

# **MENTORED SPRING TURKEY**

There were 1,356 Mentored Spring Turkey licenses sold in South Dakota for the 2020 season. All were single tag licenses valid for a male turkey. All mentors/hunters were surveyed and 755 responses (56%) were received. Surveys were only sent via email and no corrections were made for nonresponse bias.

The 2020 spring season ran from April 4 through May 31. Respondents reported hunting an average of 3.04 days, which projected to a total of 4,124 recreation days for the season.

An estimated 508 male turkeys were harvested, resulting in a success rate for the season of 37%. The mean satisfaction score reported by hunters/mentors was 5.76 (1 representing "very dissatisfied" and 7 representing "very satisfied").

The five units with the highest reported harvest were the Black Hills, Yankton, Gregory, Charles Mix/Douglas, and Marshall/Roberts.

## Summary of the 2011-2020 Spring Mentored Youth Turkey Seasons

YEAR	Licenses		HARVEST			Avg Days	Average
	Sold	Males	Hens	Total	%Success	Hunted	Satisfaction
2011	601	210	0	210	35%	2.60	5.63
2012	559	205	0	205	37%	2.36	5.75
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

## 2020 Mentored Spring Turkey Harvest Projection

Last Revised:  
16-Sep-20

Unit/Type	Licenses			Unit Success	Harvest Projections			Average Days Hunted	Mean Satisfctn Score	
	Resident		Response Rate		Toms	Jakes	Hens			
	Avail.	Sold								Total Harvest
ST1-32	Unlim	1,356	56%	37%	408	99	2	508	3.04	5.76

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

# 2020 Spring Ment Youth Turkey Harvest Distribution

Last Revised:  
16-Sep-20

County	Reported Harvest				Projected Harvest				%
	Toms	Jakes	Hens	Total	Toms	Jakes	Hens	Total	
01A (Minnehaha)	9	2	0	11	19	4	0	24	4.6%
02A (Pennington-East)	1	1	0	2	2	2	0	4	0.8%
06A (Brookings)	2	2	0	4	4	4	0	9	1.7%
07A (Yankton)	20	5	0	25	43	11	0	53	10.5%
08A (Davison/Hanson)	7	0	0	7	15	0	0	15	2.9%
11A (Bennett)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
12A (Bon Homme)	8	1	0	9	17	2	0	19	3.8%
13A (Brule)	5	0	0	5	11	0	0	11	2.1%
15A (Butte/Lawrence)	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	0.4%
16A (Campbell/Walworth)	2	0	0	2	4	0	0	4	0.8%
17A (Charles Mix/Douglas)	10	2	0	12	21	4	0	26	5.0%
19A (Clay)	5	0	0	5	11	0	0	11	2.1%
20A (Corson)	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	0.4%
21A (Custer/Penn-Mid)	1	2	0	3	2	4	0	6	1.3%
22A (Day/Codington)	6	2	1	9	13	4	0	17	3.4%
23A (Deuel)	2	0	0	2	4	0	0	4	0.8%
24A (Dewey/Ziebach)	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	0.4%
27A (Fall River)	0	2	0	2	0	4	0	4	0.8%
29A (Grant)	10	1	0	11	21	2	0	23	4.6%
30A (Gregory)	14	2	0	16	30	4	0	34	6.7%
31A (Haakon)	2	0	0	2	4	0	0	4	0.8%
32A (Hamlin)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
35A (Harding)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
36A (Hughes)	1	2	0	3	2	4	0	6	1.3%
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)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
41A (Jones)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
44A (Lincoln)	4	0	0	4	9	0	0	9	1.7%
45A (Lyman)	4	3	0	7	9	6	0	15	2.9%
46A (McCook)	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	0.4%
48A (Marshall/Roberts)	15	0	0	15	32	0	0	32	6.3%
49A (Meade/Pennington)	4	2	0	6	9	4	0	13	2.5%
50A (Mellette)	4	2	0	6	9	4	0	13	2.5%
52A (Moody)	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	0.4%
53A (Perkins)	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	0.4%
56A (Sanborn)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
58A (Stanley)	2	0	0	2	4	0	0	4	0.8%
60A (Tripp)	8	3	0	11	17	6	0	24	4.6%
61A (Turner)	4	1	0	5	9	2	0	11	2.1%
62A (Union)	7	1	0	8	15	2	0	17	3.4%
65A (Oglala Lakota)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
67A (Todd)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
BH1 (Black Hills)	27	9	0	36	58	19	0	77	15.1%
Unknown	36	9	0	45					
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>506</b>	

Any by unit projected values will differ from by statewide projected values due to incorrect sampling proportions within management units.  
Use these figures for approximations only!

## Spring Mentored Youth Turkey 2009-2020

