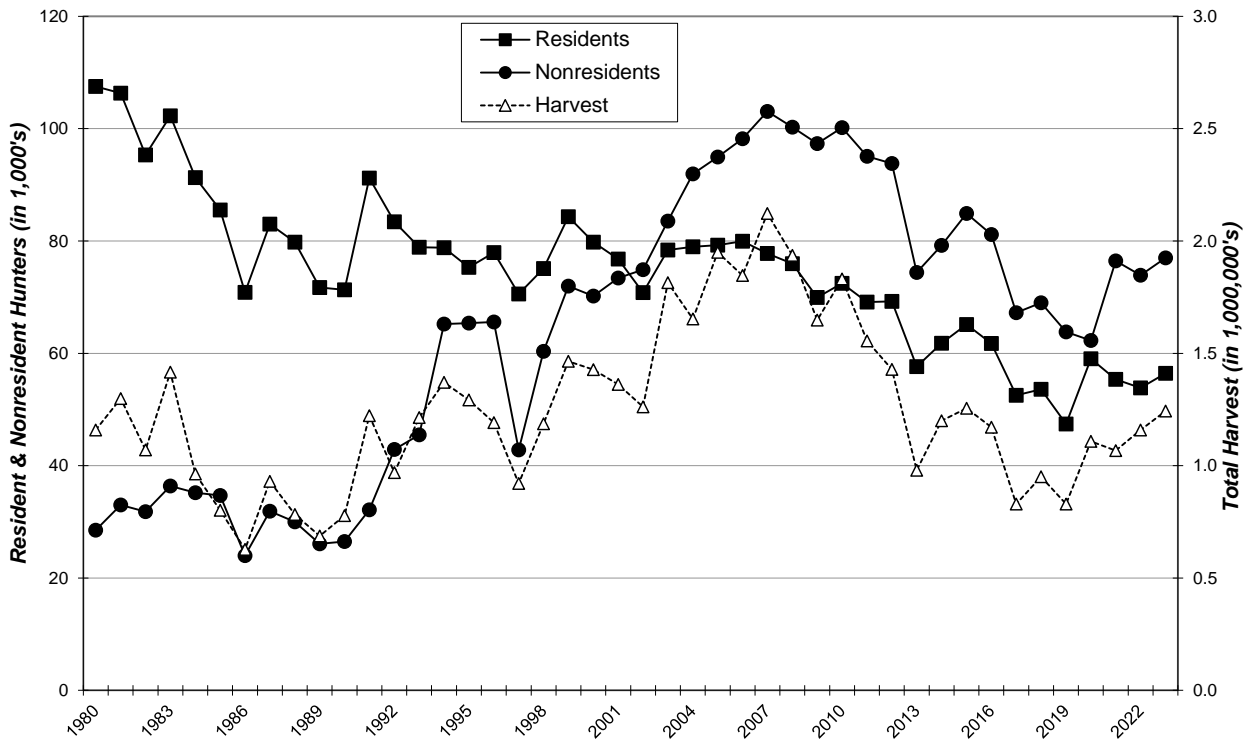
COUNTY	HUNTER DISTRIBUTION				HARVEST DISTRIBUTION				
	# Reported	# Projected	% of Total	# Proj w/ Unk *	# Reported	# Projected	% of Total	# Proj w/ Unk *	Birds/Hunter **
Minnehaha	11	201	0.3	212	62	1,126	0.2	1,180	5.6
Pennington	1	18	0.0	19	5	91	0.0	95	5.0
Brown	314	5,734	7.8	6,040	2,493	45,279	7.1	47,461	7.9
Beadle	202	3,689	5.0	3,886	1,686	30,622	4.8	32,097	8.3
Codington	37	676	0.9	712	237	4,305	0.7	4,512	6.4
Brookings	66	1,205	1.6	1,270	533	9,681	1.5	10,147	8.0
Yankton	18	329	0.4	346	114	2,071	0.3	2,170	6.3
Davison	111	2,027	2.8	2,135	915	16,619	2.6	17,419	8.2
Lawrence	1	18	0.0	19	12	218	0.0	228	11.9
Aurora	150	2,739	3.7	2,885	1,355	24,610	3.8	25,796	9.0
Bennett	27	493	0.7	519	112	2,034	0.3	2,132	4.1
Bon Homme	10	183	0.2	192	41	745	0.1	781	4.1
Brule	223	4,072	5.6	4,290	2,097	38,087	5.9	39,922	9.4
Buffalo	22	402	0.5	423	184	3,342	0.5	3,503	8.3
Butte	6	110	0.1	115	32	581	0.1	609	5.3
Campbell	71	1,296	1.8	1,366	828	15,039	2.3	15,763	11.6
Charles Mix	119	2,173	3.0	2,289	1,191	21,632	3.4	22,674	10.0
Clark	115	2,100	2.9	2,212	985	17,890	2.8	18,752	8.5
Clay	13	237	0.3	250	87	1,580	0.2	1,656	6.7
Corson	22	402	0.5	423	158	2,870	0.4	3,008	7.1
Custer	2	37	0.0	38	17	309	0.0	324	8.5
Day	86	1,570	2.1	1,654	549	9,971	1.6	10,452	6.3
