

# **FALL PRAIRIE TURKEY**

There were 898 licenses (870 resident, 28 nonresident) sold for the 2017 South Dakota Fall Prairie Turkey season for a total of 948 tags. All tags were valid for either a tom or a hen. The fall season ran from November 1 through January 31.

All hunters were surveyed and 674 responded for a 77% response rate. Approximately 66% of responding hunters used the Internet to respond. Respondents reported hunting an average of 2.46 days, which projected to a total of 2,167 recreation days for the season.

Harvest projections indicated 194 males were taken along with 56 hens for a total of 250 turkeys. The estimated success rate for the season was 26%.

The mean satisfaction score reported by hunters was 4.86 (1 representing "very dissatisfied" and 7 representing "very satisfied").

Summary comparison of the 2008-2017 Fall Prairie Turkey seasons

Year	Licenses	Tags	HARVEST				Avg Days	Average
	Sold	Sold	Males	Hens	Total	% Success	Hunted	Satisfactn
2008	5,996	9,593	2,606	1,949	4,556	47%	2.86	5.43
2009	5,876	10,191	2,335	2,002	4,337	43%	2.92	5.22
2010	5,995	11,276	3,019	2,419	5,438	48%	2.87	5.36
2011	5,649	10,662	2,497	1,838	4,335	41%	3.15	5.13
2012	5,527	9,510	2,001	1,335	3,337	35%	2.91	5.12
2013	5,066	8,638	1,180	721	1,901	22%	2.68	4.76
2014	1,910	1,960	422	224	645	33%	2.26	4.91
2015	1,936	1,986	422	227	649	33%	2.56	4.80
2016	908	958	173	72	246	26%	2.19	4.87
2017	898	948	194	56	250	26%	2.46	4.86

## 2017 Fall Prairie Turkey Harvest Projections

Unit	Licenses																Avg Days Hunted	Mean Satisfctn Score	
	Resident								Nonresident										
	Appl. 1st				Appl. 1st				Tags Sold	Response Rate	Tag Success	Harvest Projections							Total Harvest
	Hunters	Choice *	Avail.	Sold	Choice *	Avail.	Sold	Sold				Males	Hens	Unk					
Bon Homme	149	117	150	149	N/A	0	1	150	82%	34%	32	10	5	2	1	50	2.7	5.1	
Brule	50	32	50	50	N/A	0	0	50	80%	18%	5	0	1	0	3	9	1.6	4.2	
Davison/Hanson	49	28	50	50	N/A	0	0	100	59%	15%	14	2	0	0	0	15	3.7	5.4	
Gregory	158	110	150	147	9	12	15	162	80%	33%	25	10	11	4	3	53	1.9	5.0	
Hutchinson	30	52	30	30	N/A	0	0	30	77%	13%	1	1	1	0	0	4	2.8	4.4	
Marshall/Roberts	100	106	100	100	N/A	0	0	100	83%	23%	8	6	5	1	2	23	1.7	4.7	
Mellette	50	26	50	49	3	4	5	54	72%	31%	11	6	0	0	0	17	1.3	4.9	
Perkins	91	37	100	92	2	8	5	97	74%	15%	11	0	3	1	0	15	1.6	4.0	
Tripp	53	51	50	52	18	4	2	54	73%	39%	15	3	3	0	0	21	2.1	4.6	
Union	50	79	50	50	N/A	0	0	50	76%	26%	5	3	5	0	0	13	4.1	5.3	
Yankton	101	116	100	101	N/A	0	0	101	72%	30%	21	6	3	0	1	30	4.4	5.3	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>881</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>880</b>	<b>870</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>948</b>	<b>76.9%</b>	<b>26.4%</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>2.46</b>	<b>4.86</b>	

The response rate for all units combined was: **77%**  
 \* Number of 1st drawing applicants with that season as 1st choice.

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