

MENTORED SPRING TURKEY

There were 1,632 Mentored Spring Turkey licenses sold in South Dakota for the 2022 season. All were single tag licenses valid for a male turkey. All mentors/hunters were surveyed, and 769 responses (48%) were received. Surveys were only sent via email and no corrections were made for nonresponse bias.

The 2022 spring season ran from April 2 through May 31. Respondents reported hunting an average of 2.47 days, which projected to a total of 4,032 recreation days for the season.

An estimated 558 male turkeys were harvested, resulting in a success rate for the season of 34%. The mean satisfaction score reported by hunters/mentors was 5.55 (1 representing "very dissatisfied" and 7 representing "very satisfied").

The five units with the highest reported harvest were Bon Homme, Day/Codington, Minnehaha, Yankton, and Union.

Summary of the 2012-2021 Spring Mentored Youth Turkey Seasons

YEAR	Licenses	HARVEST				Avg Days	Average
	Sold	Males	Hens	Total	%Success	Hunted	Satisfaction
2013	642	190	2	192	30%	2.32	5.71
2014	679	211	0	211	31%	2.30	5.54
2015	654	205	0	205	31%	2.41	5.70
2016	734	277	0	277	38%	2.68	5.78
2017	799	310	0	310	39%	2.70	5.85
2018	735	261	0	261	35%	2.32	5.82
2019	1,024	295	0	295	29%	2.03	5.63
2020	1,356	507	2	508	37%	3.04	5.76
2021	1,422	523	0	523	37%	2.54	5.71
2022	1,632	558	0	558	34%	2.47	5.55

2022 Mentored Spring Turkey Harvest Projection

Last Revised:

08-Sep-22

08-Sep-22	Licenses		Response	Unit	Harvest Projections				Average Days Hunted	Mean Satisfctn Score	
	Resident				Total						
	Unit/Type	Avail.			Sold	Rate	Success	Toms			Jakes
	ST1-32	Unlim	1,632	48%	34%	469	89	0	558	2.47	5.55

Satisfaction scale of 1=very dissatisfied to 7=very satisfied.

2022 Spring Ment Youth Turkey Harvest Distribution

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County	Reported Harvest				Projected Harvest				%
	Toms	Jakes	Hens	Total	Toms	Jakes	Hens	Total	
01A (Minnehaha)	15	4	0	19	34	9	0	43	7.6%
02A (Pennington-East)	4	1	0	5	9	2	0	11	2.0%
06A (Brookings)	5	1	0	6	11	2	0	14	2.4%
07A (Yankton)	10	0	0	10	23	0	0	23	4.1%
08A (Davison/Hanson)	9	0	0	9	20	0	0	20	3.7%
10A (Aurora/Douglas)	3	1	0	4	7	2	0	9	1.6%
11A (Bennett)	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	0.4%
12A (Bon Homme)	15	0	0	15	34	0	0	34	6.1%
13A (Brule/Buffalo)	1	1	0	2	2	2	0	4	0.8%
15A (Butte/Lawrence)	7	2	0	9	16	4	0	20	3.6%
16A (Campbell/Walworth)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
17A (Charles Mix)	8	1	0	9	18	2	0	20	3.6%
19A (Clay)	7	1	0	8	16	2	0	18	3.2%
20A (Corson)	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	0.4%
21A (Custer/Penn-Mid)	2	1	0	3	5	2	0	7	1.2%
22A (Day/Codington)	19	5	0	24	43	11	0	54	9.7%
23A (Deuel)	5	1	0	6	11	2	0	14	2.4%
24A (Dewey/Ziebach)	4	0	0	4	9	0	0	9	1.6%
27A (Fall River)	2	0	0	2	5	0	0	5	0.8%
29A (Grant)	5	3	0	8	11	7	0	18	3.2%
30A (Gregory)	8	1	0	9	18	2	0	20	3.6%
31A (Haakon)	5	0	0	5	11	0	0	11	2.0%
32A (Hamlin/Clark)	3	1	0	4	7	2	0	9	1.6%
35A (Harding)	2	2	0	4	5	4	0	9	1.6%
36A (Hughes)	3	0	0	3	7	0	0	7	1.2%
37A (Hutchinson)	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	0.4%
39A (Jackson)	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	0.4%
40A (Jerauld/Beadle/Hand)	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	0.4%
41A (Jones)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
44A (Lincoln)	4	2	0	6	9	4	0	13	2.4%
45A (Lyman)	4	0	0	4	9	0	0	9	1.6%
48A (Marshall/Roberts)	7	3	0	10	16	7	0	22	4.0%
49A (Meade/Pennington)	3	1	0	4	7	2	0	9	1.6%
50A (Mellette)	1	1	0	2	2	2	0	4	0.8%
52A (Moody)	3	1	0	4	7	2	0	9	1.6%
53A (Perkins)	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	0.4%
56A (Sanborn)	1	1	0	2	2	2	0	4	0.8%
58A (Stanley)	4	0	0	4	9	0	0	9	1.6%
60A (Tripp)	8	1	0	9	18	2	0	20	3.6%
61A (Turner)	5	0	0	5	11	0	0	11	2.0%
62A (Union)	12	1	0	13	27	2	0	29	5.3%
65A (Oglala Lakota)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
67A (Todd)	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	0.4%
BH1 (Black Hills)	6	4	0	10	14	9	0	22	4.0%
Unknown	14	1	0	15					
TOTALS	221	42	0	263	469	89	0	558	

Use these figures for approximations only!

Spring Mentored Youth Turkey 2009-2022

