

FALL MENTORED YOUTH TURKEY

There were 453 Fall Mentored Youth Turkey licenses sold in South Dakota for the 2017 season. All were single tag licenses valid for either a tom or a hen. All 453 mentors/hunters were surveyed and 321 responses (71%) were received. Approximately 62% of responding mentors/hunters used the Internet to respond.

The fall season ran from November 1 through January 31. Respondents reported hunting an average of 1.87 days, which projected to a total of 473 recreation days for the season.

An estimated 60 males were harvested along with 22 hens, a total of 83 turkeys (difference due to rounding error). The reported success rate for this season was 18%. The mean satisfaction score reported by hunters/mentors was 5.34 (1 representing "very dissatisfied" and 7 representing "very satisfied").

The five management units with the highest reported harvest were the Black Hills, Tripp, Butte/Lawrence, Gregory, and Marshall/Roberts. Thirteen surveys were received indicating turkeys harvested in units that were closed to fall hunting.

Summary comparison of the 2008-2017 Fall Mentored Youth Turkey seasons

YEAR	Licenses	HARVEST				Avg Days	Average
	Sold	Males	Hens	Total	%Success	Hunted	Satisfaction
2008	236	59	43	101	43%	2.75	5.91
2009	353	65	45	110	31%	2.63	5.55
2010	423	88	68	156	37%	1.91	5.59
2011	442	65	51	116	26%	2.24	5.34
2012	529	89	61	149	28%	2.33	5.56
2013	520	57	35	92	18%	2.02	5.41
2014	390	46	29	75	19%	1.72	5.19
2015	370	58	39	98	21%	1.87	5.17
2016	429	62	21	84	20%	1.55	5.48
2017	453	60	22	83	18%	1.87	5.34

2017 Fall Mentored Youth Turkey Harvest Projections

Last Revised:
09-May-18

Unit/Type	Licenses			Response Rate	Tag Success	Harvest Projections					Total Harvest	Average Days Hunted	Mean Satisfctn Score	
	Hunters	Resident				Males			Hens					Unk
		Avail.	Sold			Adults	Jakes	Adults	Jennies					
ST1-31	453	Unlim	453	71%	18%	42	18	8	13	1	83	1.87	5.34	

2017 Fall Mentored Youth Turkey Harvest Distribution

Last Revised:
09-May-18

County	Reported Harvest						Projected Harvest						%		
	Males			Females			Males			Females					
	Toms	Jakes	Hens	Jennies	Unk	Hens	Total	Toms	Jakes	Hens	Jennies	Unk		Hens	Total
01A (Minnehaha)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
02A (Pennington-East)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
06A (Brookings)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
07A (Yankton)	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	3.4%
08AB (Davison/Hanson)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
11A (Bennett)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
12A (Bon Homme)	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	0	3	3.5%
13A (Brule)	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1.7%
15A (Butte/Lawrence)	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	5.1%
17A (Charles Mix/Douglas)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
19AB (Clay)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
20A (Corson)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
21A (Custer/Penn-Mid)	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	3.5%
22A (Day/Codington)	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1.7%
23A (Deuel)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
24A (Dewey)	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	3.4%
27A (Fall River)	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1.7%
29A (Grant)	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1.7%
30A (Gregory)	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	3.7%
31A (Haakon)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
32A (Hamlin)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
35A (Harding)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
36A (Hughes)	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1.7%
37A (Hutchinson)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
39A (Jackson)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
40A (Jerauld)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
41A (Jones)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
44AB (Lincoln)	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1.7%
45A (Lyman)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
48A (Marshall/Roberts)	3	0	0	1	0	0	4	4	0	0	1	0	0	6	6.8%
49A (Meade/Pennington)	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1.7%
50A (Mellette)	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1.7%
52A (Moody)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
53A (Perkins)	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1.7%
56A (Sanborn)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
58A (Stanley)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
60A (Tripp)	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	3	2	0	0	0	0	4	5.2%
61A (Turner)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
62AB (Union)	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1.7%
65A (Shannon)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
67A (Todd)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
BH1 (Black Hills)	14	7	3	4	0	0	28	20	11	4	6	0	0	40	48.4%
Unknown	0	1	0	0	0	0	1								
TOTALS	30	13	6	9	1	0	59	42	18	8	13	1	0	83	

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