Deuel	15	274	0.4	289	97	1,762	0.3	1,847	6.4
Dewey	26	475	0.6	500	237	4,305	0.7	4,512	9.1
Douglas	29	530	0.7	558	305	5,540	0.9	5,806	10.5
Edmunds	111	2,027	2.8	2,135	1,034	18,780	2.9	19,685	9.3
Fall River	2	37	0.0	38	25	454	0.1	476	12.4
Faulk	141	2,575	3.5	2,712	1,322	24,011	3.8	25,168	9.3
Grant	8	146	0.2	154	71	1,290	0.2	1,352	8.8
Gregory	165	3,013	4.1	3,174	1,524	27,680	4.3	29,013	9.2
Haakon	14	256	0.3	269	95	1,725	0.3	1,809	6.7
Hamlin	23	420	0.6	442	180	3,269	0.5	3,427	7.8
Hand	102	1,863	2.5	1,962	930	16,891	2.6	17,705	9.1
Hanson	31	566	0.8	596	267	4,849	0.8	5,083	8.6
Harding	11	201	0.3	212	60	1,090	0.2	1,142	5.4
Hughes	107	1,954	2.7	2,058	903	16,401	2.6	17,191	8.4
Hutchinson	58	1,059	1.4	1,116	507	9,208	1.4	9,652	8.7
Hyde	34	621	0.8	654	333	6,048	0.9	6,340	9.7
Jackson	10	183	0.2	192	72	1,308	0.2	1,371	7.2
Jerauld	48	876	1.2	923	403	7,320	1.1	7,672	8.4
Jones	57	1,041	1.4	1,096	470	8,536	1.3	8,948	8.2
Kingsbury	64	1,169	1.6	1,231	656	11,915	1.9	12,489	10.2
Lake	23	420	0.6	442	196	3,560	0.6	3,731	8.5
Lincoln	8	146	0.2	154	38	690	0.1	723	4.7
Lyman	193	3,524	4.8	3,713	1,828	33,201	5.2	34,801	9.4
McCook	23	420	0.6	442	147	2,670	0.4	2,799	6.4
McPherson	82	1,497	2.0	1,577	706	12,823	2.0	13,441	8.6
Marshall	44	803	1.1	846	299	5,431	0.8	5,692	6.8
