

SPRING BLACK HILLS TURKEY

An unlimited number of licenses were available and 4,056 licenses were issued for the 2016 Spring Black Hills Turkey season (2,798 residents, 1,258 nonresidents). All licenses consisted of single tags for male turkeys only.

The survey sample size was 791 (21% of hunters) and the response rate was 76%. Surveys were sent via email and regular mail. The reported success rate was 39% and the projected harvest was 1,575 male turkeys.

The season was open from April 9 through May 22 and hunters averaged 3.38 days of hunting for a projected total of 12,723 days of recreation.

Resident hunters purchased 413 licenses for the BH2 unit, where tags were only valid May 1-22. Of those, 121 did not have a unit BH1 license; therefore, only 292 hunters purchased two licenses for the season. Reported success for unit BH2 for those hunters who purchased two licenses was 14%.

Comparison of the 2007-2016 Spring Black Hills Turkey Seasons

Year	Licenses Issued	Harvest	Avg Days Hunted	Success	Average Satisfaction
2007	6,378	2,430	3.45	38%	5.57
2008	6,508	2,743	3.39	42%	5.52
2009	5,474	2,346	3.46	43%	5.69
2010	5,244	2,195	3.97	42%	5.36
2011	4,808	1,693	3.53	35%	5.28
2012	4,435	1,685	3.63	38%	5.31
2013	4,512	1,517	3.18	34%	5.08
2014	3,944	1,258	3.19	32%	4.99
2015	3,877	1,258	3.44	32%	4.89
2016	4,056	1,575	3.38	39%	5.21

2016 Spring Black Hills Turkey Harvest Projections

Unit/Type	Licenses				Hunters	Response Rate	Tag Success	Hunter Success	LCI	UCI	Harvest Estimate			Ave. Days Hunted	Avg Satsfctn
	Resident		Nonresident								Toms	Jakes	Total		
BH1-32	Unlim	2,385	Unlim	1,258	3,764	75.9%	39%	40%	37%	44%	1,230	345	1,575	3.38	5.21
BH2-32	Unlim	413	0	0											
		2,798		1,258											

Last Revised: 08/31/2016

Response rate for the season was **75.9%**

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

292 hunters had licenses for both BH1 and BH2 units

Black Hills Spring Turkey 1985-2016

