FALL BLACK HILLS TURKEY

There were 433 Fall Black Hills Turkey licenses (415 resident, 18 nonresident) sold in South Dakota for the 2017 season. All were single tag licenses valid for either a tom or a hen. The fall season ran from November 1 through January 31.

Of the 428 license-holders that were surveyed, 348 responded for an 81% response rate. Approximately 66% of responding hunters used the Internet to respond. Respondents reported hunting an average of 3.82 days, which projected to a total of 1,635 recreation days for the season.

An estimated 87 males were harvested along with 52 hens, a total of 147 turkeys. The overall estimated success rate for the season was 32%.

The mean satisfaction score reported by hunters was 4.88 (1 representing "very dissatisfied" and 7 representing "very satisfied").

Summary comparison of the 2008-2017 Fall Black Hills Turkey seasons

	LICENSES SOLD		HARVEST				Avg Days	Average
YEAR	Resident	Nonresid	Males	Hens	Total	%Success	Hunted	Satisfaction
2008	4,155	164	806	1,179	1,986	46%	3.39	5.40
2009	3,506	140	658	711	1,369	38%	3.77	4.78
2010	3,198	114	907	646	1,553	47%	3.05	5.22
2011	2,977	121	537	513	1,050	34%	3.89	4.85
2012	2,075	90	457	470	927	43%	3.39	4.95
2013	1,546	81	185	188	373	23%	2.81	4.57
2014	764	46	100	114	215	27%	3.24	4.54
2015	406	27	66	62	127	29%	3.44	4.58
2016	408	26	91	55	147	34%	2.79	4.85
2017	415	18	87	52	139	32%	3.82	4.88

2017 Fall Black Hills Turkey Harvest Projections

		Licenses								Harvest Projections						Average	Mean
Last Revised: 09-May-18		Resident			Nonresident			Response	Tag	Males		Hens			Total	Days	Satisfctn
		Appl. 1st			Appl. 1st												
Unit/Type	Hunters	Choice *	Avail.	Sold	Choice *	Avail.	Sold	Rate	Success	Adults	Jakes	Adults	Jennies	Unk	Harvest	Hunted	Score
BH1-31	429	417	400	415	18	32	18	81%	32%	69	18	42	6	4	139	3.82	4.88

* Number of 1st drawing applicants with that season as 1st choice.

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