Meade	10	183	0.2	192	61	1,108	0.2	1,161	6.1
Mellette	11	201	0.3	212	117	2,125	0.3	2,227	10.6
Miner	77	1,406	1.9	1,481	818	14,857	2.3	15,573	10.6
Moody	11	201	0.3	212	81	1,471	0.2	1,542	7.3
Perkins	56	1,023	1.4	1,077	496	9,009	1.4	9,443	8.8
Potter	107	1,954	2.7	2,058	987	17,926	2.8	18,790	9.2
Roberts	14	256	0.3	269	97	1,762	0.3	1,847	6.9
Sanborn	70	1,278	1.7	1,347	621	11,279	1.8	11,822	8.8
Spink	202	3,689	5.0	3,886	2,191	39,794	6.2	41,711	10.8
Stanley	35	639	0.9	673	265	4,813	0.8	5,045	7.5
Sully	52	950	1.3	1,000	530	9,626	1.5	10,090	10.1
Tripp	188	3,433	4.7	3,616	1,548	28,116	4.4	29,470	8.2
Turner	8	146	0.2	154	52	944	0.1	990	6.5
Union	5	91	0.1	96	37	672	0.1	704	7.4
Walworth	86	1,570	2.1	1,654	806	14,639	2.3	15,344	9.3
Ziebach	9	164	0.2	173	90	1,635	0.3	1,713	9.9
Oglala Lakota	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Todd	6	110	0.1	115	53	963	0.2	1,009	8.8
Unk/Unreported	214	3,908	-	-	1,698	30,840	-	-	7.9
TOTALS	4,217	77,004	100%	77,004	36,946	671,036	100%	671,036	8.71

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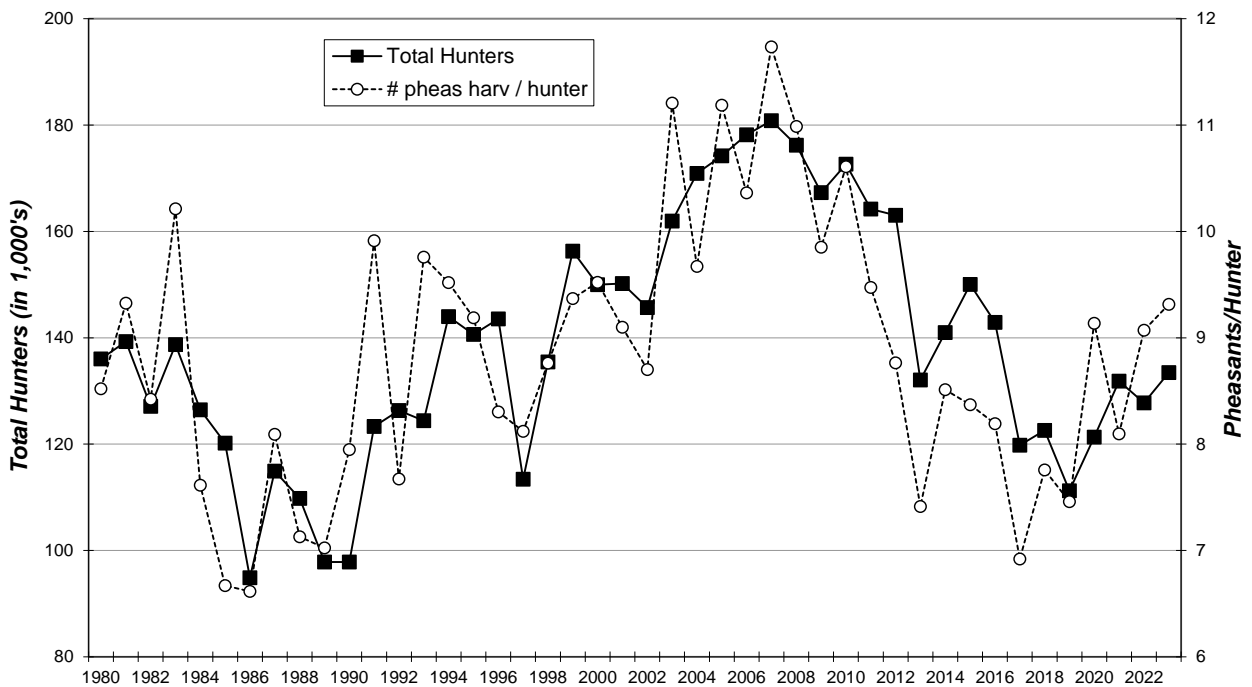
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SOUTH DAKOTA PHEASANT HARVEST 1980-2023



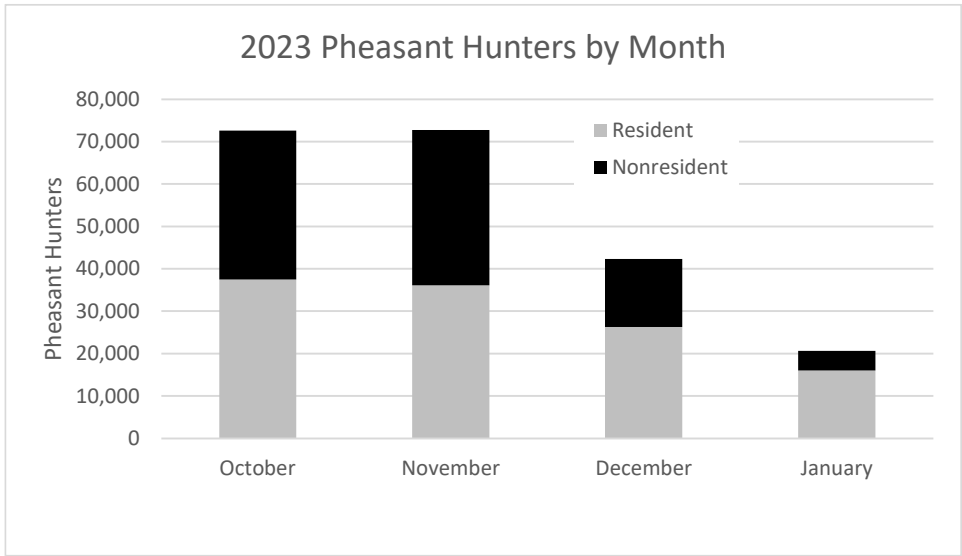
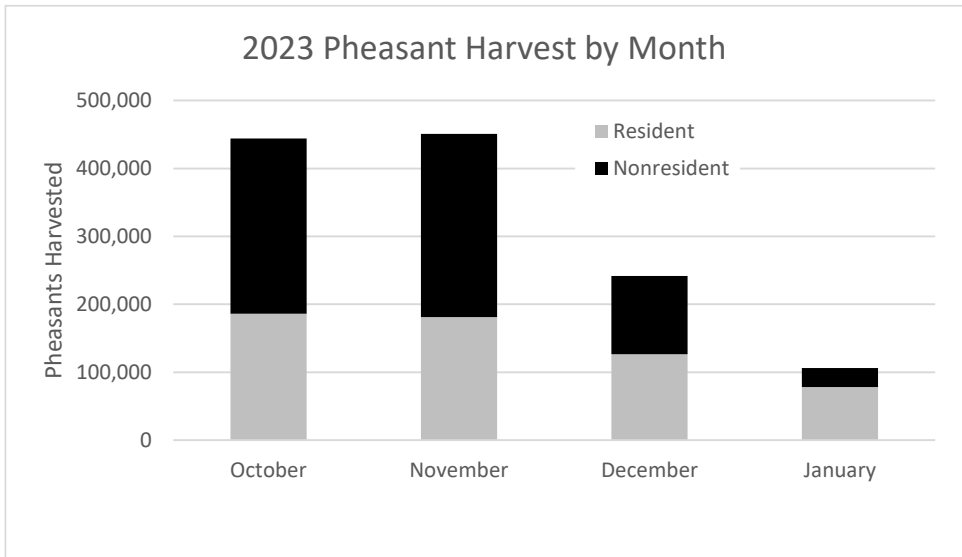
