

# **MENTORED SPRING TURKEY**

There were 734 Mentored Spring Turkey licenses sold in South Dakota for the 2016 season. All were single tag licenses valid for a male turkey. A total of 611 mentors/hunters were surveyed and 355 responses (58%) were received. Surveys were only sent via email and no corrections were made for nonresponse bias.

The 2016 spring season ran from April 2 through May 22. Respondents reported hunting an average of 2.68 days, which projected to a total of 1,968 recreation days for the season.

An estimated 277 male turkeys were harvested, resulting in a success rate for this season of 38%. The mean satisfaction score reported by hunters/mentors was 5.78 (1 representing "very dissatisfied" and 7 representing "very satisfied").

The five units with the highest reported harvest were the Black Hills, Gregory, Yankton, Davison/Hanson, and Marshall/Roberts.

## Summary of the 2009-2016 Spring Mentored Youth Turkey Seasons

YEAR	Licenses	HARVEST				Avg Days	Average
	Sold	Males	Hens	Total	%Success	Hunted	Satisfaction
2009	422	171	0	171	41%	2.88	5.81
2010	535	228	0	228	43%	3.14	5.83
2011	601	210	0	210	35%	2.60	5.63
2012	559	205	0	205	37%	2.36	5.75
2013	642	190	2	192	30%	2.32	5.71
2014	679	211	0	211	31%	2.30	5.54
2015	654	205	0	205	31%	2.41	5.70
2016	734	277	0	277	38%	2.68	5.78

## 2016 Mentored Spring Turkey Harvest Projection

*Last Revised:*

31-Aug-16

Unit/Type	Licenses		Response Rate	Unit Success	Harvest Projections			Total Harvest	Average Days Hunted	Mean Satisfctn Score
	Resident				Toms	Jakes	Hens			
	Avail.	Sold								
ST1-32	Unlim	734	58%	38%	213	64	0	277	2.68	5.78

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

# 2016 Spring Ment Youth Turkey Harvest Distribution

Last Revised:  
31-Aug-16

County	Reported Harvest				Projected Harvest				%
	Toms	Jakes	Hens	Total	Toms	Jakes	Hens	Total	
01A (Minnehaha)	6	0	0	6	13	0	0	13	4.5%
02A (Pennington-East)	1	3	0	4	2	6	0	8	3.0%
06A (Brookings)	4	2	0	6	8	4	0	12	4.5%
07A (Yankton)	5	3	0	8	10	6	0	17	6.0%
08A (Davison/Hanson)	7	1	0	8	15	2	0	17	6.0%
11A (Bennett)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
12A (Bon Homme)	1	2	0	3	2	4	0	6	2.2%
13A (Brule)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
15A (Butte/Lawrence)	3	3	0	6	6	6	0	12	4.5%
16A (Campbell/Walworth)	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	0.8%
17A (Charles Mix/Douglas)	5	2	0	7	10	4	0	15	5.3%
19A (Clay)	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	0.8%
20A (Corson)	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	0.8%
21A (Custer/Penn-Mid)	4	1	0	5	8	2	0	10	3.8%
22A (Day/Codington)	5	1	0	6	10	2	0	13	4.5%
23A (Deuel)	5	0	0	5	10	0	0	10	3.8%
24A (Dewey/Ziebach)	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	0.8%
27A (Fall River)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
29A (Grant)	5	0	0	5	10	0	0	10	3.8%
30A (Gregory)	8	3	0	11	17	6	0	23	8.3%
31A (Haakon)	1	1	0	2	2	2	0	4	1.5%
35A (Harding)	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	0.7%
36A (Hughes)	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	2	0.7%
37A (Hutchinson)	2	0	0	2	4	0	0	4	1.5%
39A (Jackson)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
40A (Jerauld)	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	0.8%
41A (Jones)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
44A (Lincoln)	4	1	0	5	8	2	0	10	3.8%
45A (Lyman)	2	1	0	3	4	2	0	6	2.3%
48A (Marshall/Roberts)	10	0	0	10	21	0	0	21	7.5%
49A (Meade/Pennington)	2	0	0	2	4	0	0	4	1.5%
50A (Mellette)	1	1	0	2	2	2	0	4	1.5%
52A (Moody)	2	1	0	3	4	2	0	6	2.3%
53A (Perkins)	2	0	0	2	4	0	0	4	1.5%
56A (Sanborn)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
58A (Stanley)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
60A (Tripp)	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	0.8%
61A (Turner)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
62A (Union)	2	1	0	3	4	2	0	6	2.3%
65A (Oglala Lakota)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
67A (Todd)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%
BH1 (Black Hills)	9	2	0	11	19	4	0	23	8.3%
Unknown	1	0	0	1					
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>277</b>	

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