

YOUTH DEER

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There were 3,812 single-tag antlerless licenses issued for the 2021 Youth Deer hunting season (3,400 resident, 412 nonresident). All license holders that provided a valid email address were surveyed and 1,538 responses (43%) were received.

The Youth season ran from September 11, 2021, through January 1, 2022. Respondents reported hunting an average of 3.89 days each, which projected to 14,836 recreation days for the season.

Projections for the season indicated that 175 whitetail bucks, 1,523 whitetail does, 8 mule deer bucks, and 156 mule deer does were harvested. The estimated total harvest for the Youth Deer season was 1,861, and the overall success rate was 49%. The five deer management units with the highest reported harvest were the Black Hills, Minnehaha, Codington, Grant, and N Perkins, which accounted for 25% of the total youth season harvest.

The average satisfaction rating for those responding (1 being very dissatisfied and 7 very satisfied) was 5.57.

Comparison of the 2011 - 2021 Youth Deer hunting seasons

YEAR	Licenses Sold	Harvest						Avg Days Hunted	Average Satisfctn
		Bucks			Does				
		WT	Mule	Total	WT	Mule	Total		
2011	7,033	339	43	3,053	322	3,053	43%	5.58	5.02
2012	6,110	321	33	3,046	305	3,046	50%	4.87	5.32
2013	5,548	346	32	2,477	344	2,477	45%	4.64	5.23
2014	5,038	317	37	2,565	287	2,565	51%	4.61	5.47
2015	5,331	329	33	2,831	333	2,831	53%	4.54	5.59
2016	4,861	322	29	2,571	324	2,571	53%	4.15	5.65
2017	5,325	292	35	2,825	426	2,825	53%	4.17	5.65
2018-20	Modified into Apprentice Deer season								
2021	3,812	175	8	1,861	156	1,861	49%	3.89	5.57

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2021 Youth Deer Harvest Projections

4-Apr-22 Unit	License Holders	Licenses Available	Licenses Sold		Tags Sold	Response Rate	Hunter Success	Tag Success	Harvest Projections						Total Harvest	Average Satisf Score **	Avg Days Hunted
			Resident	Nonresident					Whitetail			Mule Deer					
									Bucks	Does	Doe Fawns	Bucks	Does	Doe Fawns			
YOD-03	463	Unlimited	366	97	463	41%	58%	58%	3	86	18	8	143	13	271	--	--
YOD-13	3,349	Unlimited	3,034	315	3,349	43%	47%	47%	172	1231	187	0	0	0	1,591	--	--
Totals	3,812		3,400	412	3,812	42.5%	48.8%	49%	175	1,317	205	8	143	13	1,861	5.57	3.89