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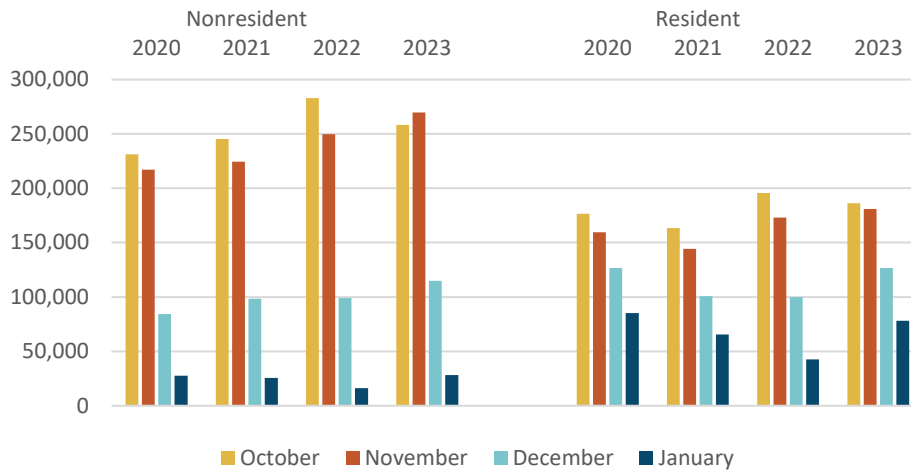
2023 ESTIMATES OF PHEASANT HUNTING BY MONTH

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	RESIDENT TOTALS BY LICENSE TYPE					NONRESIDENT TOTALS		
	Combo	Senior Combo	Small Game	Youth Sm Game	Sum Estimates	Nonres Sm Game	Youth Sm Game	Sum Estimates
Projected Days Pheasant Hunting	249,817	57,567	117,328	29,932	454,645	329,539	11,662	341,201
Projected No. Pheasant Hunters	29,899	6,390	15,423	4,745	56,457	74,019	2,984	77,004
Projected Pheasant Bag	334,398	69,773	134,265	33,722	572,159	650,788	20,248	671,036
	TOTAL PHEASANT HARVEST = 1,243,194							
Percent Reporting Pheasant Days October	66%	72%	64%	67%		45%	54%	
Percent Reporting Pheasant Days November	63%	64%	64%	67%		48%	42%	
Percent Reporting Pheasant Days December	51%	47%	41%	40%		21%	15%	
Percent Reporting Pheasant Days January	33%	28%	22%	19%		6%	5%	
Projected Pheasant Hunters October	19,838	4,584	9,840	3,193	37,456	33,533	1,607	35,140
Projected Pheasant Hunters November	18,876	4,105	9,935	3,163	36,079	35,459	1,240	36,698
Projected Pheasant Hunters December	15,119	3,010	6,276	1,880	26,286	15,599	459	16,058
Projected Pheasant Hunters January	9,815	1,806	3,438	925	15,984	4,492	138	4,630
Percent Pheasant Harvest October	31%	35%	34%	36%		38%	51%	
