

# **FALL BLACK HILLS TURKEY**

There were 810 Fall Black Hills Turkey licenses (764 resident, 46 nonresident) sold in South Dakota for the 2014 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 497 license-holders that were surveyed, 384 responded for a 77% response rate. Approximately 71% of responding hunters used the Internet to respond. Respondents reported hunting an average of 3.24 days, which projected to a total of 2,453 recreation days for the season.

An estimated 100 males were harvested along with 114 hens, a total of 215 turkeys. The overall estimated success rate for the season was 27%. Approximately 68% of the harvest occurred in November, 20% in December, and 12% in January.

The mean satisfaction score reported by hunters was 4.54 (1 representing "very dissatisfied" and 7 representing "very satisfied").

## Summary comparison of the 2005-2014 Fall Black Hills Turkey seasons

YEAR	LICENSES SOLD		HARVEST				Avg Days	Average
	Resident	Nonresid	Males	Hens	Total	%Success	Hunted	Satisfaction
2005	1,312	83	321	399	720	52%	2.51	6.04
2006	3,081	159	681	962	1,643	51%	3.50	5.34
2007	3,641	138	1,130	1,039	2,169	57%	3.24	5.49
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

## 2014 Fall Black Hills Turkey Harvest Projections

Last Revised: 07-May-15		Licenses								Harvest Projections					Average Days Hunted	Mean Satisfctn Score	
		Resident				Nonresident				Response Rate	Tag Success	Males		Hens			Total Harvest
Unit/Type	Hunters	Appl. 1st Choice *	Avail.	Sold	Appl. 1st Choice *	Avail.	Sold	Rate	Success			Adults	Jakes	Adults	Jennies	Unk	
BH1-31	757	564	750	764	37	60	46	77%	27%	61	39	104	6	4	215	3.24	4.54

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

## Black Hills Fall Turkey 1985-2014