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

2021 Youth Deer Harvest Distribution by Management Unit

Unit	Projected Harvest								
	Whitetail				Mule Deer			Total	
	Bucks		Does		Bucks	Does		Estimate	%
	Fawn	Adult	Fawn	Fawn	Adult	Fawn			
01A (Minnehaha)	2	69	7	0	0	0	79	4.2%	
02A (NE Penn/SE Meade)	0	10	0	0	10	0	20	1.1%	
02C (SE Pennington)	0	7	2	0	0	0	10	0.5%	
03A (Brown)	7	32	0	0	0	0	40	2.1%	
04A (Beadle)	5	15	5	0	0	0	25	1.3%	
05A (Codington)	7	44	5	0	0	0	57	3.1%	
06A (Brookings)	2	40	5	0	0	0	47	2.5%	
07A (Yankton)	2	10	2	0	0	0	15	0.8%	
08A (Davison)	5	17	5	0	0	0	27	1.5%	
10A (Aurora)	0	20	2	0	0	0	22	1.2%	
11A (N Bennett)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
11B (S Bennett)	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	0.3%	
12A (Bon Homme)	0	20	0	0	0	0	20	1.1%	
13A (Brule)	2	12	0	0	0	0	15	0.8%	
13L (Brule GPA's/Corps)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
14A (Buffalo)	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0.1%	
15A (Butte)	2	12	0	3	26	0	43	2.3%	
15B (SW Butte/Lawrence)	0	12	7	0	10	0	30	1.6%	
16A (Campbell)	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	0.3%	
17A (Charles Mix)	2	7	5	0	0	0	15	0.8%	
18A (Clark)	10	37	5	0	0	0	52	2.8%	
19A (Clay)	0	5	2	0	0	0	7	0.4%	
20A (Corson)	0	10	2	0	0	0	12	0.7%	
21A (E Custer/S Penn)	0	22	0	0	0	0	22	1.2%	
21B (C Custer/C Penn)	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0.1%	
22A (Day)	10	32	2	0	0	0	44	2.4%	
23A (Deuel)	2	40	0	0	0	0	42	2.3%	
24A (Dewey)	2	5	0	0	0	0	7	0.4%	
24B (Little Moreau)	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0.1%	
25A (Douglas)	0	7	0	0	0	0	7	0.4%	
26A (Edmunds)	0	22	2	0	0	0	25	1.3%	
27A (NW FRiver/SW Cust)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
27B (Fall River)	0	5	7	0	0	0	12	0.7%	
27L (Hill Ranch Area)	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0.1%	
28A (Faulk)	2	15	2	0	0	0	20	1.1%	
29A (Grant)	0	52	7	0	0	0	59	3.2%	
30A,B (Gregory)	2	27	2	0	0	0	32	1.7%	
31A (Haakon)	0	12	0	0	18	0	31	1.6%	
32A (Hamlin)	5	25	7	0	0	0	37	2.0%	
33A (Hand)	7	22	7	0	0	0	37	2.0%	
34A (Hanson)	2	12	0	0	0	0	15	0.8%	
35A (W Harding)	0	2	0	0	21	0	23	1.3%	
35C (E Harding)	0	2	2	0	0	0	5	0.3%	
35L (Custer Nat Forest)	0	0	0	0	8	0	8	0.4%	
36A (Hughes)	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	0.3%	
37A (Hutchinson)	2	15	0	0	0	0	17	0.9%	
38A (Hyde)	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0.1%	
39A (N Jackson)	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	0.3%	
39B (S Jackson)	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0.1%	
40A (Jerauld)	0	7	2	0	0	0	10	0.5%	
41A (Jones)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
42A (Kingsbury)	12	10	0	0	0	0	22	1.2%	
43A (Lake)	5	27	7	0	0	0	40	2.1%	
44A (Lincoln)	10	20	10	0	0	0	40	2.1%	
45A (W Lyman)	2	5	0	0	0	0	7	0.4%	
45B (E Lyman)	0	5	0	0	0	0	5	0.3%	
45C (NE Lyman/SE Stanley)	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0.1%	
45D (Ft Pr Nat Grslnd)	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0.1%	
46A (McCook)	7	44	0	0	0	0	52	2.8%	
47A (McPherson)	0	15	2	0	0	0	17	0.9%	
48A (Marshall)	0	20	5	0	0	0	25	1.3%	
49A (W Meade)	0	10	2	0	0	0	12	0.7%	
49B (NE Meade)	0	2	5	0	8	3	18	1.0%	
50A,B (Mellette)	0	15	0	0	0	0	15	0.8%	
51A (Miner)	5	20	5	0	0	0	30	1.6%	
52A (Moody)	2	27	7	0	0	0	37	2.0%	
53A (N Perkins)	0	12	0	0	36	10	59	3.2%	
53C (S Perkins)	0	2	0	5	5	0	13	0.7%	
54A (Potter)	0	17	0	0	0	0	17	0.9%	
55A (Roberts)	2	27	10	0	0	0	40	2.1%	
56A (Sanborn)	0	35	0	0	0	0	35	1.9%	
57A (Spink)	2	25	5	0	0	0	32	1.7%	
58A (Stanley)	0	7	5	0	0	0	12	0.7%	
59A (W Sully)	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0.1%	
59B (E Sully)	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0.1%	
60A (Tripp)	0	17	0	0	0	0	17	0.9%	
61A (Turner)	12	5	10	0	0	0	27	1.5%	
62A (Union)	2	15	0	0	0	0	17	0.9%	
63A (Walworth)	2	12	0	0	0	0	15	0.8%	
64A (Ziebach)	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0.1%	
65A (Oglala Lakota)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
67A (Todd)	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0.1%	
BH (Black Hills)	22	166	30	0	0	0	217	11.7%	
TOTALS	175	1,317	205	8	143	13	1,861		

Use these figures for approximations only!

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