Percent Pheasant Harvest November	31%	33%	33%	32%		40%	33%	
Percent Pheasant Harvest December	23%	22%	20%	21%		17%	11%	
Percent Pheasant Harvest January	15%	11%	12%	11%		4%	5%	
Projected Pheasant Harvest October	103,741	24,111	46,199	12,188	186,239	247,691	10,370	258,061
Projected Pheasant Harvest November	102,710	22,817	44,692	10,888	181,107	263,177	6,586	269,762
Projected Pheasant Harvest December	77,051	15,402	27,211	6,956	126,620	112,696	2,310	115,006
Projected Pheasant Harvest January	50,896	7,443	16,163	3,690	78,193	27,224	983	28,207



Pheasant Harvest by Month



Private Shooting Preserve Pheasant Harvest, 2014- 2023

Year	Pheasants Released	Released Pheasant Harvest	Wild Pheasant Harvest	Total Harvest
2014-15	420,074	234,003 (87%)	34,313 (13%)	268,316
2015-16	432,304	243,168 (88%)	33,196 (12%)	276,383
2016-17	438,287	250,029 (89%)	30,507 (11%)	280,536
2017-18	468,668	264,291 (93%)	18,963 (7%)	283,254
2018-19	499,442	279,243 (91%)	26,744 (9%)	305,987
2019-20	499,179	283,988 (92%)	25,316 (8%)	306,430
2020-21	451,662	252,597 (91%)	23,974 (9%)	276,571
2021-22	579,672	330,674 (94%)	21,104 (6%)	350,581
2022-23	597,137	338,488 (94%)	21,047 (6%)	359,535
2023-24	612,857	354,133 (94%)	21,863 (6%)	375,716

*Summary of private shooting preserve records